

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

'Willits Pride'

To the Editor:

The Town Hall meeting last Sunday brought out many enthusiastic citizens to hear from local leaders and to share their visions for the future of the 95490 area. Many great ideas were put forward and the focus was on what could be improved. I look forward to implementing some of the suggestions, prior to the bypass completion, to enhance our town and make it a destination.

As a city councilwoman, I think it would also be valuable to hear what people already love about our community. What assets do you most appreciate? Town Hall speaker, Brooktrails general manager Denise Rose, posed the question to the group asking what were five things they love about Willits? This information can be built upon and highlighted to attract visitors. It is good to remember just how lucky we are to live in a place like this.

I will start, in no particular order. Here are five things I love about Willits:

1. Our community is just the right size. We are small enough to run into neighbors at the coffee shop but big enough to still have the chance to meet someone new.
2. We have local businesses that actually manufacture goods! Microphor and Metal Fx are examples of companies that support American jobs and ingenuity.
3. Ardella's.
4. Natural beauty. I regularly use the Brooktrails trail system and the Haehl Creek trail, and I think we could do more. (Willits Watershed?)
5. Horses and rail. OK, this item is actually two, but I love the fact that people here still support our frontier culture. I mean we have an annual BBQ for the whole town! How cool is that?

We have a lot going for us. If we as a community focus on our attributes and share them, we can draw others to visit, spend money and experience a bit of what we have. I recently heard from someone in Anderson Valley: "Wow, Willits really has some top-notch music concerts coming up!" they said with surprise. "Yes," I replied. "We have a lot going on. You should come over and stay the night and dine out prior to the show." So many friends in our neighboring towns never make it past the Highway 20 intersection to see what we have to offer.

So I ask you, what gives you "Willits Pride"?

Holly Madrigal, Willits

FFA Week at WHS

Willits High School is trading its "green and gold" spirit colors for "blue and gold" – the national colors of the Future Farmers of America – as we celebrate FFA Week, February 23 to March 1 this year.

To help celebrate, the Willits FFA Chapter is holding a spirit week where all the students can dress up to show their support to FFA through the week.

Dress-up day schedule: Flannel Day on Monday, Carhart Day on Tuesday, Cowboy/Cowgirl Day on Wednesday, Camo Day on Thursday, and Blue and Gold Day on Friday.

We are having pizza for all the FFA members during lunch on Friday, and we are also going to have some fun games and a scavenger hunt.

Our next big event is the FFA state conference coming up in April. Our chapter is so excited about it. We get to spend a week in Fresno with 5,000 FFA members, and we get our own special concert featuring Dustin Lynch!

Being a part of FFA is a great experience and allows you to bond with your chapter, letting you really find out how much passion people have. You also get to know other students from other schools, and their FFA chapters, which is also really cool!

Kylie Reed, FFA reporter, Willits

Chicks need grit

To the Editor:

I love your paper and am so glad you're doing such great work.

A word about advice to folks buying chicks, however. It's generally not considered safe to feed a chick anything besides crumbles unless the treat is accompanied with grit. The birds need grit in order to use their gizzard to digest the treat. If the chicks are allowed to forage outdoors where they might pick up a tiny pebble that will also suffice.

Sorry to be so pedantic about it but it could be harmful to the tiny birds!

Thanks for your wonderful paper and keep up the excellent work!

Debra Lesslie, Willits

KZYX board members speak out

To the Editor:

We are eight of the nine elected board members of KZYX, your countywide public and community radio station. We feel it necessary to clarify that John Sakowicz, the ninth board member, is speaking solely on his own and is not representing any other board members in any way on station issues.

We are embarrassed, upset and, frankly, appalled at the way that Sakowicz continually blasts the station in some of the local press with false and reckless accusations that represent his, and only his, views.

In what was perhaps his most brazenly unconscionable move, Sakowicz, in violation of his fiduciary duties as a station trustee, filed a complaint replete with false allegations with the FCC a year ago, requesting that our license to broadcast be revoked. He did this without consulting any of us on the board or staff first to verify that his allegations had any merit to speak of.

We await a final decision from the FCC; in the meantime we have been compelled to spend more than \$13,000 in legal defense fees to deal with these shenanigans. Yes, that's \$13,000 of hard-earned money that could have been spent in so many more productive ways.

We eight board members come from diverse professional backgrounds with personal histories of service as long-term volunteers within our communities. We are proud to be affiliated with KZYX, and we are supportive of John Coate, the general manager, and his small staff of hardworking and underpaid heroes.

We board members are a group of independent thinkers, not rubber stampers, who are quite confident with the strategic direction Coate is taking the station. Under his stewardship, the station is in solid shape fiscally, having almost completely reduced an inherited debt of over \$200,000. We on the board are in constant communication with the general manager, who keeps us abreast of all station developments and responds to all our inquiries promptly, candidly and comprehensively.

Sadly, Sakowicz's vitriol seems to be motivated solely by a personal animus towards Coate, his staff, and various station supporters, an animus that the rest of us on the board do not share or even comprehend.

We are eight volunteers with no agenda except to make sure that KZYX provides outstanding programming that is relevant to our listeners, stays fiscally solvent, and continues improving on all fronts by listening to its supportive membership. We are not perfect. However, we, along with the staff, are always looking to move the station forward.

Sakowicz is clearly not helping the organization that he was elected to support. Please show your feelings about your station by contributing to KZYX. And thank you for your rational and mature understanding of this very disappointing situation that we are currently experiencing with Sakowicz.

We ask all listeners to respond to John Sakowicz's foolhardy attempt to tear down one of Mendocino County's most cherished assets by showing your support for your station, KZYX, a beacon of light in our own back yard. With your help, we will continue to provide a top-quality broadcast, day after day, year after year.

Jane Futcher, KZYX board member

Statement fully endorsed by Eliane Herring, board president; Stuart Campbell, board vice president; Bob Page, treasurer, past president; Meg Courtney, board secretary; Holly Madrigal, board member; Ed Keller, board member; and Paul Lambert, board member.



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Correction:

A proposal from Solid Waste of Willits about street sweeping services was reported incorrectly in last week's Willits Weekly story, "New garbage deal in the works." It was SWOW that offered to clean the streets and to buy the city's sweeper for \$500, a proposal the city rejected. City Manager Adrienne Moore was also a member of the ad hoc committee.



Above: Rotary Club President Tom Herman, left, and Ann Alumbaugh, right, Crab Fest organizer, present Allyn Nonneman of the Harrah Senior Center with the center's half-share of funds raised by the 2015 all-you-can-eat crab feed.

Photo by Jenny Senter

Crab Fest Funds

At last week's Willits Rotary meeting, Tom Herman, president of Willits Rotary, announced that the 2015 Rotary Crab Fest was the most successful crab feed to date. A check for \$5,034 – half of the proceeds from the Crab Fest – was presented to Allyn Nonneman of the Harrah Senior Center. Herman also acknowledged the Harrah family and Rotarian Margie Harrah Handley's contributions to the community of Willits over the years. The rest of the crab feed proceeds will go toward scholarships for high school seniors in Willits.

Laytonville High reclaims county

Mock Trial trophy

Laytonville High School won the Mendocino County Mock Trial competition again this year, taking the Ron Brown Memorial perpetual trophy back from 2014 winners, Fort Bragg High School. Laytonville has won the county level competition nine of the last 10 years, said LHS coach Bruce Potter. Fort Bragg and Laytonville were the two county finalists, battling it out Saturday, February 7 in Courtroom B of Mendocino County Superior Court, in front of a full house of parents and supporters.

The Laytonville team will represent Mendocino County at the state competition in Riverside, March 20-22. Mendocino County's Mock Trial program is sponsored by the Mendocino County Office of Education.

