



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Ashes honored for Arson Awareness Week

To the Editor:

Last night at the Brooktrails Township Board of Directors meeting, Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner and Arson K-9 "Ashes" were recognized for their contributions to arson investigation ahead of National Arson Awareness Week. This year's theme for 2015 Arson Awareness Week is "Accelerant Detection Canines – Sniffing Out Arson."

A proclamation was presented by board Vice President Timothy Ramming recognizing Chief Schoeppner's and Ashes' work in not only the local community, but in Northern California. Arson Awareness Week runs May 3 to 9.

**Jon Noyer, deputy chief, Brooktrails Township Fire Department**



Brooktrails board Vice President Tim Ramming honors Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner and Ashes.

## 'Lively Up!'

To the Editor:

Those of us in the Emandal Chorale who have participated in one of Val Rogers' workshops are thrilled to have her in Willits the day before our concert to present "Lively Up!" This is a dance-song workshop using the fresh, uplifting style of community singing straight from South Africa. She is the former director of the Eugene Peace Choir and has toured South Africa twice, studying with South African choral directors and singing with native choirs in churches, schools, and community halls throughout that country.

Twenty percent of proceeds from all her classes and workshops go to Thembanathi (Hope With Us), a non-profit providing early childhood education and development programs to help communities recover from the legacies of apartheid. Beautiful beaded Zulu jewelry will be for sale at the workshop and at the Emandal concert, to raise even

more funds for South African communities.

This workshop takes place, Friday, May 15, at the Little Lake Grange in Willits. The day after the workshop, participants can perform songs they learned with the Emandal Chorale during their 20th anniversary celebration, A Concert of Peace, on Saturday May 16 at 7 pm, also at the grange. For more information or to register for "Lively Up!," go to [www.valrogers.org](http://www.valrogers.org) where you can view videos from other workshops as well as from South Africa. Pre-workshop tickets are \$20. Tickets at the door are \$25. Hope to sing with you at the workshop and at our concert.

**Earlene Gleisner, member of the Emandal Chorale, Willits**

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"It had some problems, yes, but the Army Corps and other agencies were going to have to work damn hard to come up with a scheme to 'improve the function' of Little Lake Valley."

The language of the resolution named well water, grass-fed cattle, dairy goats, salmon, hay crops and farming prospects of the future as some of what is at risk if contractors spray in the valley.

Willits area residents pleaded during public comment time for the council to support Strong's resolution.

Willits resident Karen Sue Davis feared the council might not support the measure. "I am starting to get the feeling your minds are already made up," Davis said before the vote.

Councilman Larry Stranske said he opposed any spraying in the valley, complaining it took three weeks to obtain

## Praise for SOLLV forum

To the Editor:

This last Saturday I went to my second SOLLV [Save Our Little Lake Valley] forum so far this year. Like the first forum, it was a very professional presentation. The speakers were knowledgeable and used graphics, such as charts and photos, in very sophisticated ways, yet the event itself was permeated with small town friendliness. The speakers were focused and to the point, leaving plenty of time for discussion afterwards.

The first SOLLV forum was on herbicide use and was followed by a 4 to 1 vote from the Willits City Council against the use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the bypass mitigation area. I hope this most recent forum, on reducing the size of the Willits bypass, will also result in such an affirmation from our county officials.

**Rebel Fagin, Brooktrails**

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documents showing him what areas will be sprayed.

"There are a lot of frogs and a lot of other animals in the valley," said Stranske. "I do not want to see them go away."

Mitigation practices and policies for the project have been controversial. As of mid-April, bypass construction is about 67 percent complete, a report from Caltrans stated.

Mayor Bruce Burton voted against the resolution. "The public spoke when they demanded mitigation for the project," Burton said.

For those filling council chambers, hugs and looks of relief followed the vote.

After a break, the council returned to an almost empty room to discuss the affairs of an upcoming budget workshop and other regular business found on the agenda.

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great and people are working toward a nice school. People are learning that there's data to back up what we see. And your job is to get ready for your next huge self-study in two years, in 2018, where you can start looking at new goals and start looking at how you can fold your LCAP [Local Control and Accountability Plan] into your WASC goals, and really take a look at what is coming next, because you have done a great job with the goals you have in your report."

A professional teacher with 29 years' experience in the classroom, Labrie has worked for WASC for the past 20 years. She lives and teaches in Lake County.

The crisis in Willits High School's accreditation status arose a year ago, when Samuel Hill of WASC visited the high school for its mid-term inspection. The school was last accredited in 2011 for a period of six years.

When Hill arrived in April 2014 to perform a routine mid-term evaluation, he found the high school in sub-par condition.

The school had no vice principal, and its counseling team had been reduced by 75 percent. Only one counselor, Daniel Drickman, was on campus to perform the duties of both academic counselor, at which he worked half-time, and school psychologist, at which he worked the other half of his time.

The high school had traditionally employed two full-time academic counselors. Drickman was in his first year in the counseling position.

In discussions that occurred at various school board meetings following the accreditation crisis, some parents claimed crucial elements in the school's student services program were not being provided adequately to Willits High students in the later part of the 2013-2014 school year.

Hill shocked school administration and district staff by recommending the school's accreditation be revoked. WASC officials back in the home office softened his recommendation, upholding Willits High's

accreditation, and agreed to the school's request for a follow-up visit this year.

This was the visit Labrie paid on Tuesday, and her report was the result of both a four-hour visit to the campus, including classroom visits, and of reading Hill's 2014 report and the high school's 2015 report.

Willits High Principal Jeffrey Ritchley made passing the WASC 2015 follow-up visit a high priority for school staff.

Between November 2014 and March 2015, Ritchley and his staff spent untold hours evaluating school policies and programs and writing a report indicating the school was successfully meeting goals articulated in the 2011 study.

Asked what the school is doing right, Labrie said she was impressed with the way the counseling program is currently set up. She also said she liked the amount of technology available on campus, although she said the school could use more.

"The whole thing with the counselor and

the school psychologist and the intervention program is really cool. I like that you can see Common Core everywhere; you can see kids discussing and talking about it. The level of work that kids were doing was great. I liked what they were doing," Labrie said.

Labrie conceded her report is not the final word on the status of Willits High's accreditation. That word will be uttered in three weeks, when WASC officials evaluate Labrie's report and render a final decision.

"The state office will look at [Willits High School Principal] Jeff Ritchley's report and my report and then will decide if what I said looks right and is backed up," Labrie said. "Assuming we get everything out by Friday, you should know three weeks from Friday."

"I know this is supposed to be confidential, but I think it's OK to be open, and so I don't mind telling you my recommendation will be that you don't need another visit and you ought to just move forward to 2018, when you do your next self-study," Labrie said.

Right: The 2015 "Helping Hands" group, from left to right: Carmen and John Page, Rose Abono, Leon Anderson, Bishop Corey McFadden with sons Ty and Marcus, John Walczykowski, Rob Copeland, Tim Shanoff, John McFadden, Keven and Amanda Gravier with baby Marlow, and Sarah and Savannah Lewis.

Below, left: A wild bouquet of purple salisly and vinca given to Carmen Page by her husband, John. Below, right: Marcus McFadden holds up an unbroken "prize."



## 'Helping Hands'

### Mormon ward helps clean up the Skunk Train tracks

It was Mormon Helping Hands Day on Saturday, April 25, a day of community service for Mormons all over the world. Here in Willits, members of the Willits Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints came out to help pick up trash alongside the Skunk Train tracks.

