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#### New political group

forms to weigh in on **Brooktrails** issues

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**Brooktrails** Eight residents gathered at the home of John and Yvonne Wagenet for the first meeting of the Brooktrails Community Alliance.

While Wagenet declined to characterize the political group as being either progressive or conservative, several opponents of the Willits bypass attended the meeting.

Wagenet said the group's goal is "to support some candidates with a new vision, a fresh vision, for Brooktrails.

"We hope to have three candidates willing to run in the next election," Wagenet said.

Wagenet also cited the continuing state of antagonism between Brooktrails and the City of Willits as an issue that needs to be addressed.

"Brooktrails and Willits," he said, "need to work together as partners, rather than adversaries."

And he feels Brooktrails

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Above: Some of the "advanced" students at the Roots Railroad Operations Class, left to right, Chuck Jones, Jimmy Booth, Shane Grupp, Don Ford and Keith Rongey



Above: Instructors Tyler Phillips, left, and Glen Ford discuss the finer elements of flag rules in the classroom portion of the class Below: Shane Grupp stands next to some of the ROOTS equipment



## Honing their ROOTS

#### Operations and safety class completed last weekend

Roots of Motive Power conducted its annual Railroad Operations and Safety Class on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, at the Roots facility in Willits. The class is a requirement for engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen who operate trains

Chris Baldo

Contributing Writer

The course consisted of classroom sessions in the

Photo by Jennifer Poole

for the Willits group.

mornings and a hands-on training with the Roots diesel and steam locomotives in the afternoon. The morning sessions focued on applicable portions of the General Code of Operating Rules, the operating rules that have been adopted by nearly every railroad in the United States.

The afternoon sessions were split into a "beginning" class and an "advanced" class. The beginning class focused on

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#### City will take part

in new vehicle abatement program

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The Willits City Council has approved a resolution to participate in a revived abandoned vehicle abatement program. moving county efforts to restart the project forward.

Willits' participation was OKd at the council's last meeting, as one of a group of routine items on the city's consent calendar approved by a single council vote.

County Enforcement Officer Ryan Pelleriti said the next move is to obtain a hard copy of the agreement and submit it to the California Highway Patrol for approval.

CHP will then approve restarting the program and begin collecting \$1 for every vehicle registered in Mendocino County.

The county's abatement program has removed nearly 17,500 vehicles from public and private property since it started in 1992.

The Willits Police Department hopes to get some money back for time it has spent abating abandoned vehicles around

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#### **Eel River** Forum explores the Potter Valley Project

Members of agencies and those with interest in Eel River water, agriculture or salmon habitat, gathered at Howard Forest for the Eel River Forum's latest meeting last month.

The meeting spot, CalFire's training room at Howard Forest, is a lecture hall-like setting among fire trucks, barracks and Douglas fir timber south of

Zack Cinek

Willits at the Ridgewood grade summit on Highway 101.

Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com

Through talks and computer presentations, forum speakers explained the Potter

Valley Project through their areas of expertise. The Potter Valley Project is the name given to a series of early 20th century developments, beginning with Lake Pillsbury in the Mendocino National Forest, and the Van Arsdale dam further downstream - a

diversion point for water piped through a mountain

tunnel to a small Potter Valley hydroelectric powerhouse. PG&E operates a system of powerhouses in the state. Alvin Thoma, director of hydro licensing for PG&E, says the system includes 68 powerhouses generating about 4,000 megawatts of electrical

"It is really a huge infrastructure, with miles and miles of tunnels and canals that most people are not aware of," Thoma said.

power. Potter Valley generates about 9 megawatts.

Cape Horn Dam, finished in 1908, has a fish ladder, and it has been improved over the years. "The fish ladder was part of the original construction at Cape Horn Dam, so there was thought at that time to help fish passage beyond the dam," Thoma said.

"Lake Pillsbury is the project storage reservoir,"

# Progress on Bypass

Caltrans contractors continue to make progress on the Willits bypass project, as these aerial photos taken Saturday morning show

The long shot above looking north up the Little Lake Valley shows the wide swathe

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter jennifer@willitsweekly.com of the bypass footprint passing to the left of the historic Coleman

ranch, off Commercial Street, just west of Bray Road, the former home of silent era Western movie star Don Coleman.

The large oval/rectangular holes in the footprint are some of the test pile-driving sites. The tall red piledriver can be seen towards the top of the footprint curve in this picture. The black tarps are covering up

Read the rest of Over on Page 11 Bypass

#### Orth cleared on conflict charge

FPPC rules on Orth conflict

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Brooktrails Director Tony Orth does not have a conflict of interest when the Brooktrails Board of Directors is considering items having to do with the Willits bypass, the state's Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) has ruled.

Brooktrails resident Richard Weinkle on April 1 had requested an opinion from the commission on whether Orth had a conflict of interest. Weinkle's request stemmed from his observation that Orth's wife, Janet, works for Dow and Associates, the company that provides staffing services to the Mendocino Council of Governments, a Mendocino County joint powers authority that has directed some \$33 million in state transportation funding to the bypass project. Weinkle reasoned that Janet Orth, and therefore Tony Orth, stood to gain financially if the \$215 million bypass was built.

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Read the rest of Over on Page 9 Eel River

#### Film Festival Success

To the Editor:

The premier of the Mendocino Film Festival in Willits was a resounding success. The sold-out event was hosted by the Noyo Theatre and the Willits Art Center. Special thanks to Mark Kitchell, director of the film "A Fierce Green Fire," for coming to Willits to meet with the audience.

As local sponsors, Wagenet Enterprises (WE) wish to thank Parducci Winery and Barra of Mendocino for their financial contributions and their most excellent wines.

The Bistro catered the event and provided the gorgeous floral displays. Local musician Will C. entertained the throng during the reception, and Sanhedrin Nursery donated lush greenery for the stage.

The cheerful presentation of this event in the Willits Weekly, just one of many aimed at making Willits a destination in the wake of the bypass, was of great help. Keep up the We also have witnessed how aggressively insulting he can

The enthusiastic support from the Willits community was the payoff, and the Mendocino Film Festival plans to offer an expanded weekend event in 2014.

Thank you one and all for your help.

#### Willits walks for health

To the Editor:

The 14th Willits Walk for Wellness and Health, on Saturday, May 25, was a great success.

This walk honored Edie Ceccarelli for 105 years of living a wellness lifestyle, which includes walking every day and dancing in the evenings. Edie was present to cheer the walkers on and then to join them as they left the starting point at J.D. Redhouse.

The Willits Rotary Club was also honored for their years of service to the Willits community and for their commitment to health locally and throughout the world. Many Rotarians, including president Lou Celaya, walked with us.

Mayor Holly Madrigal and her husband, Gabe, rode their bicycles. Holly has supported the walk from the beginning and hasn't missed a walk since we began in 2008.

More than 100 people enjoyed the 10,000-step walk through Willits. Many were accompanied by their fourlegged companions, and some people rode their bicycles along the 5-mile route. As always, the walk was fun and

Although most of those walking were from Willits, people came from far and wide - from Fort Bragg, Ukiah, and Petaluma.

We have large community walks in May and October, and many people walk on their own throughout the year. Since the walks began, nearly 3,000 people have participated (not counting the many dogs that have joined us on walks.) The next big walk will be in October and will celebrate the founding of Willits 125 years ago.

Team, including Carlin Diamond, Freddie Long, Ananda Johnson, David Hulse-Stephens, David Partch, Dickey Weinkle, Jane McCabe, Rick and Roz Lina, Karen and Gordon Oslund, Ian, Erin, and Ella Fitzpatrick, April Tweddell, Holly and Gabe Madrigal, Jolene Carrillo, John Kirchiro, Sheri Howe and many others.

As always, kids from Willits High School were present to cheer the walkers on and mark their cards along the route - Yalitza Carrillo, Kylie Santos, Filemon Lara-Lopez, Annika Hansen, Manzanita Griffin, Alexis Ingham and Kaeleigh McKey were seen at various points along the walk route encouraging walkers to "keep on going" as they marked off each of the 1,000 steps they had taken. They were heroic trying to stay ahead of the walkers. Even though their numbers were small, they managed to mark most walker's cards.

Stacy Sharl drove the Senior Center van along the route to pick up walkers who wanted a ride back.

Why do we walk? Perhaps the philosopher Soren Kierkegaard said it best: "Above all, do not lose your desire to walk. Every day I walk myself into a state of well-being and walk away from every illness. I have walked myself into my best thoughts, and I know of no thought so burdensome that one cannot walk away from it."

Thank you Willits for coming together again for another

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Willits Walk for Wellness and Health

If you'd like to help with future walks, drop me a note: Jed@ MenAlive.com or call me at 459-5505

Jed Diamond, Willits

#### No, Ron, you're not naïve

Apparently it was not enough for Ron Orenstein to lecture the public from the dais at the last City Council meeting, prefacing his remarks with verbiage like "It is important for

No, he had to extend his lecture with a lengthy letter to the editor. It seems we have been naughty little children and need to be put in our place. Of course, many of us are well aware of how sensitive Mr. Orenstein is and that he gets his feelings hurt easily. So this comes as no surprise.

be. A few years ago, about a year after he lost his council seat, he wrote several columns in The Willits News openly attacking the council members' intelligence and integrity. He also used his editorial capacity to slam a group of concerned citizens, including two members of the council.