"It's the best team I ever had this year," said coach Potter, who's been coaching Mock Trial for six years. "They're all good: really strong and really bright kids. We're hopeful about placing at the state competition – if we can keep the momentum going." Attorney coaches this year for the LHS team were Elina Agnoli and Elizabeth Norman.

Potter said the state competition includes around 46 teams this year, some from really big school districts: "Los Angeles County has speech coaches and acting coaches," he said. "We're a school of 130: we're outsized by the schools we compete against, even locally. I'm pretty proud of these kids and their hard work."

The Mock Trial competition gives students the opportunity to experience the American judicial system first-hand. Student teams argue both sides of a fictitious case developed by California's Constitutional Rights Foundation.

This year student team members will portray all key roles in the case "People v. Shem," the trial of Evan



Above: 2015 Laytonville High State Mock Trial team and coaches: Back row, left to right: Bruce Potter, Jayden Losee, Jordan Foster, Jessie Atkinson, and Zane Elizondo; middle row, left to right: Elina Agnoli, Teo Palmieri, Harmony Hardwick, Junia Ikeh, Bronwyn Gillilan, and Beth Norman; front row, left to right: Mercury Lawton, Roxie Johnson, Haylee Beetz, Oliver Hill, Kiley Carter, and Gracie Silva.

Shem, who is studying for a masters of fine arts degree at Hamiltonia University. Shem faces one felony count, theft by larceny, for the theft of "Treason," a painting by Fletcher Yazoo. The pretrial issue in "People v. Shem" centers on the Fourth Amendment protection against unlawful search and seizure.

The state competition teams will all be arguing "People v. Shem," too, Potter said.

"Everybody works with the same set of information and witness statements, and develops their case, defense and prosecution. It comes down to how you argue it, what pieces you use to build your argument, how well you object to the arguments of the other side.... It's a critical thinking, logic game," Potter said.

"There's a lot of thinking on your feet, it's not all just a pre-rehearsed script: People are throwing things at you that you haven't thought of. You need to come up with arguments on your feet, really know your case, and really

FFA Alumni gets non-profit Number

The Willits FFA Alumni group has finally received their official non-profit number, allowing the funds collected during last summer's Farmhouse Dinner to now be officially deposited into the FFA Alumni's own bank account. Marcy Barry, president of Willits Frontier Days – the organization hosting the event – delivered a check to FFA Alumni President Mattie Pinon on Tuesday morning. More fundraising events are planned, and monies will be used to support the ag program at Willits High School.

Above: Willits Frontier Days President Marcy Barry hands the envelope over to FFA Alumni President Mattie Pinon. Photo by Maureen Moore

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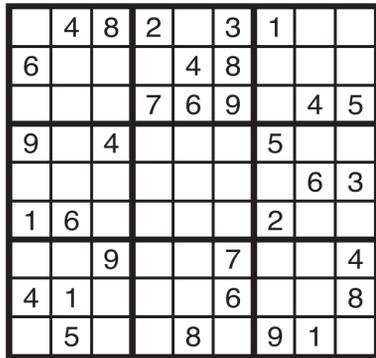
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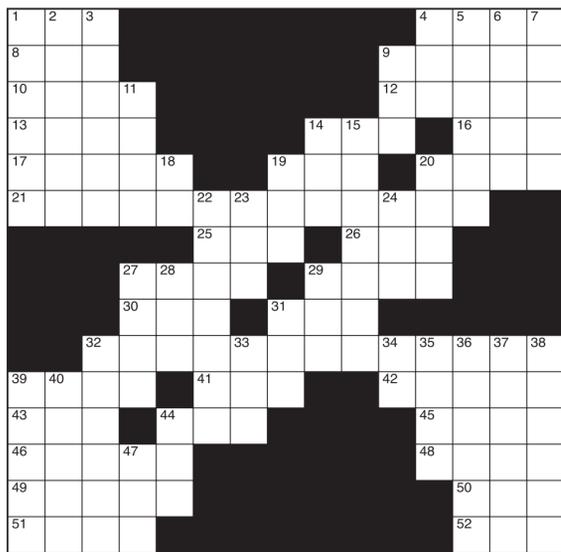


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Level: Beginner

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Centralized mailing compartment
- Small argument
- Latin for "hail"
- Semicircular headdress
- Hole plug
- Primp
- A spontaneous motivation
- Don't know when yet
- Portable computer screen material
- Conform
- Yoruba
- Wings
- Tar Hill State
- Hard, durable wood
- Pallid
- Pabir language
- Not crazy
- Word element meaning ear
- Hill (Celtic)
- "Dangerous Liaisons" actor

CLUES DOWN

- Relating to New Guinea
- Carry to excess
- Alms solicitor
- Title of respect
- Spanish saffron dish
- Betel palm genus
- Petterter ____, Nordic combined skier

CLUES ACROSS

- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Clan division
- Referee declares
- Rampart
- "Big" actor's initials
- Noah's boat
- Diarist __ Frank
- Luminous celestial ring
- Famous motor club
- 007's creator
- A timely blessing
- UTHealth (abbr.)
- Roman Helios
- Check
- Making of a worn-out vicious horse
- Wife
- An alternative
- Spanish unit of length
- Wild goats
- Municipalities
- Bother or harass
- Excessively sentimental
- Middle Eastern dish
- Waterproof raincoat
- Former OSS

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happiness even in the face of change. Think of this month as taking the stand of appeasement. This is a form of truce. There are moments that it is best to accept the situation and to move forward from this particular place rather than hold out for some illusion or desire that may or may not come.
If you still want to fight, you need to take a good look at how your ego will sabotage a great opportunity just to make a point. My message is to take the offering and let's move on. Make a choice to put the sword down and have a discussion about the options from this point forward. This is the lesson of learning to balance the intense driving energy of this eclipse cycle this year. There is no sense in reminiscing about past glories, as there is much to do and it is time to get on with it. All you have is this moment, so make the most of it.
Hence there is counsel to move forward with tact and gentleness. If we have learned anything over the past six years, it's that you cannot push
Regardless, let the past go. Open to receive what is presently being offered from the Universe, and choose
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'Museum Road Show'

Getting Ready to Take to the Road

The cast and crew of the Mendocino County Museum Road Show gathered at the Willits Museum on Saturday, February 21 for a full dress rehearsal for the upcoming production. For several hours, cast and crew went over notes, rehearsed lines, and worked on coordinating all the details that go into making the show a success.

This 2nd annual Museum Road Show is yet another example of the creativity and hard work that museum director Alison Glassey, the museum board, staff and supporting volunteers have initiated to showcase the fascinating history of Mendocino County and to make the museum an attractive destination for local citizens and for visitors.

Those attending the shows will be treated to a team of talented local actors, bringing stories of historical people and events to life in a performance that is both entertaining and educational. The "Museum Road Show" opens its countywide run in Willits, on Saturday, March 7 at Willits High School, and continues on Friday, March 13 at the Arena Theater in Point Arena, on Saturday, March 14 at



Clockwise from top left: The Museum Road Show cast rehearses the Coates and Frost feud scene. Actor Tony Rakes, Kate Magruder reading lines from the wagon train episode. Tony Rakes and Nichole Phillips. Actors Ricci Dedola, Tony Rakes, and Rick Allan. Tony Rakes and Nichole Phillips rehearsing an intimate scene.
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Community Hu Song: "In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, February 26, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. HU (pronounced "hue") is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome." Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit miraclesinyourlife.org.

Willits High School Community Meeting: 7 pm at the Steve Short Gymnasium at Willits High School. "This meeting will be concerning the gym floor. We will be discussing the gym floor policy, gym tarps, gym usage, and any other concern you may have. Please join me in this informal time to bring your concerns about the WHS gym floor – Principal Jeffrey Ritchley."