It was a cool and beautiful morning, and the clean-up group got started after the morning westbound train left the depot with a load of happy train enthusiasts.

"I estimated we did about 10 bags of garbage," said Bishop Corey McFadden, about his group of 16 volunteers, including baby Marlow, riding on his daddy's back.

"We made it from the depot parking lot down to the Windsor Mill entrance. There was a lot of small stuff, a lot of broken glass – a lot of stuff we couldn't pick up – but we did what we could."

Most of the trash cleaned up was just off the train tracks, but the crew cleaned up one ugly pile of garbage under the bridge south of the depot. "Don't get mad, just smile and pick it up," one volunteer said philosophically.

McFadden said it was fun to be out there with the kids – and educational. "The railroad gave us a time frame so we were safe, and we could be out on the train tracks in a safe environment, and show the kids some of the railroad stuff, the switches and the trestles," he said, "and also talk about some of the



From left: Rob Copeland and John McFadden find a piece of oil-soaked cloth. Tyler McFadden grabs a piece of metal with his picker-upper. Savannah Lewis thinks about what to do with the cardboard box she found, and Corey McFadden goes after a small piece of trash.

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# Puzzle Page & More

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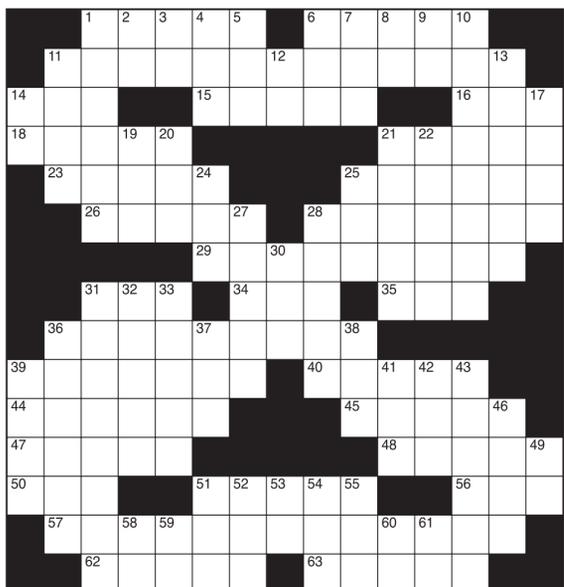
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## Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Mexican President Camacho
- Egyptian statesman Anwar March 17, 2013
- Don't know when yet
- Russian country house
- No longer is
- E.g. club soda or fruit juice
- Hindu holy man
- Viverridae cat
- Long sound diacritical mark
- Yellow-fever mosquitoes
- Dead and rotting flesh
- Those who are present
- Royal Mail Service
- Not in
- Slope stability radar (abbr.)
- Fast ballroom dance
- A writ issued by authority of law
- Lots
- Concrete ingredient
- Counterweights
- Lower in esteem
- Having the head uncovered

### CLUES DOWN

- Inability to coordinate muscular movement
- Biden or Cheney
- Farm state
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Macaws
- Space Center Houston
- Alias
- "Chevy Show" star initials
- A public promotion
- More meretricious
- Invests in little enterprises (abbr.)
- Integrated circuit
- Rednecks
- Atomic #69
- Legume hemp
- Adam's garden partner
- The color of blood
- Orange-red chalcedony
- Units of land area
- Green, sweet or Earl Grey
- Any member of the family Hominidae
- Received thrust (Geology)
- Mexican treasury certificates
- Ancient Egyptian king
- Searches through
- Silent actors
- Biscuitlike tea pastry
- Largest Canadian province
- Chess horseman (abbr.)
- Theater orchestra area
- One who replaces a striker
- The bill in a restaurant
- A major division of geological time
- Imperturbable
- Used esp. of dry vegetation
- Delaware
- A passage with access only at one end
- Brew
- Common degree
- Shape of a sphere
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- City of Angels
- Pound
- Hello
- Wizard of \_\_

# Pie & More Pie

Kindergartners get a tasty lesson from Kemmy's Pies



Dawna Allen's Brookside School Kindergarten class enjoyed a wonderful "field trip" to town Monday, walking down to the Skunk Train Depot complex to visit Kemmy's to make their own pies, then having lunch in the park.

"It's a Common Core thing," teacher Allen said, "to learn about the community. It's really important for the kids to learn about the Willits community, its history, to learn about and value the people, and to be part of the community."

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The schoolkids were welcome visitors to Kemmy's Kitchen, and took their pie lessons from instructor-in-chief Kim Mayfield seriously, intently watching and listening most of the time. Everybody started out with a disc of pie dough, a rolling pin and some flour, and with a little help - ended up with a miniature deep-dish blackberry or apple pie, covered with a pie crumb crust, waiting to go into the oven.

The kids chose which fruit filling they wanted: apple or blackberry. "Anyone who wants apple, raise their hand," Mayfield said, holding a big steel bowl of fresh cut apples, mixed with brown sugar and cinnamon. "If you want to taste, it's OK with me. I'm giving you enough so you can taste one piece if you like and still have enough."

After volunteers helped all the kids roll up the edges of the pie dough in their pie dishes, Mayfield showed them a couple different ways to "pinch" the edges, but encouraged

them to be creative. "Your pinch will be your signature," she said.

Some kids said they'd helped make pies at home before; and some hadn't. But everybody agreed they liked to eat them! Each pie was labeled with the cook's name, to be given back later that day after they were baked.

The ingredients the kids used - the dough and the fruit - were the same used to make Kemmy's Pies every day, Mayfield said. The pie crusts are made with a mixture of rBST-free butter and organic palm oil. Kemmy's Pies makes many varieties of sweet pies and savory pies that can be found in Willits at J.D. Redhouse, online at [www.kemmyspies.com](http://www.kemmyspies.com), or at the Kemmy's Kitchen at the depot, 299 East Commercial Street, from 9 am to 2 pm, during the week. Info: 707-367-5498.

Kemmy's took a big step early in April by starting to distribute their pies in Safeway stores in Mendocino and Sonoma counties, including the Safeway in Willits. "They contacted us," Mayfield said. Before that, Kemmy's Pies had been distributed at mom and pop and specialty stores. A corporate manager for Safeway had eaten a Kemmy's Pie somewhere in the Bay Area and declared: "We're going to carry these pies in our stores!" Kemmy's Pies will first be introduced at Bay Area Safeways along the Peninsula. But all the pies are still hand-made: "We're still hands-only," Mayfield said. "We'll never grow past that."



Clockwise from top: Kim Mayfield of Kemmy's Pies surrounded by Brookside School Kindergartners after pie class. Timothy shows off his pie - and his smile. Legend is intent on getting it "right." Ivan and Malea have pies topped with crumb crust and ready for the oven. Kayla is happy with her pie, too. Kim Mayfield demonstrates how to put folded pie dough into a pan. Sophie is ready to roll.

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Mercury will be in Gemini from May 1 to July 5, giving you a doorway to open pathways of communication that can help you move forward in your life. For some of you those may be in a work area, but for others you may expand and learn communication with the deeper aspects of your self.

Mercury goes retrograde from May 19 to June 12, so it is an excellent time to fix patterns of communication that have caused problems or misperceptions in the past. Sometimes it is all about saying, "I'm sorry" or that you have a new awareness that makes the past communication no longer applicable. Regardless you will want to remain calm and clear in all potential areas that require clear understanding and those around you to feel your heart and the deeper intention of what you want to accomplish.