In spite of these abrasive public attacks, nobody Hal and Rosie Wagenet, Willits responded to him with insults or negative language. Well, now Mr. Orenstein is lecturing us again and questioning our intelligence and integrity. I, for one, am quite tired of this, and I believe it is time to take the gloves off.

> To put Mr. Orenstein's mind at ease, though, I will assure him that I am not concerned about him being naïve. I am, however, concerned about his hypocrisy and his willingness to deceive the public. Recently, Mr. Orenstein stated to one person I know that he would never allow the bypass contractors to use city streets and that there is where he would "draw the line.

Now he is telling us that it makes perfect sense to "have a civil, respectful conversation" with the contractor to come to a "mutually beneficial agreement," and he does not want the contractor to have to "spend a lot of money for legal expenses, permits and construction of the haul road." It is also naïve, he says, to believe "the contractors would not use the streets just because we said so."

From this I take it that Mr. Orenstein never did think the respective clause in the relinquishment agreement he voted for was worth the paper it was written on. Let's be clear about what his position really is.

I am also concerned about Mr. Orenstein's choice to lump all of the "speakers" at the council meeting into one "general theme" and to use snide metaphors ("picture Checkpoint Charlie") to humiliate all of them by implication. This does not seem very "respectful" nor "neighborly" to me. Apparently, he feels more "neighborly" when dealing with a Nevada-based corporation or with Caltrans and their 200+ lawyers than with his own constituency.

Personally, I don't think it is "important for me to understand" Ron Orenstein's point of view. In the 6+ years I have lived in Willits, I have never once agreed with him about any local issue of significance. He does not represent me in Many people have helped to make the walks a great any way. I find his choice of words condescending, and success including members of the Willits Healthy Action I don't believe his behavior is appropriate for an elected

> Hopefully, more people will see through his tactic of soliciting support from people who otherwise disagree with everything he stands for, only to then snub them with his votes and positions on the council. It's time to realize he is not on our side. Hopefully, in the future we will have better candidates to vote for.

Toward the end of the council discussion in question. Mr. Stranske pointed out quite aptly that talking to Caltrans is like talking to a brick wall. Well, most of the time I feel the same way when addressing our own City Council. We need better representation at the state, county and local levels. We've had enough insults.

David Partch, Willits

#### Rexall customers and friends

To the Editor:

I have been honored and privileged to have been the owner and pharmacist of Willits Rexall Pharmacy for the past 24 years. During this time, I have come to know many of you on a personal basis. I am very proud to have been entrusted, not only with filling your prescriptions, but also Commercial Street is the street we, as a community, have with giving you advice and counseling in all other matters pertaining to your pharmaceutical care.

Over the years, the practice of pharmacy has changed in many ways, some very challenging to the small community pharmacy. With the advent of HMOs, PPOs, and most recently, Medicare Part D and the Affordable Care Act, it has become extremely difficult to meet all the pharmacy

business obligations.

It is with deep regret that I must announce at this time I will be closing Willits Pharmacy. However, it is with great pleasure I announce that the store will be merging with the Safeway Pharmacy at 845 S. Main St. here in Willits, effective the evening of June 7, re-opening on Monday, June 10 after making a few modifications over the weekend. Please come by and see your Willits Pharmacy staff as they become part of the Safeway family, continuing the service you have come to know.

Safeway is making a large commitment to serving our customers. While Safeway makes the necessary modifications to their Pharmacy department in the Safeway store, they will continue to operate at the Willits Pharmacy location, where you will continue to see our familiar faces. The transition should go very smoothly. Our phone lines and prescription files will remain here as long as necessary, and then be transferred to the Willits Safeway Pharmacy so there will be no interruption of service for you. Safeway will operate the store and will continue to sell the merchandise, gifts and cards that we have left in the store.

Please know this has been a difficult decision for both Dana and I. We have come to love our friends and customers as our family, who we have proudly served for over three decades. With the deepest thanks and appreciation for your trust and patronage over the years, we sincerely hope that the friendships we have made will continue into our

Dave & Dana Lovitt, Pharmacist/Owner, Willits

#### Thanks to Rexall

I was very sad to read your article on the sale of the Willits Rexall Pharmacy to Safeway. Just the other day, as I left the store, I thanked God for providing such a warm and loving group of employees the store acquired and the loving and caring owner, Dave, and his wife, Dana, who

May God bless them for their efforts to provide and maintain such a lovely place of business in Willits these many years.

I hope and pray that Safeway's management appreciate what they have acquired, and continue the wonderful example of a thoughtful and caring way of doing business. I am not very optimistic that this will happen, but I'll express my thought to God that somehow He brings about the continuation of the tradition and dedication of Dave and Dana and all of the employees to truly serve the public and always be ready to help in whatever way seems appropriate to the occasion.

May God bless you, Dave, Dana and all the employees of Willits Rexall Pharmacy, for your efforts to operate a loving and caring business.

Charles and Catharine Martin, Willits

#### Truck traffic safety

I've recently written to the Willits City Council about the contractor truck traffic they're considering allowing on our city streets. I think that this action has not been well

In the relinquishment agreement with the city, Caltrans agreed not to allow this. Now the contractor is using our streets. Supposedly, if this was to happen, the contractor was to negotiate with us about it. However they failed to even begin negotiating until after they started using our streets. Our city council's committee dealing with this has now given them 90 days in which to present a negotiated solution. I feel that this should have been dealt with, giving them less time to cause considerable havoc with our city – particularly as summer is now upon us.

Though the council has mostly focused on the cost this is incurring in wear and tear on the streets, I think there is a much more important safety issue here.

Because East Valley Street has bridges unable to deal with the weight of these trucks, it will not be used. That means the main street used is Commercial Street. However,

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Make sure to include a contact name and phone number. If you're sending

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## Community News



Tomorrow is the last day to buy tickets from Sweetheart Contestants

Hi, my name is Rachel Belvin. I am 21 years old. I was born and raised in Willits, and I am honored to be competing for the title of Lavtonville Rodeo

Rachel Belvin Laytonville Rodeo Sweetheart Contestant

I am the 2012 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart, and because I had so much fun running for that,

Above: Rachel Belvin who (above left) sells raffle tickets and (above right) competed in the

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compete for Laytonville Rodeo Sweetheart. I am the daughter of Bobbi Lippmann (Belvin) and Richard Roper, and granddaughter of Jim Belvin. When you see me wearing purple, that was because my stepfather Rick Lippmann had pancreatic cancer, and purple

is the representative color for that kind of cancer. I would

horsemanship portion of the contest last Saturday

and because I like selling tickets, I decided I would love to

from UC Davis, but I am still taking classes from Mendocino College to keep reaching toward my goal of becoming a

like to bring awareness about pancreatic cancer. It was a

remember. I have been Read the rest of riding horses my whole life and got my first pony for my

third birthday. I was very

tough road, but it has taught me to always have hope and never give up. I graduated from Willits High School in 2010 and went

to the University of California, Davis for two years to study animal science and management. I am currently on leave veterinarian. My love for horses started way back before I can

Rachel Over on Page 11

## Historical

As the hot weather approaches, gear up for reading escapist fiction. Two authors I enjoy reflect different aspects of well-written fiction in an historical setting

Arturo Perez-Reverte is a Spanish author who has a background as a war correspondent.

He's best known for his swashbuckling Captain Alatriste series, but has also written many stand-alone novels. His books have been adapted into movies, both here and abroad.

For instance, his novel The Club Dumas was turned into the movie The Ninth Gate directed by Roman Polanski and starring Johnny Depp. It would appeal to Da Vinci Code readers who don't mind a supernatural twist to the plot.

The Fencing Master, The Flanders Panel and The Seville **Communion** have all been translated into English, and I've enjoyed

I've read the first two books in the Captain Alatriste series and am looking forward to the more recent additions. The main character is a disaffected former soldier who is forced to live by his sword and his wits against a background of the Spanish Inquisition. Plenty of power-hungry bad guys, preening swordsmen, and mysterious young women populate the stories.

Philippa Gregory is a British author who is steeped in the history of the British royals. Her most famous books are her Tudor series which includes The Other Boleyn Girl, made into a luscious movie with Scarlett Johansson, Natalie Portman and Eric Bana. If you enjoyed the HBO series, The Tudors, you'll enjoy her writing.

I loved her novel centered on Henry the Eighth's first wife, Katherine of Aragon, titled The Constant Princess. It explained the Queen's personality in terms of her upbringing in Spain and her Ioneliness at the British court.