Shanachie Pub: twice-monthly Jazz Night with local musicians. Jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world and free-form jamming. "Fellow jazz musicians are encouraged to bring their and partake during the second set, so long as it fits within the moment of sounds!" 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, February 27

Study Sessions for Amateur Radio License Test: Study sessions, using the Gordon West study guide, continue on February 27, and March 13 and 27, at the Willits Library Community Room from 2 to 4 pm. "If you missed the first session don't despair ... come and start studying for that Amateur Radio License, we'll have plenty of time to go over material." The studios are in preparation for an upcoming Amateur Radio License test, to be held April 18 at noon, at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. Study sessions will be primarily for Technician level licenses; however there will be help for those wanting to pass a General Class test. "If you have always wanted to get a radio license to be more prepared for emergencies, or have thoughts of talking to other radio operators around the country (or world), then now is the time to become licensed and get on the air!" Info about study sessions: contact KJ6ZVS@gmail.com. Contact KG6TXU@arrl.net for info about the April test, or to reserve a spot.

Free Classes for Girls: The Mentoring Network, under the umbrella of the Youth Grange, is offering free after-school classes on Friday afternoons, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, for girls in Willits area schools, grades 6 through 10. Classes will be on herbs one week, yoga another week, then cooking and life skills. Room 4 of the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Questions: call Michelle at 972-1601. No pre-registration is necessary.

Stations of the Cross: "During the season of Lent, a time of prayer and preparation for Easter, prayers for the Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday evening at 6 pm, from now through the end of March" at St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church at the corner of Main Street and Commercial streets. "All are welcome for these simple prayers; come as you are."

Hot Buttered Rum: San Francisco's "West Coast/American, high-altitude bluegrass and indie folk" favorite plays a Grange Farm School Benefit at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School

Street. Opening act The Real Sarahs, Mendocino County folk/acoustic/blues/country/rockish vocal duo Sarah "Songbird" Larkin and Sara Ryan, playing with a full band. Hot Buttered Rum does their "happy, sing-along mix of hoedown, high art and roadhouse rock" next, and the show is closed by San Francisco's Dusty Green Bones, "Psychedelic/Jam-Grass/Rock" and "Native Americana Slamgrass." "All the bands are excited to be a part of this benefit for the crucial work of the Grange Farm School," concert promoter Da Grand Pooba of Cosmic Pickle Productions says. Food by Zocalo Catering and beer and wine will be available for purchase, as well as a silent auction. Doors open 6 pm; music starts 6:30 pm. Advance tickets: \$15 (at J.D. Redhouse); at the door: \$20, under 12 (kids are welcome) \$5. Sound by Ancestor Radio Productions. Sponsored by Grocery Outlet, Zocalo Catering, Lagunitas Brewing, J.D. Redhouse, Frey Vineyards and KZYX radio.

Adkins & Loudermilk Bluegrass Concert: the powerhouse vocal/songwriting duo of Dave Adkins and Edgar Loudermilk, two of the most admired players in bluegrass, is coming to Willits for the first stop of their West Coast tour – accompanied by a six-piece band. The first single, "Backside of Losing," from their highly anticipated, self-titled new album from Mountain Fever Records has just been released. Last year's release, "Nothing to Lose," included numerous singles that dominated the bluegrass radio charts. The Willits show, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, is a benefit for the Willits Rotary Club's High School Scholarship Program. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Concert promoter Bruce Burton says he'll be playing a set of songs from his own 2014 bluegrass CD, "Let's Take the Long Way Home," accompanied by Bear Kamoroff and Jon Mather, to open the show. "Edgar said he'll sit in for our set, and maybe some other band members, and I'm hoping I can talk my son, Ernie, to sit in, too," Burton said. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance by calling Burton or Linda Buletti at 459-0436; some tickets may be sold at the door the night of the event; Table for six people (with wine) for \$200 may still be available.

Shanachie Pub: Charlie Crockett & Friends. 10 pm. Visit www.charleycrockett.com/music. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, February 28

Mandatory Little League Tryouts: today and Sunday, March 1 at the Little League Fields, East Commercial Street. Your player 8 years old and up needs to make it to one of the tryout times; 10-year-olds can try out for Majors or Minors: Saturday schedule: 8:30 to 11:30 am, Minors; 12:30 to 3:30 pm; Majors. Sunday schedule: 8:30 to 11:30 am, Majors; 12:30 to 3:30 pm, Minors. Info: Melissa Coughlin, 354-2226.

Celtic Trio: Concert of authentic Irish and Scottish tunes by award-winning Irish flute player and singer Hanz Araki, singer and bodhrán player Colleen Raney, and guitarist Stuart Mason at the Willits Community Theatre. 8 pm. Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at www.brownpapertickets.com;



Adkins & Loudermilk

Cupcake Wars

The 2nd annual "Cupcake Wars" benefit event for the Willits High School Boosters Club and Cooking Club is set for Saturday, March 14, from 3 to 5 pm (may be extended to 6 pm), at the Willits Community Center. Entry fee for competitors is \$20; pick up a form at Ace Copy or Imagination Station, or call or text

354-2312. Participants decorate a table and provide at least 24 cupcakes. Categories for prizes include: "Best Decorated Cupcakes," "Best Tasting Cupcakes," "Best Decorated Table" and "People's Choice." Prizes of \$50 each except "People's Choice," which is \$100. Cupcakes are \$2 each, \$10 per half-dozen, and \$20 a dozen. Tickets to buy cupcakes are purchased at the door; \$1 entry fee just to come in and look; \$11 buys a "People's Choice" voting ticket.

What's Happening at the Senior Center

All events are held at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 459-6826.

Sunday Bingo - Sunday, March 1
Snack bar opens at 11 am, games begin at 11:30 am, bingo buy in \$10

8th Annual Chili Cook-Off - Friday March 6
5:30 to 7 pm; Adults \$8, Members \$7, Kids \$5
Tables still available: \$25 entry fee

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 8, 8 to 11 am
Pancakes, eggs, and your choice of sausage, ham, or bacon
Adults \$7, Members \$6, Kids \$5

Ice Cream Social - Monday, March 9, 1:30 to 2:30 pm
This month's entertainment is "Train Singer" Greg Schindel. Pie, ice cream, coffee & prizes
Members \$1; non-members \$1.50

St. Patrick's Day Lunch - Tuesday, March 17, 11:45 am to 1 pm
Delicious corned beef & cabbage, red potatoes, carrot salad, roll, soup & beverage & dessert
Seniors \$5.50; non-seniors \$7; kids \$3.50

A Fundraiser for THE TREE OF LIFE montessori charter school. A COSMIC PICKLE PRODUCTION. THE CALIFORNIA HONEYDROPS. TUESDAY MARCH 3. LITTLE LAKE GRANGE 291 SCHOOL STREET WILLITS, CALIFORNIA. ADVANCE TICKETS \$15 AT DOOR TICKETS \$20. TICKETS AVAILABLE UKIAH CO-OP TREE OF LIFE SCHOOL - UKIAH JD REDHOUSE - WILLITS ONLINE AT EVENTBRITE.COM children under 12 free DOORS 6:30 PM MUSIC 7:00 PM. Sound by Ancestor Radio Productions. Sponsors: GROCERY OUTLET, J.D. REDHOUSE & COMPANY, THE VINEYARDS.

What's Happening Around Town
Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$18 until sold out.

Shanachie Pub: House of Love Night with DJ Podge. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, March 1

Mandatory Little League Tryouts: today and Saturday, February 28 at the Little League Fields, East Commercial Street. See Saturday, February 28 listing for details.