Everything this month is about changing out of the old and discovering a deeper old that is surfacing in a new and vitally alive way. This is a month of self-empowerment that is experienced through choosing to create

profound and powerful anchors of calm resolve in the midst of the present storms that surround you. It is time to replenish your life force by discovering ways to retreat and cultivate quiet.

Safety is the key to being in a place of inner calm. You may notice that there is a place where you are feeling as if your tank is tilting into the empty level. Sometimes you have to drop into a place of retreat in order to see that you have been burning the candle at both ends and you need to have a much-needed break to recharge your batteries. This month the gifts that you are seeking require you to not push but to permit. Permission comes from loving yourself more than the desire to accomplish an activity or goal.

When you push you can create resistance inside that does not allow for a full and deep interaction with your deepest self. When you are trying to access the higher vibrations, it requires an inner calm.

This month there are places that you must be willing to go into alone. That does

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## Friday, May 1

**Burn Permits Required Starting May 1:** Cal Fire has announced that as of May 1, they will require a burn permit for any outdoor open burning in State Responsibility Areas in Mendocino County, as well as other counties. State Responsibility Areas are generally the unincorporated, rural, grass, brush and timber covered lands. Individuals who conduct open burning must keep the fire size within the issued permit requirements, at all times. All open burning permit requirements include continual monitoring of the fire by an adult, a minimum clearance of at least 10 feet to bare mineral soil around the fire, adequate control resources (tools, water, etc.), and do not burn on a windy day. Failure to maintain control of an open fire will result in the permit being voided and the permit holder charged with the possibility of being responsible for fire suppression cost, civil damages and fines. View Cal Fire's debris burning safety video at [www.fire.ca.gov/fire\\_protection/fire\\_protection\\_burnpermits.php](http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_protection/fire_protection_burnpermits.php).

**"Art Under 20, 2015":** The annual art exhibition for student artists under 20 years old will open on Friday, May 1, from 4 to 7 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts (next door to the Noyo Theater). Featuring artists from Willits High School and Willits Charter School. Plus, special performances by the Willits High School Jazz Band and Concert Band under the direction of Jered Sherrill and a lovely dance performance by Victoria Silva. Runs through Sunday, May 31. Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm. Info: Carolyn Bakewell at 459.7700 extension 1533 (WHS). See article elsewhere in Calendar for more details.

**WCS Spaghetti Drive-Through Dinner:** a benefit for Willits Charter School, with funds going towards the WCS prom and other school activities. Dinner includes: spaghetti and meatballs (made with local beef donated by The Ford Ranch), salad, fresh garlic bread, and a chocolate chip cookie (vegetarian option available). Dinner is \$15; or two for \$25. Available at the front office of the Willits Charter School or from WCS representatives selling tickets around town. Food pickup is at the Willits Charter School parking lot, 1431 South Main Street, 5 to 8 pm. Info: 459-5506.



## Saturday, May 2

**California Bookstore Day:** The Book Juggler, 182 South Main Street, is celebrating the second annual California Bookstore Day and the first-ever nationwide Independent Bookstore Day, with balloons, cake and special treats to say thanks to its customers. Info: 707-459-4075.

**Brooktrails Firefighters Association Spaghetti Feed:** annual fundraising event for the volunteers of the Brooktrails Firefighters Association, 5 to 8 pm, at the Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street. All-you-can-eat meat or vegetarian spaghetti, salad, bread and beverages. With desserts by the Brooktrails Property Owners Association's Women's Club. Lions Club no-host bar. Also, DJ "Mikey T" Tobin, Ashes the K-9 Arson Dog, plus REACH Air Medical Services: REACH will have a booth set up with information on the Willits base operations and membership sign-ups, and will have a REACH helicopter on display at Oh! Grove Park (across from the community center). Tickets, available from firefighters or at the fire station, 24860 Birch Street, are \$10 for ages 13 and over, and \$5 for kids 12 and under. More info: 459-4441.

**"Willits On Stage 3":** a "marvelous variety show with friends, neighbors and special guests!" This third annual fundraising benefit for Willits Community Services & Food Bank is set for Saturday, May 2, at 7 pm, at the Willits High School Auditorium. Lineup (in order of appearance) includes: Kevin Copperfield as MC; The Energizers, a local Zumba group; The Cloud 9 Dancers doing two performances (age 7 to 9 doing hip hop and age 10 to 14 doing contemporary dance); Terry Mallon doing a juggling act; singer/songwriter Cameron MacDonald doing original songs on guitar; Chantrelle, featuring vocal trio Madge Strong, Diane Smalley and Helen Falandes; The Just For Fun Choir, led by Nancy New; jazz trio Tones of Madrones; singer/guitarist Falco; juggler Chad Eventide; a song and dance routine by Linda Posner

# What's Happening Around Town



and Cheryl Lockwood, 9, accompanied by Loren and Simba; singer Erin Fisher, doing an opera aria and another number, Just Enough, featuring Kate Black, Helen Falandes and Clancy Rash; Aurelie Clivaz and her capoeira group; and – closing the show – Malakai Schindel doing instrumentals from his new CD, "Aradan." Doors open at 6:15 pm, and the Willits High School Peace Club will be offering concessions before the show, which starts at 7 pm, and during intermission. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$15 at the door; free for children under 5. Tickets are available at Goods Shoppe, Main St. Music, Mazahar and 101 Donut Shop. Info: 456-9429 or 459-3333.

## Sunday, May 3

**Guitar Virtuoso David Rogers:** 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. The program includes Spanish music, songs by Leonard Cohen, the Rolling Stones, Roxy Music and the Beatles, along with compositions of J.S. Bach and Rogers' own work. His performance will also include music for the 16th century vihuela, the original guitar, invented in the mid-15th century in the south of Spain. Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), or phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

## Tuesday, May 5

**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 movie: "Disney Nature's Monkey Kingdom." For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.



**Avenues to Wellness:** "Building Community by Sharing Health Harvest Resources," a presentation by April Cunningham, NCO's food systems program director, "to increase your wellness through learning about the free opportunities of building community through preparation and preservation of local food." Cunningham will share 1. reasons to eat seasonal and local produce; 2. techniques for preserving harvest; and 3. opportunities to participate in local harvest workshops and resources. 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel

**Road. Free; donations appreciated. Refreshments served.** Info: call 459-2777 or visit [www.avenuestowellness.org](http://www.avenuestowellness.org).

## Wednesday, May 6

**North County Women in Business Meeting:** "The theme for our May 6 meeting is 'Bring a Friend.' We will have a small gift for the first 10 ladies who have a friend to join. Come for the networking, come for the business advice, come for the friendship, come for the fun." 8:15 am to 9:30 am at Willits City Council Chambers. Bring your business card! North County Women in Business is a program of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Members free, first meeting free, \$5 for non-members.

**Free Admission at Museum:** Mendocino County Museum offers free admission on the first Wednesday of every month. 10 am to 4:30 pm. 400 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-2736 or [www.mendocinmuseum.org](http://www.mendocinmuseum.org).



## Thursday, May 7

**Grace Christian Academy Open House:** this open house, from 5 to 7 pm, is for families interested in registering students for the 2015/16 school year. The academy is located at 25 Hazel Street (Grace Community Church) behind Flyer's gas station. More info: 459-3106.