Gregory has written many other standalone novels, both historical and modern. I just finished The Lady of the Rivers, which is part of her Cousin's War series, set during what we call the War of the Roses in 15th Century England. I enjoyed the strong women characters and the references to the tarot, herbalism and astrology

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Local poet, Fran Resendez, is retired from 20 years of bookselling at the former Leaves of Grass Books in Willits. Getting her first library card was one of the happiest days in her

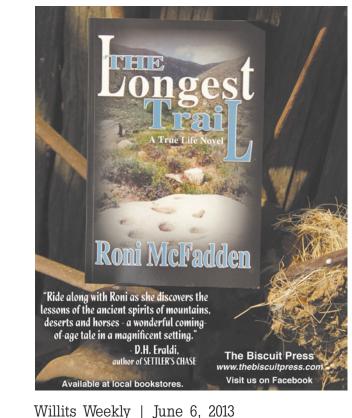


on tour with his newly released CD "Fun Dumpster". His 3 openers are all Headliners themselves, and will have you rolling in a great time. Don't miss this show. Taking place in the event room at The Brooktrails Lodge

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## Community News

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#### Mendo Film Fest & Russian singers

#### Mendocino Film Festival

The 8th Annual Mendocino Film Festival had its grand opening this year in Willits, which was the first time a Willits venue was included. After a reception in the Willits Center for the Arts, the Novo Theater

Maggie Graham was packed on Thursday night Contributing Writer for the special showing of "A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle

for a Living Planet."

From there the festival moved back to the coast for the entire weekend. Some Willits folks went over the hill to participate in viewing some of the extraordinary films which were being presented. "A Fierce Cold Wind" was blowing on the coast all weekend, but that did not diminish the power of the films we viewed, such as "The Intouchables," a wonderfully touching and hilarious French film; "Ai Weiwei, Never Sorry," a documentary about China's most famous dissident artist and his incredible art; and Buster Keaton's riotous silent film "The General," with The Alloy Orchestra providing live music to accompany it.

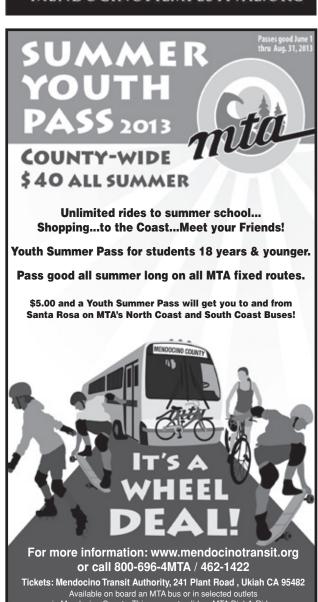
#### Russian Men's Ensemble

The St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble from Russia performed on Sunday last weekend to an almost full house at the Willits United Methodist Church. This quartet produces the true Russian tone color with the real thing. a totally Russian bass and baritone quality that is unique to their style of singing. With their close harmony, perfect intonation, and varied dynamic levels ranging from the softest to thunderously powerful, the audience was held

The first half of the evening was classical, with the men in formal attire singing mostly sacred music from composers such as Rachmaninoff. Dvorak and Mozart. After the refreshment break, the singers came back in folk costume Still time to sign up for the 2013 and sang from the best-loved Russian folk music repertory, including "The Volga Boatmen," "Moscow Nights" and "Kalinika." This was top-notch, world-class music of the highest quality that we were truly gifted to hear locally.

Tamara Adams of Emandal Farm hosted the Russian men during their Willits stay, and the Methodist Church folks as well as the entire audience were invited to Emandal for a potluck dinner on Monday evening to further interact with the musicians.





Right: Mason County Logging #7 comes out of the hanger Below right: Roots of Motive Power Trainmaster Mike Meyer, in the engineer's seat of Simpson Timber Company #600. a 1950

vintage Alco S-3 diesel Photos by Maureen Moore of

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safely coupling and uncoupling freight cars, perhaps the most dangerous element of the railroad profession.

The advanced group worked with the Roots steam locomotive, Mason County Logging #7, conducting a number of switching scenarios. The afternoon session Sunday utilized all the learned skills of the weekend to create a nine-car train, led by two locomotives, the Mason County #7 steam locomotive, and the Simpson Timber Company #600, an Alco

Part of the focus of the group is the

with years of practice. New brakemen and conductors are the firemen and engineers of the future. The annual Railroad Operations class is a critical element in the continued safe operation of the Roots railroad.

Below: The "beginning" students and instructors at the Roots Railroad Operations



opportunity to take Mason County

Logging #7 to the Niles Canyon

Railway in Sunol, in 2014 for a huge

rail fair event. The skills required to pull

heavy passenger equipment on steep

mountain grades need to be developed

bove: The climax of the Railroad Class was putting together a nine-car train and double-heading around the loop with the Mason County Logging #7 and the Simpson #600. The #7 did most of the work, and the bark of the exhaust sounded like she was working

Simpson

## Hometown Celebration

The 6th annual Willits Frontier Days Hometown teacher" tank, with teachers from Imagination Station, Celebration is still signing up vendors and performers, as "as well as any school district teacher who wants to be well as local businesses that want to have tables at the dunked," she said. "I think it will be a great time." Thursday, June 27 downtown event.

"We're really looking to promote our local businesses and entertainers," said Lynn Kennelly of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the twice- a-year Hometown Celebrations: "Our bands, our jugglers, our as well as food and other vendor booths and business Willits Shakespeare performers."

Local businesses can provide information only – "They don't have to sell anything," Kennelly said - or they can preschool and childcare center was doing a "Dunk the to "Local First Hometown Celebration." Info: 459-7910.

Local downtown businesses stay open late for these celebrations, with many offering special discounts and sales from 5 to 9 pm. Event activities include live music, the famous prize wheel at the Chamber of Commerce booth.

To have a booth or to register your downtown business as a store-front participant, download forms at the Willits have activities. "I think Imagination Station is going to do Chamber of Commerce's website, www.willits.org: choose a dunk tank," she said. Saprina Rodriguez confirmed her the "Event" tab, then click "Willits Events," then scroll down

#### New WCA nonprofit

## needs board members

The Willits Center for the Arts is seeking candidates to sit on the founding board of directors for the nonprofit organization the group is seeking to form

"The work to make the Center for the Arts a sustainable part of our community takes each and every one who has the time and interest to see this as a reality." said current WCA commissioner Jeff Crawford. "Our community is rich in artists of all types, but our center also needs people who are experienced in business or the operations of nonprofit organizations to serve on the board."

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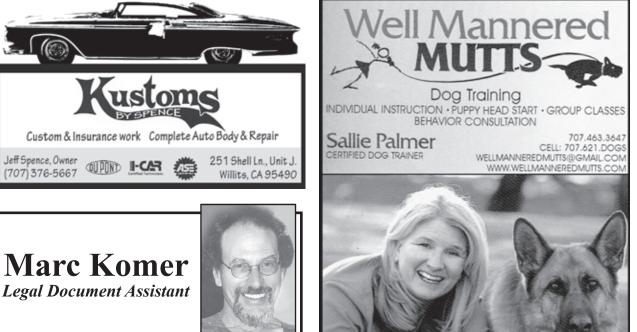
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Residents of Willits, Brooktrails and the greater Willits area are invited to contact WCA to set up an initial interview.

The directors will be serving two-year terms on the fivemember board, with the founding board starting as soon as possible. "Being on a founding board is hard work," Crawford said, "so members need to be willing to devote considerable time and energy to the organization." Those interested should send their name and contact information to willitscenterforthearts@gmail.com or call Crawford at 707-291-0084.





## Community News



The 64th annual Willits Horsemen's Playday was a success, as attendees came to enjoy the beef barbecue, watch the rodeo events and to see the association's new

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arena and grandstands.

J&M Sheetmetal won the raffle for the beautiful chicken coop made by Don Arms the prize also included four chickens to get things started, donated by Annette Pinon.

Many hungry patrons showed up for the beef barbecue preceding the rodeo events, and the group even ran out of Dan Pinon and Doug Goss' famous cowboy beans. Diners chatted with friends and enjoyed the great crowd and the great weather in the shade of the clubhouse.

Eight rodeo events were showcased for the full-bellied crowd to watch: Girls Breakaway Roping, the Hide Race, Steer Stopping, Goat Tying, Ribbon Roping, Team Roping, Racing and Chute Dogging.

breakaway went

Earl Bauer won the Hide Race, followed by Walk Niesen in second and Kelly Fonsen in third. Anthony McKemy won the Steer Stopping event, followed by Joe

Shanna Gayski, and second to Sara Caldwell;

# BBQ& Playday

Dennis in second, Kelly Fonsen in third, and Mark Lucchetti

First place went to Riata King in Goat Tying, followed by Sara Caldwell in second. Mark Lucchetti won the Ribbon Roping event, followed by Kelly Fonsen in second, Anthony McKemy in third and Walt Niesen in fourth.

In the Team Roping event, the winning team was Mark Lucchetti and Ron Hogenstead, second place went to Jim Bean and John Weiss, third place went to Mark Lucchetti and Keith Thornton, and fourth place went to Walt Niesen and Ron Hogenstead.

Sarah Caldwell won the Barrel Racing event, followed by Emily Leishman in second, Riata King in third and Libby Edgar in fourth. Kelly Fonsen won the Chute Dogging event, followed by Colter King in second.

All-Around titles went to Sara Caldwell for the cowgirls.

There was a tie for the cowboys between Mark Lucchetti and Kelly Fonsen, and since only one set of spurs were allotted for both the All-Around winners, Kelly graciously stepped back and gave Mark the prize. One spur each for a cowboy really didn't seem to make much sense.

Sponsors for the All-Around awards were Adam's Tire, Sparetime Supply, Garman Construction and Little Lake Auto

A morning roping event was also held for cash prizes; High Money Header was Randy Luginbill, and High Money Heeler was Dave Mahoney.