Monday, March 2

City of Willits Community Workshop: To start its budget goal-setting process, the Willits City Council invites the public to a workshop, on Monday, March 2, starting at 4 pm at the City Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street. "The council invites members of our community to provide input about what they believe are the most important, highest priority things for the city to accomplish over the next two years.... The comments and suggestions received at this workshop will be considered as the council sets the city's future spending priorities, and all community members are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts with each other and the council." The next step is a special Willits City Council goal-setting workshop set for Saturday, March 28, starting at 9 am at the Willits Center for the Arts. For more information about the community forum and the City's budget process, please contact Susie Homes, finance director, at 459-4601 or sholmes@willitscity.com.

Mondays at Wowser: Tonight, Michael Hackleman gives a free presentation on "Electric Vehicles, History and Future" at 6 pm. Wowser is located at 330 East Commercial Street. See article elsewhere in Willits Weekly for details. For more info, call 459-9697 or visit www.Wowser.org.

Tuesday, March 3

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Paddington" and "Whiplash." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Avenues to Wellness: "Fresh, Fast & Frugal": This month's Avenues to Wellness event features Annie Waters, BS, Food Science & Nutrition speaking on "Stretching a Chicken." Baking, roasting chicken in conventional crock pot or solar oven; • Shopping for meat & chicken; • How to use a chicken for many meals, from roast to soup; • Recipes for multiple meals; • The nutrient value of chicken broth. "We will enjoy some chicken salad, begin simmering a stock, and learn more about crock pot cooking and why it is a miracle in the kitchen." 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits. Free; donations appreciated. Refreshments served. Info: call 459-2777 or visit www.avenuestowellness.org.

The California Honeydrops: Live concert/benefit dance party for The Tree of Life Montessori Charter School. The Honeydrops draw on musical influences from Bay Area R&B, funk, Southern soul, Delta blues, and New Orleans second-line, bringing "vibrant energy and infectious dance-party vibes to their live shows." Doors open 6:30 pm; Music starts at 7 pm. Tickets \$15 in advance;



California Honeydrops



2014 Cupcake War judges Chad Gillis, Morgan Riley, Holly Madrigal and James Wells pose with ladies in blue Kristy Wisdom and Jennifer Barrett of WHS, who co-advise the Cooking Club.

Irish quintet Goitse plays WCT
Thursday, March 5

The contagiously energetic Irish quintet Goitse will perform at the Willits Community Theatre on Thursday, March 5 at 7 pm. Forged in the creative crucible of Limerick University's Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, Goitse (pronounced "gwitcha") has won critical acclaim as one of the most sought-after bands amongst connoisseurs of Irish traditional music. The band recently released its second album, "Transformed." Goitse was recently awarded "Trad Group of the Year 2015" from Live Ireland!

Their distinctive sound lies in the quality of their own compositions interspersed with traditional tunes from Ireland and abroad, which makes each performance entertaining and unique. Laying the foundations for the music are World and All-Ireland bodhrán champion Colm Phelan, and Conal O'Kane, who is fast making a name for himself as one of the finest guitarists of his generation. The gripping rhythm section sets a breathtaking pace for the music while the sweet, charismatic voice of Aine McGeeney draws audiences into the music.

McGeeney's energetic style of fiddle playing is complemented hugely by multi-award-winning banjo and mandolin virtuoso James Harvey. His ability to transcend genres, combined with his unparalleled technical ability, is a joy to behold. Bridging the gap between melody and accompaniment is the piano and piano accordionist, Tadhg O'Meachair. This award-winning Dublin native is renowned for his unique approach to bass work and accompaniment. Get set for a performance of wonderful music and fast-paced fun with Goitse. Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at www.brownpapertickets.com; and by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

– Steve Hellman, for Willits Community Theatre

\$20 at the door. Advance tickets available at J.D. Redhouse and online at eventbrite.com. Children under 12 free. A Cosmic Pickle Production. Sound by Ancestor Radio Productions.



Actress Susan Stein playing Etty Hillesum

Wednesday, March 4

"Etty": A one-woman play: St. Francis in the Redwoods Church, Commercial and Main, hosts this one-night-only performance of "Etty," a one-woman play adapted from the diaries of Etty Hillesum, a 27-year-old Jewish diarist living in Amsterdam during World War II, who ultimately lost her life at Auschwitz. Written and performed by Susan Stein. 7 pm. \$10 donation; \$5 for students. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

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Goitse

Friday, March 6

Free Classes for Girls: The Mentoring Network, under the umbrella of the Youth Grange, is offering free after-school classes on Friday afternoons, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, for girls in Willits area schools, grades 6 through 10. Classes will be on herbs one week, yoga another week, then cooking and life skills. Room 4 of the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Questions: call Michelle at 972-1601. No pre-registration is necessary.

WEF 5th annual Drive Through Tri Tip Dinner: The Willits Educational Foundation's annual benefit dinner, from 4 to 6 pm at the Rodeo Grounds. Dinner for four people – \$60 – includes: whole tri tip, Goss Family Beans (cooked all day in a "wonderful old pot borrowed from Eddie Schmidbauer and filled to the brim with 80 pounds of dried beans," a loaf of Emandal bread (a local favorite), Caesar salad with homemade dressing, homemade cookies, and a long-stemmed rose. "All proceeds go to benefit teachers, programs and students in the Willits Unified School District. In 2014, the Willits Educational Foundation gave the following grants: Baechtel Grove Middle School: \$1,200 for Science School and digital timers; Blosser Lane Elementary School: \$1,000 for after-school art program; Brookside Elementary School: \$905 for art and book making projects and Young Author Fair books; Sanhedrin School: \$240 for Poetry Workshop; and Willits High School: \$2,060 for document camera, video camera, PE equipment, and CBR motion detectors. WEF tries to fulfill requests from teachers throughout the year. In the previous four years, WEF has raised a total of \$23,263.18 to help district schools and teachers." For info or to purchase tickets, call Annette Pinon at 459-6588 or Warren Lewis at 459-4429.

Senior Center Chili Cookoff: The heat will turned on "high"

for the Harrah Senior Center's 8th annual Chili Cookoff contest, set for Friday, March 6 from 5:30 to 7 pm at the center, 1501 Baechtel Road. With one of the prizes being "The Most Crooked Team" (bribes accepted, to benefit the Senior Center's Outreach Program) and a team of judges like Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez, Little Lake Fire Chief Carl Magann, and Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse in charge of awarding that prize, MC Sheriff Tom Woodhouse will likely be overseeing some hot and heavy action. Tasting tickets are \$8, \$5 for children, and \$7 for Senior Center members. The first place prize for "Most Popular Chili" will awarded by a vote of the people, with other prizes like Best Chili, Hottest Chili and Best Booth/Best Dressed Team awarded by the judges. Chili will be accompanied by fresh-baked corn bread; ice cream floats for \$2 will also be available. Last year's winners for "Best Chili" (Jack Isborn), "Most Popular Chili (Yokum's Body Shop)," "Hottest Chili" (The Hillbillies), and "Best Booth/Best Dressed Team" (the Beangos) will all be participating this year to defend their titles. Team entries are still being accepted (\$25 entry fee); call 459-6826 for info, or fill out the entry form on page 11 of this week's Willits Weekly.

Stations of the Cross: St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church; 6 pm. See Friday, February 27 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Pick & Pull, NorCal infused old time acoustic dance music. 9 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, March 7

NorCal Inventors Club Meeting: 1 pm at Wowser, 330 East Commercial Street. "This free event is intended for anyone who's an inventor (or wants to become one). This is an opportunity to share ideas and resources, and to build a network of people to tap into for support." Info: call 459-9697 or visit www.Wowser.org.

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Willits Library will be hosting a drop-in knitting circle on the first Saturday of every month, starting March 7, from 3 to 4:30 pm. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects – we'll supply the coffee!" Signup at the Willits Library if you would like a reminder before each knitting circle, but signing up is not necessary: Everyone is welcome to drop in.