**First Farmers Market of the Summer:** the Willits Farmers Market moves to City Park this week, off East Commercial Street, from 3 to 6 pm. Festivities include a May Day celebration and music, as well as tasty local produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

## Saturday, May 9

**'Learn to Make Beer and Bread':** Willits Home B.R.E.W. (Brewing Research Engineers of Willits) Club hosts this free event, open to the public. Club members will be brewing a Belgian Candy Porter you can make at home: all steps in the process will be demonstrated. Connie Hewett will demonstrate how to make both a traditional sourdough and an herb bread. Starts at 10 am, at the home of club president Rick Hewett, 1272 Locust Street. Advance reservations are

required for the bread-making portion: call 707-354-2195 or email [rchewett1@aol.com](mailto:rchewett1@aol.com). See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details about this event and about Home B.R.E.W., which meets the first Friday of every month at 7 pm at Peter's Sushi & Chinese Restaurant, 383 South Main Street. Guests and visitors (over 21 years of age, please!) are always welcome. Check our website, <http://willitshomebrew.weebly.com>, for current meeting and activity information, or email [Willitshomebrew@yahoo.com](mailto:Willitshomebrew@yahoo.com).

**North Street Collective Spring Showcase:** art exhibits, interactive events, an art fundraising sale, food, music, multimedia and woodworking at this year's free Spring Showcase, Saturday, May 9 from 2 to 5 pm at 350 North Street. Featuring the work of Nishanga Bliss, Lynea Diaz-Hagan, Noel Woodhouse, Natasha Hoehn, and Nina Behrsin. Noel Woodhouse's "Fir Tree Project," a study in sustainable timber practices, answers the question: "What can be made from a single tree?" Through the process of removing, documenting, and exploring the use of every piece of a single fir tree, Noel offers a new perspective on logging and local economic development, and the abundant, sustainable opportunities offered through our supply of local natural hard and soft woods." Cash, check, and credit cards accepted for all items on sale. Visit [www.northstreetcollective.org](http://www.northstreetcollective.org) for more info.

**Afro Funk Experience:** Live Funk, Afrobeat, R&B and Reggae from San Francisco, in a fundraising concert for the Grange Hall at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Featuring David James, guitar/vocals, Sandy Tili, vocals, percussion, Ken House, guitar, David Boyce, saxophones, Alan Williams, trombone, vocals, Paul Oliphant, drum kit, Brandon Lee, percussion, and Wendell Rand, bass. Visit [www.afrofunkexperience.com](http://www.afrofunkexperience.com). Also featuring Tracorun, Rock'n'Soul/Rhythm'n'Blues, also from San Francisco, and Mystic Sol. Doors open at 6 pm; music starts at 6:30 pm. \$10 in advance (at J.D. Redhouse); \$15 at the door. Children under 12 are free. Soud by Ancestor Radio Productions; Food by Zocalo Collective. A Cosmic Pickle Production.

## Sunday, May 10

### Happy Mother's Day!

Greg Schindel at WCT: Local folksinger Greg Schindel

## "Art Under 20, 2015"

### Opens May 1, 4 to 7 pm

The annual student art exhibition for artists under 20 years old will open on Friday, May 1, from 4 to 7 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts (next door to the Noyo Theater).

Artists from Willits High School and Willits Charter School are proud to be showing their current work.

Carolyn Bakewell, chair of the Visual & Performing Arts Department at Willits High School, and Gwen Ware and Sienna Reno, Fine Arts & Ceramics instructors at Willits Charter School, have curated the "Art Under 20, 2015" exhibit. "We are pleased to present our talented young-adult artists to the community," Bakewell said. "For many of them, this show will be their gallery debut."

There will be special performances by the Willits High School Jazz Band and Concert Band under the direction of Jered Sherrill and a lovely dance performance by Victoria Silva.

"Everyone is welcome to join us for a fabulous evening and celebration of the talent, creativity, intelligence, and expressiveness of our Willits youth. Their artworks are impressive! This event is a jewel in the crown of our whole community," Bakewell said. "Bravo Willits!"

The 2015 show runs from Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 31. Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm. Info: Carolyn Bakewell at 459.7700 extension 1533 (WHS).

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## Emandal Chorale

### 20th anniversary concert

The Emandal Chorale will celebrate its 20th anniversary of singing as a community/peace choir on Saturday, May 16, at 7 pm, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. The concert will present some of their most memorable songs, old and new.

Guest artists will include Spencer Brewer, composer, pianist, and performer, and Val Rogers, a dynamic South African song and dance leader from Eugene. Tickets are available now for \$10 at Mazahar in Willits and the Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah; they will be \$15 at the door.

## Mendocino Film Festival

### Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series

#### Ridgewood Ranch, Sunday, May 31

The Mendocino Film Festival celebrates the 75th anniversary of Seabiscuit's legendary win at Santa Anita Park with the launch of the "Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series," highlighting stories that embody the spirit of hope that Seabiscuit instilled in his fans and in generations since. Screenings will take place at Ridgewood Ranch and at the Noyo Theatre in Willits, including "The Making of a Legend: Seabiscuit's 1940 Victory at Santa Anita Park," plus two short films, "Ridgewood Ranch – Home of Seabiscuit," and "Riding My Way Back," at Ridgewood Ranch. Program starts at 10 am with a tour of the historic ranch; film screening at noon, 1 pm Q&A panel; and a reception from 1 to 3 pm. At 4 pm, the Noyo Theatre will host "Harry & Snowman," a feature-length documentary that tells the remarkable life story of international show jumping legend Harry deLeyer, whose career was launched by his famous show jumping horse Snowman. Tickets are available at the Mendocino County Museum, 459-2736, and [www.seabiscuitheritage.org](http://www.seabiscuitheritage.org). Proceeds to benefit Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation and Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. Riders Association.

## Junior Giants Signups

The Willits Jim Hale Junior Giants Program, in association with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Youth Activities League, starts its 2015 season on June 15. Sign up at [www.juniorgiants.org](http://www.juniorgiants.org) or in person May 5 through June 26, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm with Keith Terrell at the Willits Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Info: 707-459-0594 or [cynthiapurdue@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiapurdue@yahoo.com).

## Senior Center Lunch

Week of May 4 through May 8

**Monday:** Chicken Stuffed with Broccoli and Cheese

**Tuesday:** Burger on a Bun

**Wednesday:** Cod

**Thursday:** Oriental Chicken Salad

**Friday:** Meat Loaf and Gravy

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.

## 'Learn to Make Beer and Bread': Willits Home B.R.E.W.

### Saturday, May 9

"Homebrewing and bread making are easy and fun, which is why the Willits Home B.R.E.W. (Brewing Research Engineers of Willits) Club is hosting a Learn to Make Beer and Bread event. The activity is free and open to the public and will be held on Saturday, May 9, starting at 10 am, at the home of club president Rick Hewett, 1272 Locust Street. Advance reservations are required for the bread-making portion: call 707-354-2195 or email [rchewett1@aol.com](mailto:rchewett1@aol.com).

"Home B.R.E.W. is happy to invite anyone interested in homebrewing and bread making to come by to join the fun! On the beer side, club members will be brewing a Belgian Candy Porter you can make at home. All steps in the process of this extract brew will be demonstrated. On the bread side, Connie Hewett will be demonstrating how to make both a traditional sourdough and an herb bread.