If you missed this annual event, make sure to come by next year, and keep your eyes out in future editions of Willits Weekly for other Willits Horsemen events throughout the year.

Top left: Sara Caldwell throws a loop at a steer; top right above: Walt Niesen heads down the arena with the hide; top right below: Sweetheart contestants Casey Persico (left) and Lilja Lamkin (right) pose with 2012 winner Rachel Belvin (center)



Above top: The meat line; above: Justin Ball waits for his third pickup on the hide; above right: Doug Goss serves up beans Photos by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.com



## Congratulations



Nillits High School Graduate: Analyssa Nunez

Analyssa Marie Nunez, I am so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You have proved that no matter what life throws at you if you want something and strive for it you can achieve it. You are an amazing young mother, sister, best friend and daughter. We love you and can't wait to see you start the next chapter in your life at SCC. Love you, Mom, Jesus, Alex and Arianna



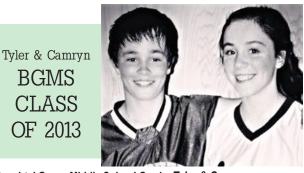
Willits Charter School Grads: Tauna, Miranda, Ellie & Carisma

Ellie & Carisma

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Congratulations on Graduating to my Four Favorites! Tauna Miranda, Ellie and Carisma - You Girls Rock!!!! Remember, even when you live far apart you share a lot of the same great memories and will always find common ground when your paths cross again Lots of Love From Ellie's Mom, Erica



Baechtel Grove Middle School Grads: Tyler & Camryn

Congratulations to Tyler Vesey & Camryn Christensen. They will be graduating the 8th grade from Baechtel Grove Middle School on Wednesday, June 12, at 6 pm at WHS. We are so proud of the 2 of you and you have the best 4 years to come. Have a great summer and we love you both. Love-Mom & Dad (Eldon & Kristin Miler)



Assistant Brie Jones

New Dental

On May 30, my baby girl graduated from the Mendocino County Office of Education's Dental Assistant program. She worked through a knee injury to complete over 600 hours of training which included 128 hours of externship at a periodontal office in Ukiah where she s now employed. Good Job Brie, I'm so very proud of you! Venturi, father, pictured above with Brie





Orion August Schindel. Born May 29, 2013, weighing 7lb 5oz. He is welcomed by his parents Malakai & Kaylyn Schindel and big sister, Elvia of Willits, Grandparents Greg & Donna Schindel of Willits and Keith & Mary Kyle of Scio, OR.

## **Furry Friends**

Hoping for a home



cute Dumbo ears and gloves. She is smart and ingratiates herself with all who meet her. Nelly would make a terrific companion. She is spayed, current on her vaccinations and ready for love! Nelly is a great dog in search of a good home; might that home be yours? Nelly is available for adoption

Nelly is a young cattle dog

mix. She is tan and white, with

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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## What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

#### Thursday, June 6

Circus Workshops: by ClownSnotBombs, a non-profit community circus troupe from Berkeley. Today from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Little Lake Grange. Clowning, basic acrobatics, stilt walking, unicycle and juggling for all ages and skill levels. \$20 per person; \$10 each for families. Today from 4:30 to 5:30 pm and from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, aerial/silks classes at the Willits Gymnastics Center. \$15 a class. Parade from the Grange to the Farmers Market at City Park today starting at 2 pm. Call Zevnep at 707-972-8558 for info and to register. More info about ClownSnotBombs: www. clownsnotbombs.com. See Friday, June 7 listing for more info about the

Shanachie Pub: an evening of "Distractionation" from Will Cameron, solo acoustic/electric originals and covers. 6 pm. No cover. Visit: http://www. voutube.com/watch?v=crbs2nERGkI

#### Friday, June 7

Redwood Run: annual motorcycle run and camp-out in Piercy kicks off today; see article on this page for details.

"A Spaghetti Western": all new and original circus show by ClownSnotBombs from Berkeley at the Willits Shakespeare Company Tent, 1195 S. Main St. Followed by music by The Jaunting Martyrs. Today and Saturday, from 7 to 10 pm. "A Spaghetti Western" is a circus adventure into the absurd that follows a band of travelers as they bring the power of pasta to the western frontier, featuring acrobatics, comedy, performance art, physical theater, circus skills, and original music. The Jaunting Martyrs is a Bay Area cross-genre band "that sounds like an eastern European circus on a folky Appalachian holiday." All ages show is \$10 for adults and

> \$5 for children. at the door or at Paradise Juice.



#### Saturday, June 8

87th annual Little Lake Firefighters' Association's Fundraiser & Open **House:** from 10 am to 2 pm at the Little Lake Fire District Main Station. 74 East Commercial Street. Firehouse tours by uniformed volunteer firefighters, fire apparatus on display, rides in restored antique fire engines, big raffle prizes (\$10 a raffle ticket), and the announcement of the winner of the Little Lake Fire Protection District's logo design contest. Bring your children! Light lunch available at the Firehouse. Register to participate in the district's Smoke Detector Program.

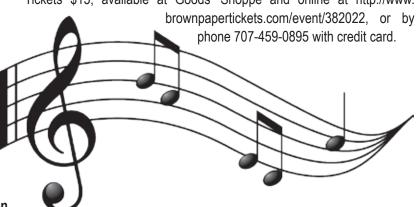
WELL's 1st annual Bicycle Show and Parade: Bike Show starts at 10 am at City Park. Prizes awarded at 11 am: \$80 prize for Best in Show; also Best Beater Bike, Best Family Bike, Best Utility Bike, Best BMX/Lowrider Bike, Best Art Bike, Best Street/Road Bike, Best Kid's Bike, Parade starts at 11:30 am. Creative entries encouraged, but "ordinary" bike riders welcome in the parade, too. Free advice and help on bike maintenance.



"Horton Hears A Who": A bi-lingual "Seussical musical for all ages," presented in American Sign Language and spoken English. Featuring a cast of 40+, ranging from ages 2 to 13. Actors from the Willits Young Actors Theater, The Willits Magical Movement Company, and the TinyTot Theater ASL All-Stars. Today and Sunday at 1 pm, at the Willits

Shakespeare Company Tent, Highway 101 across from Howard Hospital. Gates open at noon. Tickets \$10; \$20 for families; seniors and kids under 7 are \$5. Tickets available in advance at Goods' Shoppe or at the gate (past shows have all sold out). Pre-show activities: face painting, food vendors, games and contests. Info: 707 354-2475.

Becoming One with Your Inner Drum: 1 to 3 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Pan-Global drumming workshop with six-time Grammy award nominee, percussionist Will Clipman of Coyote Jump. Bring a favorite drum and/or other percussion instruction; for all ages and skill levels. Tickets \$15, available at Goods' Shoppe and online at http://www.



Coyote Jump in Concert: 8 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. An evening of World Chamber Fusion music drawing on classical, jazz, folk-pop and tribal influences. "Coyote Jump features the multi-instrumentalism of pianist, guitarist and composer Colin Farish, with the sumptuous strings of violin virtuoso Savannah Jo Lack, and the pan-global grooves of master percussionist Will Clipman, in a sound that defies easy categorization.... The trio can soar from whisper-quiet passages of exquisite delicacy to high-energy, foot-stomping, aisle-filling

trance-dance rave-ups – sometimes in the space of one song!" More info: http://www.willitstheatre.org/coyote\_jump.htm. Tickets, \$15, at Goods' Shoppe and online at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/382022. or by phone 459-0895 with credit card.

Shanachie Pub: The Mixed Nuts, from the Mendocino coast, playing swing, Latin, lounge, calypso, jazz, and Tex-Mex for dancing and "a seriously goofy good time." 8 pm. No cover.

"Shedding Light on Mental Illness": free Saturday classes at the Willits Library, 2 to 4 pm. Today: "Exploring Bipolar Disorder" and Saturday, June 15: "Exploring Schizophrenia." 1-hour video of people with the illness talking about their experience, followed by a discussion plus handout of information and resources. Taught by Sonya Nesch, author of "Advocating for Someone with a Mental Illness." Info: 707-937-3339.

#### Sunday, June 9

15th Annual Phoenix Hospice Golf Tournament: Hosted by Willits Rotary at the Brooktrails Golf Course to benefit Phoenix Hospice. Checkin is at 8 am; shotgun start at 9 am. Many prizes, silent auction and tri-tip barbecue by Si's Grill. \$45 golf course members; \$65 non-members. Info and to sign up, call Brooktrails Golf

Course at 459-6761 or Tammy Long at 480-993-5755. Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am.

Every 2nd Sunday at the Harrah Center, 1501 Baechtel Pancakes,

sausage, or ham, orange juice, coffee. \$6 members; \$7 non-members; under 12, \$5,

"Traffic, Tourists, Taxes, and Main Street": How Will the Caltrans Bypass Change Willits? 12:30 pm at Little Lake Grange. Panelists Holly Madrigal, Richard Willoughby, Christopher Martin and David Partch moderated by Sheriff Tom Allman. Panelists and community discussion about the changes that the bypass may effect on: traffic congestion, city and county revenues, downtown businesses, and the economy of Willits.



see Saturday, June 8 listing for details.