"Complementary Artists": March show at the Willits Center for the Arts features mixed-media art work by students of the Art Marketing class taught by Alyssum Wier last semester at the Mendocino College in Ukiah. "We are a group of unique individuals whose work complements each other like colors." Opening Reception set for Saturday, March 7 at 7 pm at the center, 71 East Commercial Street. Show runs through March; gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 3 pm. Info: exhibit coordinator Gabee Permenter, bahiagri@yahoo.com or 707-841-7261.

Herbicide Forum, March 8

As part of its plans for required mitigation of the Willits bypass project, Caltrans is proposing to use herbicides on wetlands, creeks and grasslands in the Little Lake Valley. Find out concerns and alternatives to this plan at a forum on Sunday, March 8 from 4 to 6 pm, at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street (at Pine Street).

Speakers at the forum will address the following topics:

- "Poisoning Water, Land and People"
- "Threats to Wetlands, Ranching and Organic Farming"
- "The Truth About Roundup, Migration of Herbicides"

- "Contamination of Basket Weavers, Toxic Exposure of Workers"

- "Open discussion on Alternatives, New Directions, Coalition Building"

The forum will also touch on other herbicide issues in Mendocino County, including "hack & squirt" on forest lands. A coalition of groups is organizing county-wide to prevent these uses of poison in our environment.

This forum is sponsored by Save Our Little Lake Valley (SOLLV) and co-sponsored by the Little Lake Grange. For more information, contact Ellen at 485-5867.

Harrah Senior Center Lunch Menu

Week of March 2 through 6

Monday: Creamed Chicken Casserole
Tuesday: Tuna Salad Sandwich w/Jo Jo Fries

Wednesday: Pork Loin

Thursday: Chicken Tacos

Friday: Baked Cod

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55 \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Mendocino County Museum Road Show: the 2015 Mendocino County Museum Road Show opens in Willits tonight, at Willits High School, 7 pm, for one night only, before traveling to shows in Point Arena, Ukiah, Philo and Fort Bragg. Now in its second year, the show features enactments of oral history stories by noted local actors and is accompanied by music both original and traditional by Americana trio, All About Sally. Tickets (advance purchase is recommended) are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65+, and \$10 for youth 20 and under. Order tickets online at www.MendocinoMuseum.org, by calling 459-2736, or by visiting the museum, 400 East Commercial Street, during open hours, 10 am to 4:30 pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

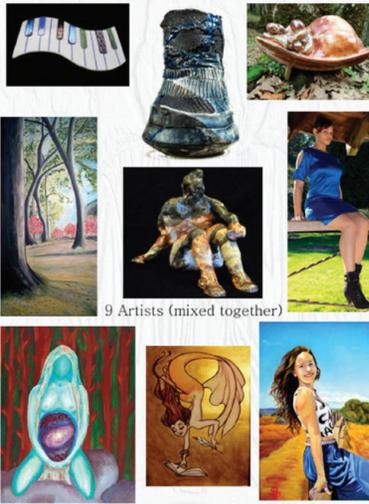


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Willits Center for the Arts Complementary Artists

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COLUMN | At the Movies



'Selma'

Daniel Essman
Columnist

The Story: 1964. Lyndon Johnson is President. Reverend Martin Luther King is organizing demonstrations to pressure Johnson to enact legislation guaranteeing the right to vote for black-skinned Americans. In Selma, Alabama, the forces of racism, while privilege and tuggish police power have combined to prevent Reverend King from leading a civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama's capitol.

There, in Selma, on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, a raging police squadron clubs, tear gasses and bullwhips hundreds of non-violent freedom marchers. Later, some of the marchers are beaten to death.

My Thoughts: I've seen most of the films in the Best Picture Oscar Category. Of that fine group, "Selma" moved me the most. "Selma" is captivating, it is suspenseful. The hate and violence are difficult to watch, to stomach, but still, the film is completely engrossing.

Significantly, the movie emphasizes the religious faith that strengthens Reverend King and so many of the people, white and black, who joined together in the struggle for equal rights.

Parents: It is a factual American story of religious conviction and moral courage. Those children who can handle the violence (with parental support), will be educated and strengthened by viewing "Selma."

Willisian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.



Above: Michael Hackleman in the "Silver Hawk" chassis he is turning into an electric vehicle. The steel chassis was built by Ron of Mendocino Tool and Machine and welded by Keith of K-Arrow Welding.

Photo by Jennifer Poole

The Past and Future of Electric Vehicles

I remember the first time I heard about an electric vehicle (EV) 45 years ago, I thought: what a silly idea. It was 1970, and I hated the notion that nuclear power plants would expand to supply electricity to a nation driving EVs.

I changed my mind in 1973 when I learned that, back in 1900, half of the 100,000 vehicles on the road were electric (the other half were steam-powered). Further research revealed the efficiency, simplicity, and low cost of electric propulsion.

My first book on EVs, "Electric Vehicles: Design and Build Your Own," came out in 1974. It was followed in 1996 by "The New Electric Vehicles: A Clean and Quiet Revolution."

Today, the EV is coming back. With PV (solar-electric panels) costing less than \$1 per watt, it is now possible to "fuel" an EV on your own land. When recharged from

solar power, wind power, and home-scale hydro-electricity, the EV is truly a zero-emission vehicle (ZEV). Even if you plug into the utility grid, California recognizes only EVs as zero-emission, using one-third of the energy source to go the same mile as a gas-fueled car, and producing one-fifth of the air pollution. PG&E even offers special rates for EV owners for overnight charging at home.

You can buy NEVs (neighborhood electric vehicles), electric-assist bicycles, electric motorcycles, electric scooters, conversions (gas to electric), electric cars (i.e., Leaf and Tesla), and gas-electric hybrids (i.e., the Prius). The major auto manufacturers are tooling up to build, sell, and support EVs. Many folks choose to build their own EVs.

Is there an EV in your future? I'm giving a free slide and video workshop at Wowser, 330 East Commercial Street, on Monday, March 2 at 6 pm. A variety of EVs will be on hand to look over. All ages welcome. Questions? Call Wowser at 459-9697.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home Sweet Tulip

Our sweet Tulip is a young 2-year-old spayed female Australian Cattle dog mix. She currently weighs 42 pounds. She was brought to us as a dog that lost her way, but we know she once had a family as she was wearing a collar and has obviously been socialized.

Tulip is a favorite of the shelter staff and volunteers because of her attentive playful personality. She loves people as well as other dogs, and we think she would love a home with another friendly, playful dog. Tulip would also make a great exercise buddy since she is energetic but also smart and well-behaved.

We promise you endless smiles if you welcome this girl into your life! Tulip would love to meet you and introduce herself with a handshake.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. We have many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.



Photo by Rod Coats



Photos by Maureen Moore

A fun time for kids of all ages can be found at the Willits Skate Park, located on East Commercial Street in Willits. The park was in full use during last week's President's Week break from school.

Several skaters were out enjoying the sunshine on Tuesday, February 17, including youngsters just getting a feel for their wheels, and others showing off their more practiced skills.

Zane, pictured in the bright teal above, just moved to Willits and has been skating for more than 20 years. "This is one of the best parks in California!" he noted.

Zane also spent time helping mentor some of the youngsters at the park, including his brother's kids.

"I get to be 'Uncle Zane' and get them out of the house, doing some fun exercise and helping to teach them to skate. It's a great way to spend the break!"

All about that SKATE



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Business Classes
 "Taking Your Business On-Line": 10 am to Noon Wednesdays. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Rd. Willits. 10 two-hour classes, \$20 each. Call for details: 459-6826.

Roommate Needed in Covelo
 Professional, Christian female seeks mature roommate to share a 3-bedroom house in Covelo. \$600 a month, including utilities. Have washer/dryer. Call Angella at (310) 488-2619.

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

Community HU Song
 In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, February 26, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E Commercial Street. HU (pronounced hue) is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit miraclesinyourlife.org.