"Learn to Homebrew Day is an international annual event held in early May. Since 1999, thousands of homebrewers have gathered each year to teach friends and family the basics of the homebrewing hobby. Come and learn about a lifelong hobby that inspires creativity and is driven by a spirit of 'do-it-yourself' ingenuity."

"Home B.R.E.W. (Home Brewing Research Engineers of Willits) is a user group/club dedicated to all forms of fermentation and slow food including beers, ales, wines, ciders, meads, preserves, pickles, bread and more! The club meets the first Friday of every month at 7 pm at Peter's Sushi & Chinese Restaurant, 383 South Main Street. Guests and visitors (over 21 years of age, please!) are always welcome. Check our website, <http://willitshomebrew.weebly.com>, for current meeting and activity information, or email [Willitshomebrew@yahoo.com](mailto:Willitshomebrew@yahoo.com)."

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## 'Woman in Gold'

**The Story:** Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren) seeks to regain possession of an historic painting, "Woman in Gold," which was stolen from her family by the Nazis, and its ownership duplicitously claimed by the Austrian government. The woman depicted in that famous painting was Altmann's aunt. This is primarily a courtroom drama, but also a biographical story of a family.

**My Thoughts:** I have been asked (more than once): "Why do I have to hear about the Holocaust ... again?" (with an emphasis on "again"). I answer with a heartfelt challenge: Tell me the name of a person, the name of a member of your family, or the name of any human being you really and truly love, which you are willing to erase from history as if he or she never ever existed???

If the questioner honestly can do that, I'll respect the question.

This movie bears witness ... to an extraordinary family that the Nazis tried to obliterate by violence, a family whose history the present-day power structure in Austria tried to deform with bureaucratic arrogance bred out of covetousness. This family's story reminds us to hold fast to the truth against forces that would rather forget.

I found the drama fascinating.

**Parents:** For teens and adults interested in art and history, I think children will be bored.

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

## Save the Date

**Howard Hospital Auxiliary Rummage Sale, May 16**

**Emandal Chorale 20th Anniversary, Little Lake Grange, May 16**

**34th Annual Community Festival & Car Show, May 24**

**Willits Walk for Health & Wellness, starts at J.D. Redhouse, May 31**

**Mendocino Film Festival, Seabiscuit Legacy Film Series, May 31**

will appear in concert at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, at 7 pm on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. Schindel writes and sings songs reflecting the life and beauty of rural northern California and his own spiritual approach to living close to the land. His music is upbeat, acoustic, poignant and dynamic. Schindel has recorded four albums of original material and nine albums of popular and traditional train songs as the "Train Singer": since 1988 Schindel has performed as the Train Singer three to five days a week on the Skunk. For this concert, Schindel will be focusing on his poetic, spiritual side: the classic, back-to-the-land troubadour. Tickets are \$10 and are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at [brownpapertickets.com/events/1413907](http://brownpapertickets.com/events/1413907), or by telephone by calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006. Any tickets not pre-sold will be available at the door.

## Ongoing Events

**Willits Winter Farmers Market:** from 3 to 5:30 pm every Thursday at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, with produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Willits Farmers Market will move to City Park on May 7!

**The Emandal Chorale:** this community chorus based in Willits is in its 20th season, and you are welcome to join! Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm. No auditions necessary. The Chorale meets upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

**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, 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.

**Free English class/Clase de ingles gratis:** Every Thursday at 7 pm / Cada jueves a las 7 pm. At the LDS church, 265 Margie Drive. Info: 707-758-8709.

**Willits Photography Club:** meets at the Willits Art Center, 71 East Commercial Street, on the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 12 noon. All levels of experience welcome. Come to the back door of the Art Center.

**Willits Frontier Twirlers:** Monday night session at the Willits Center for the Arts. New beginner class runs from 7 to 8 pm, with dancing to follow from 8 to 9 pm. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. Caller/teacher Lawrence Johnson. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. \$20/month (to help pay the caller), with young dancer scholarships available. Questions? Contact Emmy Good at [Emmy@pacific.net](mailto:Emmy@pacific.net) or Jenny Watts at [Wattsup@gmail.com](mailto:Wattsup@gmail.com).

**Junior Grange After-School Program:** an after-school program for kids ages 5 to 14, Mondays from 3 to 6 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Membership fee: \$1, plus \$1 annual dues. Info? Contact Zeynep at 707-972-8558 or [zeyny34@yahoo.com](mailto:zeyny34@yahoo.com).

**Mondays at Wowser:** Free events at the Wowser maker space, 330 East Commercial Street. 6:30 pm. Lectures, slide shows, flash videos, guest speakers, demonstrations. Info: 459-9697 or [www.wowserllc.com](http://www.wowserllc.com).

**AI-Anon Meeting:** Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center). "AI-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

**Drop-in Knitting Circle:** Due to popular demand, the Willits Library will be holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "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! Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in."

**Cards and Games at Willits Library:** free games in the Willits Library's Community Room. Tuesday bridge sessions from 1:30 to 3:30 pm; Thursday bridge sessions from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Saturday free bridge classes, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm, for new and returning students. Info: Donna at 459-9035. "Friday Night Magic": Youth game night, for kids ages 10 to 14, starts April 2 (no games April 10 due to spring break) and runs through June. Bring cards and games to share. Parental contact info required to sign in. From 5 to 7:30 pm, but library doors close at 6 pm, and no admission after 6 pm. Info: the Willits Library at 459-5908. Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm: Chess; bring your chess set and have some fun with friends. All ability levels welcome. Info: Raymond at 841-4743.

**Life Changes:** Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Willits Community Drum Circle:** 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

**Smoking Cessation Program:** Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HMMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

**Free Sheriff's Activity League programs:** at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 11 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAJL programs free to the public. Info: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Open mic every Wednesday, 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room:** Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street 459-2444. With Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBO Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

**Open Mic Jam at Al's Redwood Room:** Every Friday night, hosted by Dream Capsule Entertainment, featuring talented, established local musicians from all over Northern California. Jazz, Blues, Rock. New talent welcome. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street, starting at 9 pm. Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBO Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

**Laytonville Winter Farmers Market:** Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked goods, and more.

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## El Dia de los Ninos at the Rec Grove

Willits Elementary Charter School celebrates

Willits Elementary Charter School celebrated two holidays at the Rec Grove on Saturday: Earth Day and El Dia de los Ninos, Mexico's annual "Day of the Children" observance.

In addition to kid-friendly activities and treats like a bounce house, cotton candy, popcorn and slushies, there was a salsa contest, a station to "paint" big pine cones with peanut butter and nuts for the birds, and WECS sweatshirts and T-shirts for sale.

WECS Director Kara McClellan reports: "The Willits Elementary Charter community enjoyed another colorful celebration last Saturday that included baile folklorico, songs and music from Mexico, and delicious food! For the first time, we folded in Earth Day activities that were free for all the children who attended the event."

"Due to the incredible efforts of Jackie Lopez,

Aura de la Fuente, and many other volunteers, we raised enough money to fund several projects.

"These include having a set of small dancing skirts made to contribute to Nuestra Alianza's amazing collection of skirts similar to those used in the Guadalajara region of Mexico for our littlest performers. Fourth-grade parents made a great showing at the bake sale, and part of the proceeds will go towards a fourth-grade field trip.