#### Monday June 10

Ice Cream Social: 2:30 to 3:30 pm. "Bring your friends and family for ice cream, pie, games, and entertainment at the Harrah Senior Center." Every 2nd Monday of the month. 1501 Baechtel Road. \$1 members; \$2 for non-members.

Willits Community Alliance: 6:30 pm at the Willits meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street. After a number of meetings featuring speakers, this meeting focuses on "finding good candidates to run for City Council in future elections," including hearing from potential candidates and gathering suggestions for candidates to run. Info: Jed Diamond at 459-5505 or Jed@MenAlive.com.

#### Tuesday, June 11

Shanachie Pub: solo performer Josh Dobrusin. 6 pm. No Cover.

Textile Skill Sharing at the Grange: 7 to 9 pm, "Sewing Machines and Sergers" with mentor Betty Walker. How to use a serger: threading it, setting it up, and more. Bring in that slightly "off" sewing machine you don't use (plus foot pedal and manual if you have it), and let Betty take a look to get you sewing. Skill Sharings every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Donations appreciated. Call 459-6362 for more info about the Grange's Textile and Craft "Maker" Studio or to

#### Thursday, June 13

get full summer schedule by email.

**Shanachie Pub:** 8 pm. Open jam format, every 2nd and 4th Thursday of acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr\_id=49170 the month, featuring a variety of jazz musicians.



Sober Grad party: 9:30 pm at Willits Community Center until 5 am Friday. All high school graduates in Willits are invited, as are chaperones, to volunteer for one two-hour shift or more. Help with setup, decoration and clean-up is also needed, as are donations of drinks or finger foods that can be dropped off at the Community Center today/ tonight. To volunteer: call Joyce (489-8377) or Linda (459-6201) or email willitssobergrad@gmail.com.

"Traffic, Tourists, Taxes and Main Street"

## How Will the Bypass Change Willits?

Little Lake Grange hosts the second educational forum/discussion about the Caltrans bypass on Sunday, June 9, at 12:30 pm at 291 School Street. Free. Sponsored by Save Our Little Lake Valley. The first bypass forum, focusing on wick drains, on Sunday, April 28, drew about 125 attendees.

Four panelists are scheduled for the first half of the program: Mayor Holly Madrigal, Richard Willoughby, Christopher Martin and David Partch.

Sheriff Tom Allman will moderate the second half of the event: questions & answers, and community discussion about important issues that will affect everyone in the

Some of the topics to be discussed will include:

- What is the design of the bypass, and how will it affect our local traffic congestion?
- food, tons of vendors with great merchandise, or just What changes may there be for tourism, the businesses downtown, and our local
  - How will this affect city revenues needed to maintain Main Street?
  - Will our taxes be affected?

Willits High School Class of 2003's

#### 10-year reunion weekend: June 14-16

Open invitation to the bar crawl on Friday, June 14 with specials at local bars for the

Potluck lunch at Rec Grove on Saturday, June 15 starting around 1 pm. Music, food and fun for the kids. Planners also hope to coordinate a football game. That night, the alum will have the opportunity to make dinner plans with their close friends and catch up at local restaurants if desired.

River float on Sunday, June 16. Meeting time around noon. At Trout Creek campground, ocated about 10 miles west of Lake Pillsbury on the Eel River. Coolers will be available

#### Friday, June 14

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.

#### Saturday. June 15

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

Library Tour of Ecology Action Research Garden: 10 am to noon. \$10. A brief introduction to GROW BIOINTENSIVE® sustainable mini-farming, including a tour of the research Mini-Farm garden in Willits. Info/preregistration: www.growbiointensive.org/events\_main.html# or 459-0150.

> Dog License Amnesty & Rabies Clinic: All dogs over 4 months of age are required by Mendocino County to have a current rabies vaccine and have a dog license. Get your dog legal at today's 1-day dog license amnesty program at the county's Ukiah Shelter at 298 Plant Road. License fee: \$25 for altered dogs; \$55 for non-altered dogs. Rabies clinic (for dogs and cats) 10 am to 2 pm; \$6. Micro-chipping: \$10. Info: 463-4427.

#### Sunday, June 16

Relay For Life Benefit Parking Lot Sale: at Gavel Down Sales, 1611 South Main Street. Donate an item: 459-1300: all proceeds go to benefit Willits' 2nd annual Relay for Life event, set for July 27 & 28 at the Rec Grove. To get involved in the local Relay For Life (which just announced its 31st team, from Howard Memorial Hospital), check out the "Relay For Life of Willits, Ca" Facebook page or register at http://main.

Graduation ceremonies for local schools

> Alternative Schools Sanhedrin High School / New Horizons / Community Day School 12th Grade: June 11 at 6 pm at WHS auditorium Baechtel Grove Middle School

8th Grade: June 12 at 6 pm at WHS' Maize Field

Blosser Lane Elementary 5th Grade: June 12 from 2 - 3 pm at school

**Brookside Elementary School** 

Kindergarten: June 13 at 10:45 am in own classrooms LaVida Charter School

8th & 12th Grades: June 6 at 6:30 pm at school Sherwood School

Kindergarten: June 11 at 1 pm at school 5th Grade: June 12 at 1 pm at school

Willits Charter School 8th Grade: June 6 at 5:30 pm at Community Center

12th Grade: June 7 at 5:30 at Community Center Willits Elementary Charter School

5th Grade: June 13 at 5:30 pm at Rec Grove Willits High School

12th Grade: June 13 at 6:30 pm at Maize Field

## FFA Banquet

Main Fundraiser for Willits FFA tomorrow night

The annual Future Farmers of America Banquet will be held at the Willits High School Cafeteria tomorrow at 7 pm. FFA Advisor Becky Bowlds invites the community to come, enjoy a homecooked meal, watch the installation of the new FFA officers, and help raise money for the chapter by bidding on tasty treats at the

"You don't have to have a student in FFA," noted Bowlds. "EVERYONE is welcome to attend and enjoy the event. We would love to see the community, FFA alumni, family and friends all show up and support the chapter.'

The dessert auction is the main source of income for the FFA, which uses monies for attending field days, state and local fairs, leadership conferences and much more.

Bowlds asks anyone interested in attending to please RSVP to 292-5156 to help with food quantity. The event is free to attend.

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## Save Date the Date

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off, June 20, Willits

Staged reading of "Copenhagen," June 19 & 23, Willits Community Theatre

Willits Hometown Celebration, June 27, downtown

# Ongoing Events

Farmers Market at City Park: Every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Spring vegetables from area farmers plus live music, garden starts, flowers, crafts, baked goods, dinner and increasing through the day on Friday, June 7. You'll

Water Aerobics at Willits City Pool: June schedule: Classes at 11 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 6:15 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Pool located at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: Shawna at 459-7125 (message phone) or 459-5778 (pool phone).

"Throwing the Bones": June exhibition at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Recent paintings by artist-painter Peter Onstad. Gallery hours: Thursday T-Shirt Contest. and Friday, 4 to 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. Through June 30.

#### The Rules: CALENDAR LISTINGS

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Rich Venturi starting on Thursday, June 6, with the early-bird riders, and

probably hear 'em before you see 'em, especially the Harleys!

The Kiwanis Redwood Run began in 1977. Back in those days The Run was held at French's Camp, in Humboldt County, just across the northern border of Mendocino County. The Run has evolved through the years and is now being held at the Riverview Ranch in Piercy. The location is semi-secluded and features three days of camping, live music, biker games, swimming in the South Fork of the Eel River, and shows ... including my favorite, the Wet

Redwood Run 2013. So, get ready Willits. There scheduled to begin playing on Friday at 10 am, with are \$120 each. The ticket booth is located near the will be a proliferation Royalush, and continues on into the wee morning entrance and will be open on Thursday, June 6 from hours. Saturday, music starts at 8 am, with the band 9 am to 9 pm. Ticket sales at the booth are cash Lowfill, and ends with The Fryed Brothers taking the only. The Run gates will open officially at 6 am, stage at 12:30 am.

> This is a camping rally, so the best place to stay is at the rally! Motorcycles are the only vehicles allowed in the gate, so camping is tent-only and pretty much whatever you can carry on your bike. There is limited parking for 4-wheel vehicles outside the gates and very limited parking for RVs, because this is a motorcycle rally! The only restrictions are no carry-in alcohol, pets, fires, firearms, fireworks or attitudes. Oh yeah, and no one under 21 years of age.... This is definitely adult entertainment, with plenty of alcohol booths up and running.

Directions to The Run are simple: From Willits, head north on Highway 101 and take the Piercy off-ramp. Hang a left at the stop sign, ride under This year's run proves to be one with great the freeway, and you will be greeted with coned-

There is something for everyone at the Redwood Run. That is unless you don't like motorcycles, great 

Will there be corporate development at the interchanges? music, beautiful women, beer & cocktails, good

being in one of the most beautiful areas of California economy? having a fun time with great people. Proceeds from The Run go to local child assistance organizations in Garberville and Humboldt County. And as always, please be especially careful this

weekend while driving on Highways 1, 20, and 101. These are the main routes taken by the bikers. And there are going to be thousands on their way to Piercy from every direction of the compass!

For full schedule and more info, check www. kiwanisrwr.com





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#### In the Stars...