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Volunteers Wanted
 The Willits Senior Center has many areas where your expertise and talents are needed. Front Desk, Thrift Store, Dining Room, Sunday Bingo, Sunday Breakfast, Special Dinners, Landscaping, Garden, Firewood. Come join our Team. Call Mariya at 707-459-6826.

Volunteers Wanted
 Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

Volunteers Wanted
 Suzanne Wagner is a professional psychic who teaches the intuitive arts throughout the United States. She is the author of "Integral Tarot" and "Integral Numerology," which can be found on Amazon.com. To learn more, visit www.suzwagner.com or call Suzanne at 707-354-1019.

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2015 Willits Science Fair Special Award Winners

J.D. Redhouse recognized excellence and creativity in science with free ice cream. Winners of this award were:

- Madilyn Donoghue and Grace Croskey, Blosser Lane, Grade 4, If You Give a Goat Some Hay
- Aiden Siebe, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 4, Dancing Plants
- Emma Scofield, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 4, Hungry Birds
- Paris Hansburger, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, What's Up Down There?
- Lilly Barrett, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Sketchers vs. Nike
- Darius Moog, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 3, Scarlett the Amazing Runner Bean
- Penelope Mairand, Sherwood School, Grade 4, Making Biogas
- Daisy Barrett, Baechtel Grove, Grade 8, Get the Reek Out
- Jeanell Aldrich, Willits Charter School, Grade 7, Paw Dominance
- Emily Bartow, Baechtel Grove, Grade 8, Floral Living Conditions
- Nakolo Anderson, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Forest Soils
- Stephany Brundage, Willits Charter School, Grade 9, Logging Recovery Near Mendocino County
- Haley Frahm, Willits High School, Grade 9, A Real Life of an American Cheerleader

The Flower Lady recognized an outstanding project related to flowers with a gift certificate. The winner of this award was:

- Shelby Perez Bowen, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 4, Skins in the Ocean
- Loni Smith, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Unique
- Courtney Potter, Sherwood School, Grade 5, Growing to the Beat
- Deegan North, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 3, Bananas
- Jack Buckingham, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 4, Blowing it up
- Aidyn JaShe McFadden, Willits Elementary Charter, Grade 3, Plant Needs
- Maya Waters, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 3, Fruit Fumes
- Leilani Welch, Willits Elementary Charter School, Grade 4, Volcanoes

California Forestry and Vegetation Management, Inc. recognized outstanding tree-related projects with a cash prize. The winners of this award were:

- Nakolo Anderson, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Forest Soils
- Stephany Brundage, Willits Charter School, Grade 9, Logging Recovery Near Mendocino County
- Haley Frahm, Willits High School, Grade 9, A Real Life of an American Cheerleader

Curves recognized an outstanding project relating to physical fitness with a gift membership and merchandise. The winner of this award was:

- Haley Frahm, Willits High School, Grade 9, A Real Life of an American Cheerleader

TD Hanna Consulting recognized science projects that exhibited good application of the scientific method. The award was a gift card. Winners of these awards were:

- Tyler Wilson, Willits Elementary Charter, Grade 5, T.P. Toughness
- Savanna Hincker Tye, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Are Childproof Caps Really Childproof?
- Jessica Cronin, Willits Charter School, Grade 9, Variation in Heart Rate Pre and Post exercise: Human vs Equine
- Chloe Breen and Jade Doyle, Willits Charter School, Grade 9, Biofermentation
- Jada Smith, Baechtel Grove Middle School, Grade 6, Biodiesel: Heat Of Combustion
- Olivia Kubin, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Don't Be Fresh To Me
- Farrow Lockwood, Willits Elementary Charter, Grade 4, Future Fuel
- Sara Hanna Consulting presented a certificate and a cash award to outstanding projects in Environmental Science or Natural Resources. Winners of this award were:
- Nakolo Anderson, Blosser Lane Elementary, Grade 5, Forest Soil
- Ms. Felton's 2nd Grade, Willits Elementary Charter, Wonderful Wetlands-Water Filtration

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Emandal Chorale travels to Ashland

Willits' own Emandal Chorale, performing in Ashland, Oregon, brought the entire audience of 500 to their feet with a rendition of "Mangalam," by Ravi Shankar, arranged by the chorale's director, Don Willits.

Tamara Adams
Contributing Writer

"Mangalam" is a prayer in Sanskrit, and (translated) the chant reads: "May there be tranquility on earth, on water, in fire, in the wind, in the sky, in the sun, on the moon, on our planet, in all living beings, in the body, in the mind, in the spirit. May that tranquility be everywhere, and in everyone." The piece was accompanied by an extremely talented young woman graduate student from Southern Oregon University, Jordan Curcuruto, on tabla, with Linda Posner on shruti box and Diane Smalley leading the chant.

The Ashland performance was part of a "Choral Kaleidoscope" on Sunday, February 15, featuring the Portland Peace Choir, the Eugene Peace Choir, In Accord Choir from Eugene, and the Rogue Valley Peace Choir from Ashland.

This was the fourth time in 12 years that Emandal Chorale has traveled to Ashland to participate in singing workshops and group performances with other community/peace choirs. Forty-two members of the burgeoning choir, with nearly 60 members now, made the trek north.

"What an opportunity to see other choirs, very similar, yet with distinct differences, allowing us to enhance our own presentations," said one happy participant.

Emandal Chorale performed five pieces in all: "I Love



Above: Emandal Chorale performs at the Southern Oregon University Recital Hall as part of a "Choral Kaleidoscope" concert with four other choirs.

Photo by Anita Elliott

Everybody," an African-American freedom song, "Gente Arms of Eden," by Dave Carter, "Henay Mah Tov" ("Dwell in Peace"), by Richard Dworsky, "Mangalam," by Ravi Shankar, and "Put a Little Love in Your Heart," by Jackie DeShannon.

On Saturday afternoon, most of the choir participated in a workshop with Val Rogers, an esteemed teacher of South African song and movement. The singers learned two new songs: in the Zulu language, "Asimbonanga," "We Have not Seen Him (Mandela)," and in the Xhosa language, "Ithemba Lami," "My Faith." These songs were performed on stage at the beginning of the second half of Sunday's concert. Workshop participants filled the risers and more; their combined voices (nearly 200) needed no sound boosting to astound the audience.

The concert, sponsored by the United Nations Club of the University of Southern Oregon, provided an opportunity

for sharing a love of singing with other choirs, with a theme of peace.

At the Saturday evening dinner, hosted by Rogue Valley Peace Choir, there was group singing, along with a few well-placed presentations by various people from each choir. There was good food, camaraderie, and a chance to meet on common ground.

Later this year, on Saturday, May 16, Emandal Chorale will be celebrating its 20th anniversary with a performance in Willits, including all the songs from the Ashland concert, plus many more. Guest artists will include Spencer Brewer and Val Rogers.

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fund existing recreation facilities, how to fix roads, sidewalks and alleys, and how to highlight and improve the creeks going through Willits.

Many people mentioned youth issues: jobs for youth, juvenile homelessness, and a study that showed nearly 11 percent of Willits kids had reported thinking seriously about suicide. Four young members of Willits Youth Advocates, with their leader, Tina Tyler O'Shea, gamely sat through the two-hour meeting, and were welcomed by the mostly older crowd.

Introductions from the three presenters were interesting, with some historical and personal perspective.

Supervisor Woodhouse focused on his concern about vocational education and the underutilized wood shop and metal shop recently built with bond money at Willits High School, and the need to "reinvest in the kids." Manager Rose talked about how a city manager's job was "to facilitate other people's conversation, to bring ideas from other places in, but to facilitate your conversation about what you think the community should be.... And to work with government officials and others in the community to bring that vision to life." Rose passed out handouts with questions and exercises to help think about what makes community in Willits.