"Kally Lunde, the parent of a first-grade student, kindly spearheaded the bake sale and made crepes. She helped ensure that we received enough funds so that each child will take home a book to keep this summer, as a way of building our student's home libraries and preventing the infamous 'summer slump' of academic skills."

Above, right: Destiny shows off her newly purchased WECS Elementary Charter School sweatshirt.

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Above, left: WECS students dance at the El Dia de los Ninos celebration.

At right: Audrey swirls her beautiful skirt.

Below: WECS students play and sing on the Rec Grove stage.

Photos by Lena Hofmaister



Above, from left: Willits Charter School's Jason Erlich tastes an entry in the salsa competition. A plate of delicious Mexican food. WECS students Audrey, Kara and Miranda take their salsa-tasting duties seriously. The winner of the salsa contest was a blended avocado salsa submitted by Emily Barbitta, a WECS alumni and current WCS student.

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Her family has been ranching and riding in this community for years - her dad is Kelly Fonsen, who is the son of Marie Jenkins. Dalli Fonsen's grandfather was the late Don Fonsen. Don's widow, Ginger, still lovingly called "grandma," and Ginger's now-boyfriend, Ronnie Miner, also enjoy riding and ranching, and they support Dalli in her run for Sweetheart.

Dalli continues to enjoy team roping and barrel racing here in the Willits area. She rode in the California High School Rodeo Association's District 3 for a year before graduating, is a current Willits Horsemen's member, and has looked forward to running for Sweetheart to be a role model for her three younger cousins.

"I want to show the girls that you can be the ranching beauty; smart, tough, beautiful, determined, not afraid of hard work, gutsy, courageous and a winner!" said Fonsen, noting her feelings of similarity towards Sandra Bullock's character in the blockbuster movie "Miss Congeniality." "Not all cowgirls are rugged; we can be glamorous, but still tough, princesses!"

Dalli expressed her appreciation to all her sponsors, family and friends.

Fonsen asks for your support in her run for the title and will be available to sell tickets to the Willits Frontier Days events starting Friday, May 1.

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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.suzannewagner.com](http://www.suzannewagner.com) or call Suzanne at 707-534-1019.

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During the 2015 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart campaign, Reed hopes to get to meet new people, to gain experience with public speaking, and to "get me and my horse out there!"

Reed moved to Willits from Palm Springs in 1998 and has lived in Willits ever since. Reed has enjoyed riding in many local horse shows and gymkhanas, being out on trail rides, jumping fences, and more.

She has taken lessons from local trainers Elaine Mancini and Lana Grieve, and currently boards her horse at San Vincente Ranch in the Willits valley.

Currently a full-time student with New Horizons Independent Study, Reed hopes to move to the "horse country" in Montana, where she will attend college with plans of becoming a diesel mechanic and then a pilot with the U.S. Air Force.

Reed noted her thanks to Brian and Maureen Scarbery of San Vicente Ranch and to her sponsor, Bar Bell Cattle Company, for all of their help with the run for Sweetheart.

Reed asks for your support in her run for the title and will be available to sell tickets to the Willits Frontier Days events starting Friday, May 1.

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and Western, and most recently, reining. She has been working with Olivia Wilburn on her reining skills and hopes to join the California High School Rodeo Association soon and compete in the recently added reining events.

When not on a horse, Forrester enjoys sports at Willits High School; she is a member of the swim, basketball and volleyball teams and also is a member of FFA and 4-H. Through her livestock groups, she enjoys showing sheep, goats, beef and horses at the local fairs.

What is the plan after graduation? Still to be determined, but Forrester thinks it will be along the agriculture lines, including attendance at Cal Poly State University. "Maybe a vet? Maybe an ag teacher? I just don't know yet," explained Forrester.

Caitlyn wanted to note her thanks to her friends and family, Natalie Campbell, Gravier's Chevron, and Geiger's Long Valley Market for all their support.

Forrester asks for your support in her run for the title and will be available to sell tickets to the Willits Frontier Days events starting Friday, May 1.

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## Marshall preliminary hearing reset after change in attorneys

Superior Court Judge John Benhke will decide July 30 if there's enough evidence to order Terrell James Marshall to stand trial for the rape and murder of a lifelong Willits resident, Kayla Grace Chesser.

Dan McKee  
Reporter  
willitsweekly@gmail.com

The 39-year-old Vacaville registered sex offender appeared before Behnke last Thursday with new attorney Justin Peterson, who asked for more time to review statements and evidence in the case. In previous court appearances, Marshall had been represented by the public defender's office.

Marshall is accused of killing 25-year-old Chesser during the early hours of November 1 in the bedroom of a Poppy Drive home in Brooktrails. He has pleaded not guilty.

Marshall was taken into custody in November 2014 after being released from a Santa Rosa hospital, where he was recovering from injuries suffered when he apparently tried to kill himself by driving his pickup truck off a Highway 162 cliff hours after Chesser's death.

Chesser's body was discovered shortly after 5:30 am by friends returning home from a Halloween party.

Marshall, the homeowner's cousin, was at the residence when the body was discovered, but fled in the truck when police were called. During their investigation, detectives learned Marshall was a registered sex offender convicted of "sexual penetration of a victim with a foreign object by force or fear."

He is being held in Mendocino County Jail without bail.

## Three Willits sex offenders arrested

Three Willits area men were arrested last week by law enforcement officers during sex registrant compliance checks in unincorporated areas of Mendocino County.

Teams of law enforcement officers from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Task Force, Mendocino County Probation Department, California State Parole Board, Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Napa County Sheriff's Office took part in the operation to verify the addresses of more than 70 persons required to register as sex offenders, according to Sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten. Three were found to be out of compliance with their registration requirements, Van Patten said, three more were arrested for parole violations, while one was arrested on an out-of-county warrant.

Manuel Silva, 55, Mark Cudgo, 38, and Stephen Couthren, 56, all of Willits, were arrested on suspicion of violating their paroles.

Also arrested were Austin Duncan, 28, George Hoaglin, 74, and Jose Maduena, 41, all of Ukiah. Duncan and Hoaglin were held for failing to register as sex offenders, Maduena was arrested on an out-of-county warrant.

Some 300 registered sex offenders live in Mendocino County, Van Patten said. "Anyone with information regarding out-of-compliance sex registrants is urged to contact the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in that area."

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

## Round Valley men held during probation sweep

Two Round Valley men were arrested April 22, by deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with the Willits Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Mendocino County Probation Department, and the Fort Bragg Police Department while conducting probation contacts and serving arrest warrants in Covelo.

Deputies arrested 29-year-old Anthony Wilburn at his home after finding him in possession of dangerous weapons and hypodermic syringes, said Sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten. Also taken into custody was Tammy Hale, 28, who, police say, was discovered in possession of hypodermic syringes and under the influence of methamphetamine.

While conducting a probation contact at a separate home, deputies arrested John Carl Hoaglin, 29, on a felony warrant for failure to appear and violating probation.

Wilburn and Hoaglin were booked into Mendocino County Jail on suspicion of violating probation and were being held without bail.

Hale was arrested, cited and later released on suspicion of being under the influence of methamphetamine and possession of hypodermic syringes.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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way, in addition to your General Plan, to make those considerations and have that discussion," Williamson said.

Later in the process a draft of the sphere of influence study will come back to the city to review. A public hearing also will be scheduled later in the process.

Sphere-of-influence processes follow completion of another LAFCO process, a Municipal Services Review document. The Willits Municipal Services Review was approved by LAFCO in February.