Mar 21 - Apr 20

Don't make assumptions this week. Aries. You just can't trust your gut instincts too much right now. It's better to get all of the facts and act accordingly

#### **TAURUS** Apr 21 - May 21

Playing matchmaker isn't so easy, Virgo, while others may not be Taurus. You have to understand when people are compatible and when there just isn't a spark. Let this one go.

#### **GEMINI** May 22 - Jun 21

Gemini, you may have to pull back your focus on a problem in order to see it in a new light. Take some time away to regroup and then you can come back at full

#### **CANCER** Jun 22 - Jul 22

A romantic relationship can be a balancing act, Cancer. You will learn this first hand this week when you have to come to a compromise with your partner.



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Jul 23 - Aug 23

Leo, don't apologize if you feel Sagittarius, you need to get work like you have to go your own way this week. Even when everyone seems to be going in another direction, sometimes you just this one in the bud -- quickly.

**VIRGO** Aug 24 - Sept 22

able to handle the confusion this week, you are fully capable of multi-tasking and making it through unscathed.

have to set your own course.

#### LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 23

Libra, you may feel more emotionally charged this week but you still have to think with with right now, Aquarius. Put this your head and not your heart. A on the back burner until you are financial decision may need to ready.

#### **SCORPIO**

Scorpio. look at a situation with a practical eye. Is this really the Although you may be leaning one way, you might want to reconsider.

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#### **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 23 - Dec 21

done this week and that can't happen when you are continually distracted. You might have to nip

#### **CAPRICORN**

A friend needs your support

Dec 22 - Jan 20

more than ever, Capricorn. Go to great lengths to give this person what they need, even if it means rearranging your schedule.

#### **AQUARIUS** Jan 21 - Feb 18

An email or other correspondence from a past friend could stir up feelings you weren't ready to deal

#### **PISCES** Feb 19 - Mar 20

Pisces, you are more interested in independence this week than hanging out in large groups. This best answer for the time being? includes hanging out with your spouse or partner

1. Hiking path 6. Swiss river 10. Amorphous mass 14. Eastern spindle tree

#### 15. A cheap rundown hotel 17. Oath of office day 19. The bill in a restaurant

- 20. Religious transgression 21. More lucid 22. Vietnamese offensive 23. Chief magistrate of Venice
- 24. Turfs 26. Copyread 29. Game using 32 cards 31. Largest society for technology advancement
- 32. Mrs. Nixon 34. Drunken bum (slang) 35. Times assigned to serve 37. Labor organizer Eugene
- 38. Come into the possession 39. Carbamide 40. Affirmative! (slang) 41. Feudal bondman 43. Without (French)

45. Emits a continuous droning

46. Use diligently 47. A moving crowd 49. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand 50. Sirius Satellite Radio (abbr.) 53. Mailing packet

**Crossword Puzzle** 

#### 57. Female shopping assistant 58. Dog & wolf genus 59. Opposite of beginnings 60. South by east 61. This language died with Tevfik Esenc

#### CLUES DOWN 1. Foolishly annoying person 2. Type of genus of the Ranidae

- 3. Whale ship captain 4. An informal debt instrument 5. Piece of a felled tree 6. Arabic demon (var. sp.) 7. Actor Ladd 8. Decay 9. Programmes
- 10. Hat tied under the chin 11. Methaqualone pill (slang) 12. Ocean Search and Rescue 13. Turkish title of respect 16. Submarine sandwich

18. An objects functions 22. Touchdown 23. Judge or consider 24. Claus

25. Word element meaning ear 27. Fencing swords 28. Song: Aba \_\_ Honeymoon 29. Standard wire gauge

30. Capital of Ukraine 31. George Gershwin's brother 33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone 35. Horse trainer's shackle

36. Soft-finned fishes 37. Internet infrastructure 39. Sieze without right 42. Dishonors

43. Speaks a slavonic language 44. Egyptian pharaoh 46. Small breed of horse 47. " the Man" Musical 48. Forest land (British)

49. Italian municipality 50. Japanese entertainment 51. Slovenian mountain 52. 20th Hebrew letter

53. Point midway between S and SE 54. Tap gently 55. European money 56. Research workplace

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Clue: Sensory devices

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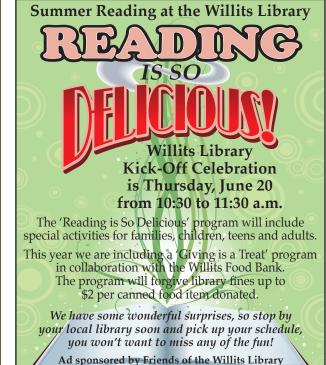




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crop and remain so today.

than \$13 million, Pauli said.

ditches with pipes as it can afford to do so.

the project area.

PG&E fisheries biologist Paul Kubicek said. "We try to

maximize storage in the winter and spring for use later in

There is often more water in the river than there would

"We actually have higher flows during the summer period,

Part of the project's licensing agreement, which is good

Fisheries biologist Park Steiner reported on fish and

animal monitoring related to the river. A lake like Pillsbury

Lake Pillsbury has four bald eagle sites; Van Arsdale

has one. "Everyone says they [bald eagles] don't nest in

Mendocino County, but we have got them now," Steiner

From Potter Valley to Lake Mendocino

Potter Valley Irrigation District's Janet Pauli spoke about

Potter Valley's use of the water it takes from the Eel River.

Potter Valley buys more water than it needs to push water

"The pear industry flourished, and there were hundreds

and hundreds of acres of pears in Potter Valley." Pauli said.

She noted Potter Valley tries to replace open canals and

Hav production flourishes in Potter Valley at a clip of

three crops per year for some; orchards of pears were

planted, and in the 1970s wine grapes became a popular

Potter Valley's tree and vine crops are valued at more

Water from Potter Valley then flows into Lake Mendocino.

Lake Mendocino on the Russian River near Ukiah, Lake

Don Seymour of the Sonoma County Water Agency

"We are trying to balance flood control pool and water

storage," Seymour said. "Lake Sonoma is about three

times larger than Lake Mendocino. Lake Mendocino is a

fill-and-spill reservoir; Lake Sonoma has two to three years

of carryover. That is a much more manageable system."

commented on the challenges of managing a lake and a

river for both flood control and water storage needs.

Sonoma and the Russian River were further discussed by

members of the Sonoma County Water Agency

through April 14, 2022, is to survey and monitor wildlife in

and that is mainly for recreational purposes," Kubicek said.

"We are always trying to fill early in the season, which

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Blazer, owned by Curtis Shuster of Willits.

by Tim & Larcye Wright of Redwood Valley.

Torino, owned by Jacquelin Septon of Willits.

Terry Proschold of Covelo.

by Ellis Cleavier of Fortuna.

owned by Rich Tognetti of Fortuna.

owned by Mike Hackett of Marysville.

Sponsor Bill Barker chose entry #47, 1969 Chevy Pick Up

Auto Mart Auto Repair, chose entry #60, 1971 Chevy

T & T Auto, chose entry #41, 1967 Chevy Chevelle, owned

Round Tree Glass chose entry #33, 1972 Ford Grand

AHL Motors chose entry #29, 1960 Ford T-Bird, owned by

Nelson Auto Glass, chose entry #84, 1936 Ford Pick Up,

Broiler Steak House chose entry #73, 1963 Volvo, owned

Huddle Construction chose entry #79, 1955 Chevy Belair,

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#### Eckankar

Local sponsors award plagues at Car Show

sponsored by the Willits Chamber of Commerce last weekend. Here's a list of the plague sponsors and winners:

Sponsor Dick Matalamaki chose entry #17, 1936 Ford, owned by Frank Mott of Fortuna.

HAVE YOU HAD a spiritual experience? You are invited to participate in an ongoing, spiritual discussion Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 pm at the Willits Library meeting room, 390 E. Commercial Street. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475.

Little Lake Auto Parts chose entry #77, 1969 Pontiac

Yokum's Body Shop chose entry #64, 1966 Dodge Charger,

El Mexicano Restaurant chose entry #14, 1961 Chevy

Adams Tire, chose entry #28, 1966 Chevy Chevelle Super

East Hill Veterinary Clinic chose entry #19, 1955 Jeep,

Shanachie Pub chose entry #84, 1936 Ford Pick Up,

Duncan Neff chose entry #10, 1960 Ford T-Bird, owned by

Kustoms by Spence chose entry #22, 1958 Chevy, owned

Firebird, owned by Erasmo M. Martinez of Fort Bragg.

owned by Henry Nigg of Lakeport.

Impala, owned by Mark Davis of Ukiah.

Sport, owned by Dan Pallo of Petaluma.

owned by Jack Hamilton of Willits.

owned by Rich Tognetti of Fortuna.

Tom & Donna Cropp of Ukiah.

by Charles Mattos of Sebastopol.

## Forum meets next in Fortuna

Caltrout North Coast Regional Manager Darren Mierau said that monthly meeting topics were decided in the fall. Meetings rotate between Fortuna. Garberville and Willits. Eel River Forum meets next June 19 in Fortuna

The Fortuna meeting will decide where the Eel River Forum goes from here. The forum is seen as an information exchange and a chance to coordinate management of the

"In recent decades, compared to other watersheds, [the Eel Riverl has fallen through the cracks." Mierau said. "We have three species of salmon and steelhead that are threatened, and the trend is still going down."