Mayor Burton talked about how "taxing people just so you can maintain and improve programs" has "a limited curb appeal." He talked about the advantages of the Willits watershed, not only for the advantage of the city owning its own water source, but also for recreation and as a resource to help fund government services. "We've done some timber harvesting on the watershed several times, which helped fund capital improvements to the water system, we've done some gravel extraction up there, in the quarry. Those sorts of activities are key to helping offset the effects of just trying to raise the costs to the community when you need an improvement."

Burton also talked about how the relinquishment of Main Street by Caltrans is going to be a significant change to the community. "I'm real excited about it, I think it's one of the best things that have happened in our lifetimes here, to get our community back. We've really had a dividing line in our town: Main Street. We all identify town by west or east of 101."

John Almida emphasized the importance of a Railroad Avenue / Baechtel Road connection to relieve local traffic congestion: "If you want to cure the plug," he said, "that's where you need to work.... If the City of Willits would promote this properly, instead of being No. 20 on MCOG's list, it would be No. 5 and it would be getting close to being funded already. This corridor is only 2,600 feet long, could be built without tearing down any houses, has one property owner that would trade property for another piece of property that Willits has.... Phil Dow himself said, when Highway 101 is complete, you will still have that plug there: they know it, they know that plug is still going to be there."

Almida also cautioned about redoing Main Street with "bulb-outs" and center islands until another corridor for trucks and other traffic was provided through town.

"Our biggest challenge is revenue, economic development in the city of Willits," said city Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman. "My concern specifically is with pressure to grow on the interchanges outside the city. We have property in the city that could pretty much eliminate that pressure by developing that property in the city, but we need the infrastructure. We do have plans to extend the water main from Commercial

north to the end of the city limits. I think we need to do that really soon."

Woodhouse chimed in that the issue of development around bypass exits outside Willits city limits is "very serious." "Right now, all the county supervisors see our budget as a flatline budget. We don't have an increasing amount of money to work with, and our costs are going up.... We're all primed, like we weren't 10 years ago, to vote yes for growth and tax-based revenue. We will approve things that we wouldn't have approved 10 years ago.

"Even if I voted against something outside [city limits], say at that Apache Mill site north of Willits, it's zoned industrial and I've heard just whisperings of a truck stop or gas station/ fast food place there," Woodhouse continued. "It would be approved by the supervisors over the howling of Willits, because we have to have some jobs and some growth around here." Woodhouse suggested getting "ahead of the problem": "I'm sick of hearing things when it's too late to do anything about it. So I'm begging people to look into this. I'm worried about it, and we all should be, I think, not out of fear, but out of intelligence."

A number of people discussed the possibilities and difficulties of forming a recreation district that would support facilities like the city pool and the ball fields that are currently funded by the City of Willits alone, but used by the wider 95490 population. Forming a recreation district that would help fund facilities via a line on property tax bills would require 2/3s approval by the voters in the district. Willits City Councilmember Holly Madrigal cautioned that, as much as she'd like to see more recreational opportunities, more trails and "more access to what's beautiful around here," the question is: "What are the priorities?" Madrigal would not want a campaign for a recreation district to compete with another effort to fund a new firehouse for Willits. "The fact is there are a number of people in our community who feel like they are being nickled and dimed, with taxes. As much as we want recreation, we have to make sure we have a really strong case for it.... When it comes to our priorities, safety is also important."

One issue that came up that did divide the audience was the issue of marijuana tourism: "I don't see how we can talk about the future of Willits without talking about marijuana tourism," said Randi Covin. "I know it's a controversial subject: it just seems absolutely insane to me for us to let this opportunity go by.... There are going to be marijuana resorts somewhere in Northern California. Why not make it here? Why not let Willits be 'Little Amsterdam?'" Former Willits High School and Blosser Lane principal Chuck Davison and Mayor Burton were two of those who spoke in opposition to promoting marijuana: "I could not be more opposed to the idea of making Willits or Mendocino County some kind of marijuana bed and breakfast destination point," Burton said. "Personally I do see a connection with the struggles that our young people have in this community and that culture. And I think promoting that culture in our community is just a huge mistake. And as long as you elect me to the Willits City Council, don't expect me to support that kind of endeavor in our community."

City Manager Adrienne Moore summed up much of the tenor of the meeting with this comment near the end of the meeting: "I've listened to all the comments tonight about what everybody wants to see, and I can assure you that everyone in the city wants to see the same things. So, we really are on the same page, as far as that goes, but it comes down to money at the end of the day."

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The workshop will be followed by a special council goal-setting workshop at 9 am on Saturday, March 28, in the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. At that workshop, the council will set major goals for the next two years.

"It is vital for the community to be engaged in the budget and goal-setting process so that council and city staff can align the needs and interests of the community with the resources we have available," said City Manager Adrienne Moore.

"Equally important," she noted, "is [that] the community ... have an in-depth understanding of how our funding mechanisms work, including their restrictions and limitations. Working together, we hope to come up with realistic priorities to address the many challenges now and into the future."

For more information about the community forum and the city's budget process, please contact Finance Director Susie Homes at 459-4601 or sholmes@willitscity.com.

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night to minimize the impact to businesses, a press release issued by the City of Willits notes. Motorists are urged to use caution in when driving in areas being flushed because roads will be wet and city work crews "will often be in the roadway."

Water customers may experience a drop in pressure along with discoloration of their water for short periods in the areas being flushed. "Although the water may be brownish, it is safe to drink, but care should be taken in washing clothes, particularly whites, as they may be stained," the press release reads.

The city urges water customers to check their water for discoloration before washing clothes.

For more information about where flushing will occur, customers may call City Hall at 459-7104.

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amount of work completed.

Caltrans "pays out money to the contractor once a month, and these reports probably hit between payouts," he said.

The current 60 percent mark is up from Caltrans' October report, which stated contractors had forged ahead to complete almost half of the project.

At the site of the January 20 viaduct falsework collapse, the Caltrans report laid out a timeline for future work. Four columns, or bents as an engineer would call them, damaged in the collapse will be reconstructed this month, if weather remains favorable.

Work on falsework damaged in the collapse is expected to begin in March, and work in all frames should continue, weather permitting.

At frames one through six, superstructure work continues. Work on frames two, three, four and five has been completed, except for concrete barriers, hinge concrete, and deck grooving. Hinges will be completed

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to look at the environmental impacts of the company's desired operations.

Mead and Hunt noted in its report that helicopters have the right to use the Willits airport.

A paragraph in the study explains that position and argues "no environmental review is required to introduce regular helicopter operations at the airport."

The study goes on to state "helicopter operators have a right to use the airport; no approvals are required. In this way, airports are like roads; no approval is required for individuals to use either type of transportation facility."

What exactly REACH's home on .34 acres would look like is described in the reports.

REACH's plans for the air ambulance base include a 1,850-square-foot modular building, four parking spaces, a spot to park the helicopter, and parking for a 5,000-gallon fuel truck.

To airport visitors, REACH's base camp would be positioned on the other side of buildings located to the right of the airport entrance.

The study noted most patient services will occur away from the airport: "One common off-airport location is the designated helicopter landing site adjacent to Little Lake Fire Protection District Substation No. 541 on Baechtel Road."

But some patients may be loaded onto the helicopter at the airport about once or twice a month, the report stated.

And a helicopter pad at the new Howard Memorial Hospital is another location that will be used, too.

The initial study makes a checklist of 18 items – with topics like aesthetics, land use and planning, and noise – evaluated with a checklist system.

The report evaluates each of the 18 items on a four-level scale ranging from "potentially significant impacts" to "no impact."

The city owns and operates the Willits Municipal Airport, also known as "Elis Field," on the northeast edge of Brooktrails Township.