A report from the city states areas surrounding the north and south interchanges of the Willits bypass are generating interest.

"With the Willits bypass well underway and scheduled to open in late 2016/early 2017," a report from City Manager Adrienne Moore stated, "there has been much interest in the northern and southern interchanges of the bypass."

"LAFCO does not have a land use authority, so we are not the ones to advise you what the land use is in unincorporated areas - that is the purview of the county," Williamson told councilmembers.

Land near the northern interchange of the bypass is zoned for agriculture, with 40-acre minimum lot sizes to the east and suburban-residential to the west, a portion of the Municipal Services Review document stated.

The land near the southern interchange of the new highway is zoned rangeland to the east, and on the west side, 20-acre remote residential lots and 1-acre rural residential lots comprise the zoning, the document stated.

As the city works through the process, LAFCO will generate a statement on present and planned land

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owners what they should do. When you look at the dead standing trees, there's nobody that's gonna say 'that's a beautiful picture.' We don't have any pictures of dead standing trees on our walls.

"I live in the forest, and I've been fighting tan oak for 35 years. I'm losing that battle. It just sprouts up and it burns really hot, there's a lot of oil even when it's been freshly cut. You're supposed to legally wait, and I shouldn't say this in front of CalFire, but I tend to cut it down and burn it right away. So if you want to get me for a fine: I do it all the time. I'll call you.

"It really is dangerous, and you see it go up and it's sopping wet and it's drizzling out there, and when you throw it on a burn pile, you have to run back from the heat. You turn back and look at the other trees around your house, and you realize that those are just fire torches beside my house.

"So we're thinning them out. The first 10 years we lived there we just didn't cut any trees. I think it's a miracle that trees grow. I love 'em. But then you realize that you have to manage around your house. There's a fire danger. And it just scares the hell out of you. The smoke is in the air. The helicopters are comin' over the hill. Nothing scares me as much - this doesn't scare me as much as that. I'd rather do this every day.

"It's a bigger subject. I hope you hear what I say, because I think it has value. The people that own the timber and have invested millions of dollars, it's very important that we keep them in the county. Timber is our future. I want more jobs for young people, and training for them, to use natural resources. So I vote for things like logging and gravel extraction and asphalt, because we need to have an economy. Some people won't like the decisions I make, but we have to have jobs.

"And I want to talk about each issue with you all, and absorb the anger, and there are two or 10 sides to every argument and I definitely respect yours. But you have to keep in mind that the timber people have had this, what I think I can call a stupid plan, for 20 or 30 years, the hack and squirt. When they do a logging plan, to get the redwood and the fir out of there that they want, they have to agree to get rid of this weed, the tan oak, and financially this is the cheapest thing.

"If we tell them that they cannot log those trees and they cannot treat their trees and complete plans that they have in process now, if that was me, that would bankrupt me. I don't want to send that message that the timber wars are back on, that we're going to struggle and fight with the timber owners. We have to work together and try a different model. What we have are devastated lands. This horrible consequence from destroying them, this huge tan oak forest that is very dangerous. Even if we don't cut them down or kill them, when they're green and still alive, they are equally dangerous for huge canopy fires.

"I don't know the difference between the BTUs and the fire danger to our guys and the women out there, between the dead standing trees with the leaves off, and the live green trees with the leaves on, those are very dangerous too, but I don't think I have enough information to tell somebody, I don't believe government should be telling me what to do, and telling you what to do, just because it's a popular thing.

"And I know that's kind of a fringe... more like my predecessor Johnny Pinches, who just felt that way about personal property rights, and the older I get, I'm getting like that, too. So I am not trying to engage in an argument with you, but I have a different opinion than Supervisor Hamburg. I would like to get this study and get the intelligence, and get the timber companies that have been doing this, give them an opportunity to stand here and give us some options. I mean, they are the ones that are on the spot. It's not like you caught me killing all the trees on my land. They are the ones who have created this little PR problem. We need to listen to them and see what they plan to do about it."

Woodhouse voted against Hamburg's resolution calling for a voluntary, temporary cessation of hack-and-squirt practices.

Early in the public comment session, Rosamond Crowder of the William Ranch Road area southwest of Willits had this to say: "To try to speed up the regeneration of the forests that took millennia to create and only 150 years to bring down is not thinking carefully about the future. The soils have been depleted, the water table has dropped, and disease has begun to move in. To add chemicals known to be very toxic to the watersheds in order to speed up regeneration exacerbates the problem. It is another form of taxing the forests for this round of harvest, only to have it be the last.

"At the recent comment meeting I heard a CalFire forester say that he had looked on the internet and found no information condemning Imazapyr. I looked for 20 minutes and found the study we

have available outside, that cites 48 references. This is not an unknown chemical and the fact that it is banned in many countries is testimony that we need to move ahead, to evolve our practices and the next step is not using dangerous chemicals. For a truly better long term, I ask you to resolve to take the next step towards healthy forests, watersheds, and sustainable forest practices. Please resolve not to use herbicides in Mendocino County," Crowder said.

Ted Williams is chief of the Albion/Little River Volunteer Fire Department. He spoke several times during the afternoon. "I have gone on a field tour and asked questions. I wrote a letter on November 14, 2014, asking questions along standard themes, basically, what all of us would ask: What's the plan here? Who will be responsible for abating brush? To date, I haven't received any response back from CalFire. I'm not implying culpability. This is just a state process. And this is one of my concerns, that there is so much 'wait and see' in the state process, that in the fourth year of a drought, I don't want to wait for the state to react. It could be years.

"I understand that the Board of Forestry protects the forest. But who protects the residents from the forest? I think this is the job of the county, and the fire districts. But this problem spans fire districts. It would be better for the county to solve the problem in a whole and consistent manner, than to have the fire districts address it individually. With 1 million trees manufactured dead and standing, there is virtually no oversight."

Longtime forest activist Meca Wawona pointed

out that the problem of excessive tan oak growth is the result of excessive softwood removal. "MRC's operations are not isolated, incidental practices. They're systematic, operational and programmatic, yet they are not being regulated under the California Forest Practices Act or the California pesticide law. They're rogue practices," Wawona said.

"I support the resolution proposed by Supervisor Hamburg to halt the hack-and-squirt operations for wildfire assessment, for however long it takes, whether it is six months, or nine months, or a year. I do agree with Supervisor McCowen, that the state Forest Practice rules must be adopted to prevent silvicultural practices, that, historically in this county, have continued to involve excessive canopy removal of the softwood conifer crop tree, creating the conditions for pioneer species to overtake the site, out-competing the softwoods.

"When you go in and you are harvesting, tan oaks will stump sprout when you open the canopy enough. The hardwoods will come from destroying them, this huge tan oak forest that is very dangerous. Even if we don't cut them down or kill them, when they're green and still alive, they are equally dangerous for huge canopy fires.

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Ellen Faulkner has been active in Earth First! for many years. She spoke about the presence of Imazapyr in the dead wood and asked if it would then be present in the smoke that will result when Mendocino County experiences its next major fire.

"First of all, there are 24,000 acres that have been treated with Imazapyr, that have been treated between 2012 and 2014. That's 5 million dead, standing trees that we have now, thanks to that hack-and-squirt process. The poison, nobody has studied whether it's in the smoke. Nobody has studied whether the entire county will be poisoned in the next fire, which is likely to be catastrophic. I have neighbors who have COPD - that's a lung disease - they just barely made it through the last fire. My friend just barely made it. And the next fire, if it's smoky like the last lightning strike fire, is going to be the end of her.