The Eel River Forum can be found on the Internet through California Trout's website, caltrout.org, a good source of fish-related information.

Orth From Page 1 Seventeen local businesses and individuals sponsored plaques for their favorite entries at the 32nd Annual Car Show

> In particular, Weinkle argued that Orth's March 26 vote in support of a Brooktrails Board of Directors letter of support for the bypass was illegal because of his alleged conflict

> However, the commission ruled last week "there was no evidence that the decision to adopt the resolution and send a letter reaffirming support of a project under construction could have a material financial affect on Janet Orth's employers, Dow and Associates.

> In a statement for the press, Orth seemed pleased to be cleared of the allegation.

> "At the very time such discourse is crucial to the public's need to hear many voices on this important issue, bypass opponents have attempted to silence my voice and have insulted the integrity of my wife, Janet, in an ill-informed campaign to discredit us.

> "Our histories of community activism and accomplishments are extensive and will withstand these attacks on our personal and professional integrity," Orth

> Weinkle did not seem chastened by the decision. "I understand where the FPPC is comin' from," said Weinkle. "The FPPC is in the business of splitting hairs. That's what they do. And that's what they did here.

> "The way I was brought up, even the appearance of impropriety is wrong," Weinkle continued. "You don't do that. You don't push the boundaries of the peoples' trust. Because when you do, you wake people up. And it comes back to bite you."

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## Compost

A. Roebeck

Dear A. Roebeck, Last October I started a wonderful, big (about 150 cubic feet) compost pile of mainly leaves, a few grass clippings, and a bale of alfalfa hay. It got so steaming hot that I bought a compost thermometer at Sparetime Supply. Wow. It read 157 degrees. I had great intentions of turning the pile regularly. For various reasons it just hasn't happened. I came across the compost thermometer today, and the temperature of the pile is 52 degrees. The leaves inside the pile have gotten darker, but they still look like leaves.

I can probably find time to turn the pile once or twice before it's time to plant, but I don't think it will be the finished crumbly black compost I had planned on for my spring garden. What do you

Dear Gardener, The various bacteria in your compost pile have been doing their best to decompose the organic material. As oxygen is used up and the pile cools down, decomposition slows and cool temperature bacteria take over. If you have time, turn the pile, fluff it up a bit as you turn it, and perhaps add two or three bags of chicken manure. The oxygen in the air and the nitrogen in the chicken manure will help the pile heat up again. The leaves in the pile will decompose faster with the hot-compost bacteria working on them. It won't be finished crumbly black compost by planting time, but you can use it this spring. Spread it on your garden and till it in deeply. Buy a few bags of compost at a garden supply and till this into the soil right where your seed or transplants will go. Your compost will continue to decompose, enriching the soil. You will have a good garden this year and

Heartwarming stories & local tidbits



# Bike Show and Parade

The 1st annual Bicycle Show and Parade is set for Saturday, June 8 at Bud Snyder Park, starting at 10 am. WELL, Willits Economic Localization, is hosting this event to remind everyone just how fun and healthy it can be to ride your bike. There will be bicycles of all types on display, with prizes given in different categories like "Best Kids Bike," "Best Art Bike" and many more. The it had been years since I'd seen or bicycle deemed "Best in Show" will receive a grand prize of \$80.

A Bicycle Parade around the 10,000 Step route will follow the show, with participants encouraged to join in.

All bikes are welcome, no matter the condition, so dust off your Schwinn, clean off your Cruiser, spiff up your sprockets, and come on down to the park Saturday morning to enjoy the show

"This will be a great chance for people to show off their rides, share local biking tips and have fun," said Mayor Holly Madrigal, often seen riding around town on her own bike. "The fire department is having their open house across the street from the park on Saturday, too, so it will be a great day for the whole family. It's hard not to smile while ringing a bike bell!," Madrigal said.

The 87th annual Little Lake Firefighters' Association's Fundraiser & Open House will also be held Saturday, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Little Lake Fire District Main Station, 74 East Commercial Street. Firehouse tours by uniformed volunteer firefighters, fire apparatus on display, rides in restored antique fire engines, big raffle prizes (\$10 a raffle ticket), and the announcement of the winner of the Little Lake Fire Protection District's logo design contest. Bring your children! Light lunch available at the Firehouse. Register to participate in the district's Smoke Detector Program.

My own spin on "Creamy Peanut

Coleslaw" from Texas Home

Cooking, by Cheryl Alters

Jamison and Bill Jamison This

recipe could probably be made

vegetarian or vegan pretty

easily, but I'm okay with a bit of

local dairy and mayonnaise

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Cat's Colesiaw

Ingredients:

1 cup mayonaise

2 tablespoons milk

purple), shredded

roasted/salted)

1/2 teaspoon celery salt

2-3 carrots, shredded

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

cane sugar or raw blue agave syrup)

1 or more garlic cloves, minced

1/4 cup sweetener (I've always used raw

1 medium/large cabbage head (green or

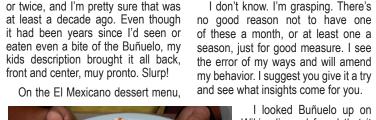
3/4 cup chopped peanuts (raw or

## Bunuelo without a cause ... Cat Lee

At long last, I have achieved the Buñuelo is described as "a house Buñuelo satisfaction ... at least for the

Last month my kids had a Buñuelo experience at Restaurant El Mexicano without me as part of a birthday celebration. They raved about it. They re-told the experience, detailby-delicious-detail. I could not get the mental picture triggered by their description out of my mind, and thus my body continued to have a hunger/ craving response following the repeated mental stimulation.

I think before today, I had tasted the Buñuelo at El Mexicano maybe once or twice, and I'm pretty sure that was



I looked Buñuelo up on Wikipedia and found that it is made in many different wavs in more than a dozen countries and for a variety of reasons, many centering on end-of-the-year seasonal

specialty, a crispy tortilla dipped in

cream and cinnamon.

caramel, topped with flan, whipped

What held me back all these

vears? I'm a caramel and whipped

cream fanatic, and I have nothing

but fondness for cinnamon, flan and

Maybe it seemed too celebratory

for some reason. I know when the kids

were younger, I was extra cautious

about sweets. Toddlers and sweets

can lead to sleepless nights for

Personally, I'm advocating "Buñuelo without a cause." Any day is a great day for



"In the past the City of Willits would tag and make referrals to the County of Mendocino Code Enforcement Department and receive no reimbursement for time spent abating abandoned vehicles. Most of the field work was done by the City of Willits, and after a period of time the vehicles would be checked by County Code Enforcement, which would then decide to tow those vehicles still left on the street," Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez stated in a report to the city. Last November, Mendocino County voters approved continuing to fund the program, which removes abandoned vehicles from city and county roads, and private property.

Voters apparently were not aware the program had stopped months ago

County code enforcement and abandoned vehicle removal comes under the auspices of the Planning and Building Services department. Documents submitted to supervisors from Planning and Building state the board ended the program in April 2012 to comply with 2010's Prop. 26, requiring a two-thirds "yes" vote on taxes. In November, supervisors decided to restart the program by seeking cooperation from Willits, Fort Bragg and Ukiah.

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needs to rethink its position relative to the second access

"I think members of the group would want to ask whether - r ther than spending more than a million dollars on a second access that might never be built, as we have already done – it might be more prudent to put money into improving our existing emergency exits," he said.

In the next round of elections for the board of directors for Brooktrails, scheduled for November 5, three seats are up for election, Wagenet noted. Those seats are currently held by George Skezas, Rick Williams and Tony Orth.

Meanwhile, the Willits Community Alliance announced its next meeting will be held at the Willits library meeting room at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 10.

Group founder Jed Diamond said the purpose of that meeting would be to find "good candidates to run for Willits City Council in future elections."

The rest of Rachel From Page 3

active in 4-H and FFA, showing my horse every year at the Redwood Empire Fair. I have competed in many local gymkhanas and horse shows.

Currently, with the help of my friend Olivia Grupp, I am in the process of training my three-year-old gelding that I have raised since he was born at my house on the 4th of

It is amazing to watch a young mind grow and learn every day, which brings me to why I am competing for the Laytonville Rodeo Sweetheart. I strive to be a positive role model for the youth of the community and hope to be able to share my knowledge of horses and rodeo with all the up-and-coming future Laytonville Rodeo Sweethearts. I remember when I was their age watching the past sweethearts ride around the arena in their tiara-topped hats and hoping I could one day be like them.

I am truly grateful for this opportunity, and I would like to thank everyone for all their support. I hope to see everyone at the 39th annual Laytonville rodeo this weekend, on June 8 and 9, at the Laytonville Rodeo Grounds, Willis Avenue and Harwood Road. Have a safe and happy rodeo season and please call me for tickets at 707-367-9319.