The ridgetop airport once served Brooktrails developers as a place to fly in prospective property buyers.

REACH first announced it would move to Willits last July 30.

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property tax assessment for fire protection by about 50 percent for single-family residence and vacant parcels, from \$65 to \$99. The measure also increased the fire tax for duplexes, triplexes and commercial buildings in Brooktrails, but at a lower rate.

According to Brooktrails General Manager Denise Rose, the failure of the November 2014 tax bills to incorporate the changes included in Measure K means the township will forgo initially about \$85,000 of additional funds directed toward its cash-strapped fire department. However, those funds will be made up after the November 2015 tax bills go out.

There is some disagreement over whose error caused Brooktrails to forgo the timely collection of tax revenues from Measure K. When asked why the November 2014 tax bills failed to reflect the passage of Measure K, Rose said it was the fault both of Brooktrails and Mendocino County.

"It was a toss-up between us and them," Rose said. "The clerk's office didn't tell the tax assessor's office the measure had passed, and the tax assessor's office didn't tell the tax collector's office it would have to collect the new tax. The departments over there are very segmented and don't necessarily coordinate very well with other offices."

However, Mendocino County Assessor-

during February and March.

Caltrans expects construction of the superstructure in frames six, seven and eight to begin this spring.

Some northern interchange project components remain on hold until spring. Caltrans says work in Upp Creek will remain suspended until June.

Construction of the embankment from the Mendocino Forest Products borrow site remains suspended until spring due to weather. Frisbie said contractors would likely start to move dirt in April, or May at the latest.

"We do not have a date yet," Frisbie said. "They are going to start as early as they can to get all of the soil moved."

Also on hold until spring is any work on the Quail Meadows Bridge over the railroad and another four bridges at the northern interchange.

Nearby, however, some work has been done on the north end abutment of the viaduct.

Willits would be the second base the company has opened in recent months. REACH announced in December a new base at Mather Airport in Sacramento had made its first flight.

At Mather, REACH operates from an international airport occupied by many other aviation interests.

Biological assessment dusted off

In 2009 Mead and Hunt produced a biological assessment document for the Willits airport.

Along with the initial study, the city has made available a biological study document for the airport.

The report's authors wrote the document was produced in support of a biological opinion from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for repair of a slide at the airport.

The six-year-old biological study identified a failing slope on the north end of the runway that needed to be repaired.

Work related to fixing that spot raised some recommendations for mitigation in the biological document.

The work involves two borrow sites on the east side of the airport that may be used for fill. A certain species of manzanita grows there, and the study recommends mitigation for it.

Another point of potential mitigation is a seasonal wetland of .009 acres at one of the borrow sites.

The study also discussed what needs to happen should any trees be removed when birds could migrate or be nesting in nearby trees.

If you comment on the initial study:

City Hall is open for written comments on the project. An official public comment period closes 5 pm on Friday, March 27. Letters can be mailed to City Clerk, City of Willits, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits CA 95490 or sent by email to cityclerk@willitscity.com.

If you go to the hearing:

A public hearing is scheduled at the Willits Center for the Arts, 12:30 pm, Saturday, March 28.

If you want to inquire:

Documents and studies can be had in-person at City Hall or on the internet at www.thecityofwillits.com.

Clerk-Recorder Sue Ranochak had a different take on where the ball was dropped.

"The election office is required to notify the assessor that the measure had passed," Ranochak said, "and the assessor is required to provide [Brooktrails] information about which parcels would be affected and how. We did that by September. The district is required to notify the auditor-controller. They didn't do that."

When told that Rose was saying part of the blame lay at the county's doorstep, Ranochak said: "I don't know how she would expect the auditor-controller to know what tax assessments to put on which parcels."

County Assistant Auditor-Controller Lucy Simonson was quite emphatic that her office had not goofed. "They didn't tell us," Simonson said. "It's their assessment to administer. They should have contacted us. If they would've told us that the measure passed and these various adjustments would be made to these various parcels, we could have done that very easily, and we could have sent it out with the November tax bills. But after the bills were sent out, it was a little late."

"We thought we could have corrected the problem, but after the bills went out, there were something like 5,000 property owners ... it was just an overwhelming amount of work," Simonson said.



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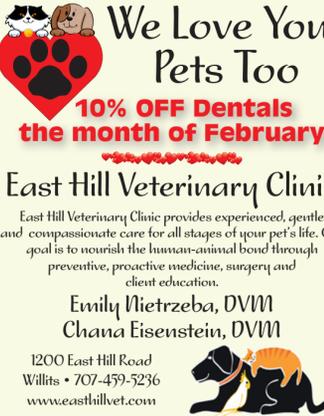
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Above: Linda Geernaert at the Hilltop Honey booth during the 2013 Heirloom Expo in Santa Rosa.

Photo by Ron Peterson

Below: Ron Peterson removes bees from a log that was taken down for the Willits bypass. Some of the logs were stored at Sparetime Supply, and when an employee found the bees inside one of the logs, Hilltop Honey was happy to help and was able to successfully re-home the hive.

Below, right: Ron removes bees from a fallen oak in Sonoma County. Rich Geernaert – Linda's nephew and Abby's dad – is at the controls of the tractor that gave Ron a lift up to the hive.

Photos by Linda Geernaert





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9:00 pm: Hot Seat Drawing for \$100 Cash

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interested in bees around 1998. In October of that year, Linda gifted him beekeeping classes for his birthday, and in January of the next year, he returned the favor, increasing their already flourishing beekeeping project. Chris has also created the Hilltop Honey logo, handles the company's graphic design work, and built the company's website.

Now, Chris' son, Tyme, 13, has gotten the bee bug and is already keeping his own hive. Linda's niece, Abby Geernaert, is also interested in beekeeping, and likes to don her own bee suit and get in close to watch when Linda and Ron go out to rescue bees.

Seeing a bee swarm that has collected on a tree, or a hive that has formed in a hollow tree, can be a startling sight, but it's something these seasoned beekeepers seek out in an effort to save the bees, and keep people and animals safe.

"If you see a hive, or find honeybees in a tree, please call us!" urged Ron "We have had a lot of practice getting bees safely out."

Tools of the bee rescue trade can include cardboard boxes, chainsaws, hive boxes, a bee vacuum, and of course, courage.

"We have to keep the bees alive," Ron

continued. "Please don't try and kill the hive, or do anything to anger the bees. Just call us at 707-272-4612, and we will be happy to come and safely remove them."

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Even if full-scale beekeeping isn't something you want to take on – Willits Municipal Code says a permit is required to keep bees inside city limits – planting bee-friendly plants in your yard or garden can do wonders to help keep the bee population alive and thriving.

Below is a list of bee-approved and ready-to-plant starts that are available in nurseries now: Siberian Wallflower, Purple Cornflower, Lance Leaved Coreopsis, Plain Coreopsis and the Fleabane Daisy. Seed packets, like the "Bee Feed Mix" from Territorial Seed Company at left, are available, too.

As the season progresses, many more bee-approved starts will arrive

on nursery shelves, including summer favorites Forget-Me-Nots, Foxgloves, Geraniums, Poppies, Chives, Ranunculus, Comfrey, Honeysuckle, Thyme, Sweet Peas, Lupin, Salvia, Agapanthus and many more. Contact Sparetime Supply at 459-6791 or Sanhedrin Nursery at 459-9009 to check on selection and availability.



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Don't let pain take over your life. Proper management of chronic pain from conditions like migraine, back pain, joint pain or following an injury can help you get back to an active life. Learn about new advances in treatment of chronic pain, from mental, physical and dietary options to new minimally invasive surgical options.

Living Without Pain

Wednesday, March 4

5:00 p.m. registration

5:30-6:30 p.m. seminar

Willits Community Center

111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA

RSVP to 877.596.0644

Space is limited.

Light refreshments will be served.

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