"And it may be the end of a lot of other people, whose health has been already compromised. If that smoke is poison, and I think it is - I have a feeling it may be - nobody has studied it. Who knows how much Imazapyr is in it? But I also know that lab tests will not show how much Imazapyr is left in the ground. It continues to poison not just tan oaks. It poisons whatever it comes in contact with. It migrates very easily through the dirt, into the fish that are being killed. There are plants in Florida, where endangered species have been killed by residual Imazapyr that laboratories have not been able to find, but it's still there, and it's still killing. That's what I know about Imazapyr. I would suggest that this resolution should be kicked right up to an ordinance. Thank you."

## Amazing Athletes of Willits High School



**Track | Will Smith, 17, Junior**

**Position:** Discus and shotput

**Breakfast of Champions:** Raisin bran French dip sandwich, macaroni and cheese, and kiwis

**Love for the Sport:** "It's a laid-back sport; you get to work out and it's fun to compete."

Will Smith took first place out of more than 50 throwers in the discus competition at the Viking Track Classic on Saturday at Montgomery High School in Santa Rosa. His winning throw of 150' 1.5" is the best throw for a Willits athlete in the nearly 40 years since Buddy Stephens threw 151' in 1976.

- Coach Dave Smith



**Track | Jessica Tyrrell, 16, Junior**

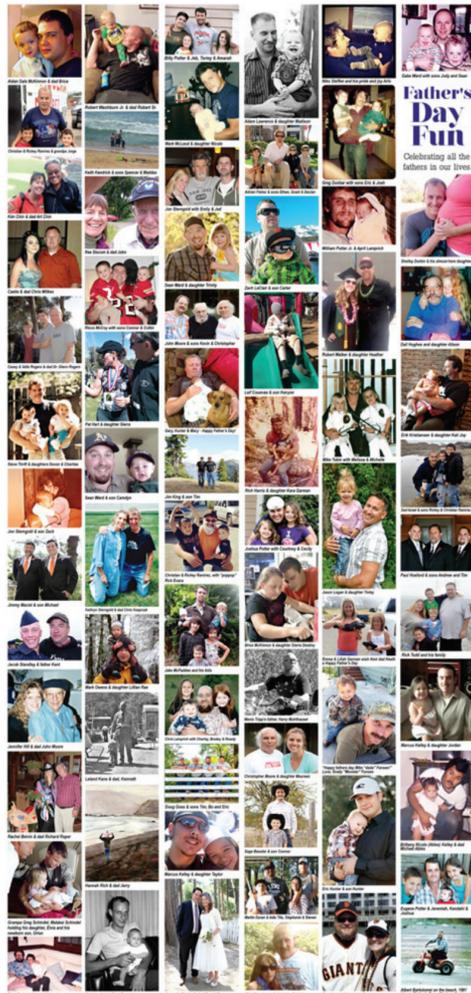
**Position:** Long jump and triple jump

**Breakfast of Champions:** Fruit smoothies

**Love for the Sport:** "Track is nice because you're a team but you are not dependent upon each other; you get to do your own thing, but you're still teammates."

Jessica Tyrrell had PRs (personal records) in both the long jump and triple jump at the Viking Track Classic in Santa Rosa last Saturday. Her triple jump distance of 32 feet puts her as number two on the all-time list.

- Coach Dave Smith



**Father's Day Fun**  
Celebrating all the fathers in our lives

## It's May, so it's MOM'S TURN!

Submit your photo for Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is just around the corner (Sunday, May 10!), and Willits Weekly is ready to honor moms in the community with our annual photo collage feature.

This is something we do FOR FREE for the community, and everyone is encouraged to participate!

You can tag "Willits Weekly" on Facebook in your images or text them to Maureen at 972-7047, but emailing digital photos to willitsweekly@gmail.com is best.

However, if you only have a print photo, it can be brought to Ace Copy and Shipping and scanned and sent to us easily. Make sure to include a caption naming the people in the photograph from left to right.

We need to have all images in by end of day Monday, May 4.

The photo collage will appear in the next edition of Willits Weekly, Thursday, May 7.

Questions? Call 972-7047 or email willitsweekly@gmail.com. We will try and print as many as we can, so get yours in early and get included with this fun way to honor all our mothers!

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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.

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Above, from left: Vicki Ham, Girls State delegate Olivia Cooper, and Dori Grauer.

## Girls State attendee from Willits High School

With a mind for math and a passion for science, Willits High School junior Olivia Cooper, 16, is excited to add a little more political science info into the mix.

The American Legion Auxiliary selected Cooper to be this year's delegate to the Girls State conference, which, according to their mission statement, will "provide an outstanding, unique and coveted educational opportunity for the young women of California that instills the basic ideals and principles of American government."

Cooper was selected for her good leadership skills and her interest in the program, and because she is well-traveled and doing well academically. Cooper takes advanced placement calculus, English and history, and is also enrolled in physics, Spanish III and ceramics, "for fun," she laughed.

"We also chose her, 'cause we like her!" said the American Legion Auxiliary's Vicki Ham.

In addition to her academic roster, Cooper enjoys extracurricular activities, including being president of the PeaceWorks! club, the CSF treasurer, a member of the Peer Counseling club, and part of the Willits High School swim team.

"I'm very excited to get to meet all the other girls," said Cooper. "My friend Rachel went last year, and she made a lot of contacts, and I'm excited to get to do the same. I also hope to learn more leadership and public speaking skills, and have a fun new experience."

The event will be held from June 28 to July 3 at Claremont McKenna College in Southern California.

— Maureen Moore

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## Horses, hope and happy endings

Local author Roni McFadden read part of her book "Josephine: A Tale of Hope and Happy Endings," to all the children at Blosser Lane Elementary School last Thursday.

After the readings – all kids in the school participated in two special assemblies – McFadden answered the many questions the children had about Josephine, Josephine's mother, and the writing process.

Josephine, McFadden told the kids, is a real horse who is a great-granddaughter of Willits' beloved racehorse, Seabiscuit. Josephine was born at Ridgewood Ranch in May of 2009. The book centers on the loss of Josephine's mother when she was just four days old, and the search for a surrogate horse mother to raise her.

McFadden encountered many doubters in the publishing world about how the book – which touches on death – would be accepted by parents and children. But judging from testimonials and positive reviews it has received, those doubts have disappeared. McFadden said she is always surprised by the honest questions that children ask about Josephine's mother Lacy's death.

The book was a finalist in the National Indie Excellence book awards as "Most Inspirational Children's Book 2014," and has been donated to such programs as: St. Jude Children's Hospital, Stanford Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald Houses, Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camps, Redwood Children's Services, Tapestry Family Services, Camp Make-a-Dream, and U.S. Army Family Services, as well as many foster children and adoption agencies.

All proceeds from the sale of "Josephine – A Tale of Hope and Happy Endings" go to charity.

McFadden has also authored a multiple-award-winning book about her teenage years working at a pack station in the High Sierra Mountains. "The Longest Trail" is a story about a troubled girl whose life is saved by an old cowboy, horses and the Ancient Spirits who showed her the power within herself to change her path in life. Both books are available locally at The Book Juggler, and can be bought online through Amazon.



Above: Roni McFadden with Blosser Lane schoolkids after her reading of "Josephine" last week.

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