Friday is the last day to purchase tickets from Laytonville Rodeo Sweethearts contestants for this weekend's rodeo. Grand entry is at 1 pm both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for the rodeo are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids aged 6-12 and kids under 6 are free. Cash raffle tickets are also available

#### Puzzle Answers From Page 8

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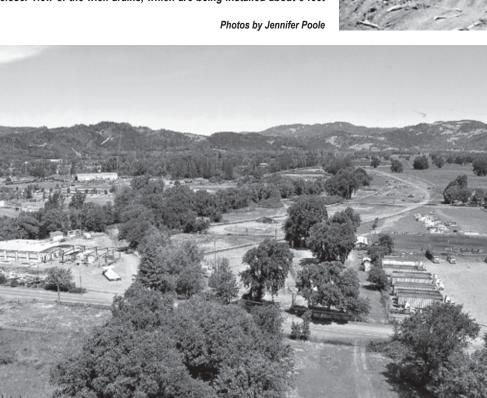
Six sites were tested for soil conditions and adequate "friction," said Caltrans public information officer Phil Frisbie, and then re-tested eight days later, as is routine.

"We are done with the test piles," Frisbie said. "We're still evaluating the data we collected off them, but pile driving is anticipated to start

Normal work hours for pile-driving will be from 7:30 am to 4 pm, Frisbie said. "They are authorized to work as late as 6 pm occasionally. if they need a little more time to finish up a pile."

Above: This view of the north end of the valley shows the wick drain stitcher, in the top left corner of the big dry area, with rows of some already installed wick drains. Caltrans contractors expect to install 55,000 wick drains at the northern

At right: A closer view of the wick drains, which are being installed about 5 feet



the white mult truck garage on the left, and the new Willits Horsemen's Arena on the right. The area across the bypass

East Valley from Garage is where will "go up on stilts" for a mile "The viaduct starts right there," Frisbie

Left: Looking

north across

photo shows

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Yes, we do have truck traffic on it now; however, most of those drivers are local. That means these drivers are both aware of the hazardous areas, and many of them have their own families here who use these areas. Therefore these drivers care very deeply about how traffic moves

I doubt that is true for these contractors whose locality is

Big cement and dump trucks are very heavy vehicles and slow to stop. In their hurry to get another load or just driving normally at 30 mph, it can surprise children how long that

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stopping takes. Often the kids are not even aware of the immediate hazard they are in. Balls and dogs and friends, etc. often seem the only things children are aware of during

Now I assume we can get the companies to pay us for the wear and tear on the roads. However, if any of these trucks injures someone, the City of Willits will be named in any lawsuit. Since we will have specifically agreed to let these trucks use our roads, we will be liable. As it seems that litigation is what was discussed as the major reason for not pushing our right to have these contractors build their own access roads, I think we need to reassess just what this can and will mean to our town in the long run. Sometimes, the money isn't as helpful as it seems.

Willits is a wonderful town, and I know we're all wanting it to be as safe as possible. Thank you all for considering this

Beth Riedel, Willits





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2 tablespoons minced onion (I use red can, I make it a night ahead of time, giving

onion with purple cabbage and white onion it a stir or two to really get things blending.

Directions:

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together the mayonnaise,

vinegar, sweetener, milk, garlic,

veggies, and toss again really well.

The next day is when it's the best!

and/or sprinkle them on top.

and celery salt until they are well

Toss the cabbage, carrots, and onion in

a large bowl; pour the dressing over the

Chill the coleslaw for at least an hour. If I

Just before serving, stir in the peanuts

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## Community News

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Art Eck in front of the red sports car (always with the American flag) that he drove in the 4th of July parade for years. The numbers on his State of California POW license plate (below) were the last four numbers of his German-issued prisoner of war ID

Photos by Franklin Darrell Deuel

## Remembering

"The "Old Geezer" Art Eck left this world Wednesday May 29, 2013. He lived and

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter jennifer@willitsweekly.com

grandchildren."

twenty years. He was always active sharing his P.O.W. experiences and writing his "rantings" on politics and other issues. He will be missed by many of us. He is survived by his son, six grandchildren and seven great-

That is the obituary written by Eck's family (thank you to his grandson, Alex Eck, for providing it), which also invited the community to come to a "post everlasting" service and party to celebrate Eck's life at the American Legion Hall last Saturday. A post everlasting is a military service unique to the American Legion – "a very moving ceremony done with style and grace" - said Carol Deuel, a longtime friend of Art's, along with her husband, Franklin Darrell Deuel.

But Art being Art, laughter filled the hall at moments, along with tears. "Art was so funny," Deuel said. "He was still conscious when he was admitted to the hospital - he was admitted in his dress blues - and he told the doctor a joke, a silly little joke."

The Deuels enjoyed what they called "Breakfast at Tiffany's" with Eck every Sunday morning for many years: "Most people know 'Tiffany's' as McDonald's," Deuel laughed. Some Sundays they might enjoy breakfast at "Tiffany's South" - generally known as

The service included a two-page eulogy written by Eck himself, with many funny or moving moments. One excerpt, describing himself: "He wrote members of Congress, the President, numerous government officials, several foreign officials, and many local officials quite often. He was probably a thorn in their posteriors, because he suggested where and why they were, in his opinion, 'cockeyed,' and he suggested solutions. These writings have been assembled into 'Rantings by Art.' One copy is available at the American Legion Post 174."

Eck also wrote his war memoirs, "The Cost of Freedom," for the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. The Art Eck page, including handwritten memoirs, images and a picture of Eck as a young soldier, can be found here: http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ diglib/vhp/story/loc.natlib.afc2001001.01779/

Eck was born in Homestead, Oklahoma, and was married to his soulmate, Bonnie, for more than 55 years before she passed away on December 29, 2000.

The beginning of Eck's eulogy, which was read at his service last weekend:

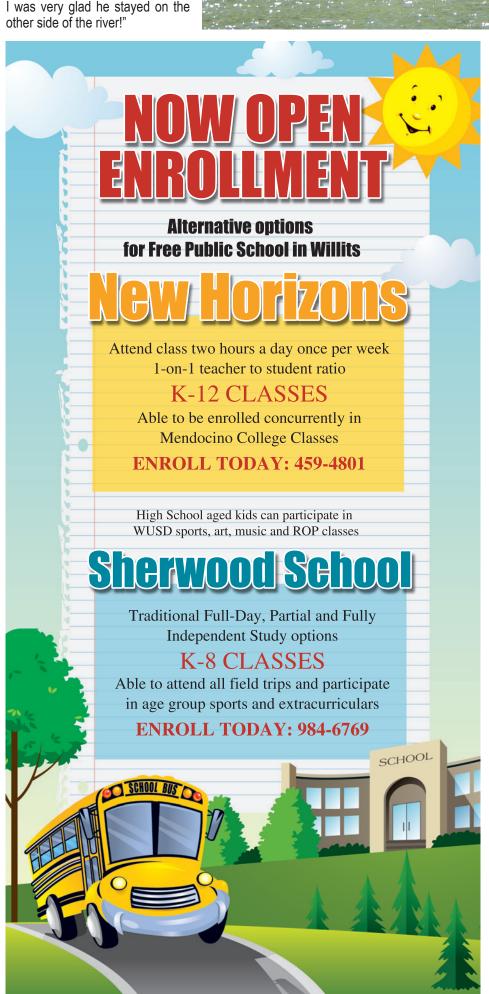
"When my feet and legs can no longer propel me the mile each day I walk my dog, rain or shine; when my arms can no longer hug the ladies; when my hands can no longer pet, scratch or stroke my dog; when my taste buds can no longer enjoy a barbecued ribeye steak or a sip of wine to cleanse my palate; when my nose can no longer enjoy a lady's perfume or a blossom; when my eyes can no longer focus on the curves of a lady's legs or marvel at the fluorescent feathers, flaming reds and greens, of the hummingbirds at my feeder, or drink in the ever-changing forms of cumulus clouds against a bright sky or the splashing beauty of sunsets; when my ears can no longer excite my brain at the sound of Tommy Emmanuel's guitar, probably the world's best guitarist, or the trumpet of Wynton Marsalis, probably the world's best jazz trumpeter; and when my remains have been placed in a Folger's coffee can, to match those of my soulmate of 55 years, four months and 28 days, which are in a Folger's coffee can, then no one, absolutely no one should be the least bit sad."

## No lions or tigers, but **Bears**? O

Photo by Debbie Boone-Harry

Debbie Boone-Harry of Willits spent May 1 up at the Eel River, sunbathing, swimming, enjoying the peace and quiet. She was startled, however, by the arrival of an unexpected guest across the river: the brown bear shown in this photo. The bear wandered around and "munched on berries and twigs" for an hour before slowly moving away up the hill. "Every now and then the bear would turn and look right at me," Boone-Harry said. "He wasn't the biggest bear I've ever seen, but I was very glad he stayed on the other side of the river!"













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MAN OF STEEL in 3D on Friday, 6/14





"The Skunk Train is facing a crisis, and so is our city and county if the train stops running!" -Lynn Kennelly, director, Willits Chamber of Commerce

A collapsed tunnel a few miles east of Fort Brago has stopped the Skunk Train in its tracks. With equipment stranded west of the tunnel, trains aren't running out of Willits either. The Skunk Train has started a "Save Our Skunk" crowd-funding campaign on the GoFundMe website to help raise the \$300,000 needed to clear the tunnel

Visit www.gofundme.com/SaveOurSkunk to learn more about the crisis and to donate. Any level of donation is welcome.

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