

Yes on Measure K

Willits Weekly urges readers in Brooktrails to vote "yes" on Measure K in the June 3 election. If two-thirds of Brooktrails voters agree, property owners will pay an extra \$34 a year on their property tax bills to support the Brooktrails Fire Department.

As many of our readers' eloquent letters to the editor supporting Measure K have pointed out, that's only an extra 9 cents a day to help provide Brooktrails volunteer firefighters and EMTs with the equipment they need to do their "job" and to do it safely.

Taxes add up, true, and, yes, many local districts and jurisdictions are asking for extra help from their residents

to pay for basic services and infrastructure not adequately funded by the state or federal governments in these days of "austerity" for everyday Americans.

But when you or a neighbor needs help from emergency personnel, you need it now. Willits and Brooktrails are lucky to have volunteer emergency responders willing to give up their time and risk their safety to help our community. It's not fair to ask them to work without adequate safety and fire fighting equipment, including a new water tender to fight wildlands fires and residential fires at the two-thirds of Brooktrails homes with no fire hydrant nearby.

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Firefighters Open House

June 7

To the Editor:

Dear Willits Community: This letter is to inform you that the volunteers of the Little Lake Department Firefighters' Association will be having an open house/fundraiser on Saturday, June 7, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the firehouse on 74 East Commercial Street.

There will be a raffle for all sorts of great prizes: tickets are \$10 each. You can get raffle tickets from any member of the fire department or by coming by our firehouse on East Commercial Street.

The main objective of the open house is for all the people in the community to be able to see their firehouse and the apparatus and equipment. We will be giving rides on our antique muster fire engine to whoever wishes to ride it. This is also a good time for the association to raise money for future equipment and other items needed by the volunteers. Don't miss the opportunity to attend the open house to see the fire engines and meet our volunteers that make it happen when 911 gets the call.

We will also be selling hotdogs, sodas and chips. Hope to see you all there. We will also have our new fire department T-shirts designed by our own Eric Alvarez: available in kids' sizes, too.

I express my thanks and await your participation in our open house and fundraiser.

Kevin Reedy, president of Little Lake Fire Association

Grateful for Brooktrails Fire

To the Editor:

It's a typical Saturday morning, and you and your loved ones are getting ready for your day. It's going to be a beautiful day in Brooktrails, and the kids, grand-kids, or just yourself are excited for what the day has to bring.

You suddenly hear a loud thud in the back room and realize your loved one is lying face-first on the ground. You call 911, and dispatch walks you through finding a pulse, starting CPR if needed, etc. You are panicked and beside yourself: dispatch lets you know over and over they have help coming to assist you. Seconds seem like minutes and minutes like hours, your whole life is flashing in front of you, and you are stunned: "How could this be happening?" You finally hear sirens as you hang up the phone with dispatch and run and open the door. Brooktrails Fire is first on scene, rushing to your aid and that of your loved one. They apply an AED and deliver a few shocks to the patient while taking over CPR and delivering much-needed oxygen. You hear fire personnel directing the ambulance to your home (we all know how confusing finding any house in Brooktrails can be).

Finally the ambulance arrives and rushes your loved one to the hospital. You gather yourself and children, if applicable, and rush to be with your loved one at the hospital. The hospital staff assures you that because you activated 911 so quickly and because Brooktrails Fire arrived within minutes and was able to deliver life-saving measures to your loved one, their outcome is looking good.

You may think that this situation will never happen to you: I know, I get it, I hear that all too often. Until the day that it

Letters

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does. Until that day comes where you or a loved one needs a first responder. I cannot express enough how important it is for quick early intervention to aid in saving a life.

I have witnessed Brooktrails Fire doing just this for many residents of Brooktrails. I have been lucky enough to be able to work with the men and women of Brooktrails Fire for many years now. I have been blessed to witness first-hand how important they are to any emergency situation. I dislike giving more money away to taxes just as much as the next person; however, Measure K is a little different. Measure K gets my support, and I hope yours too, because it's actually a tax that benefits us as residents of Brooktrails. I never know when I may need the help of our fire department, but I do want the peace of mind in knowing that I will get quick rapid response if I ever do.

As an ER nurse, I cannot express enough how important it is for early rapid intervention in any emergency situation. It is our duty to support our local fire department just as they support us during our most dire time of need. They do extraordinary things, and I for one am extremely grateful for the Brooktrails Fire Department.

**Amy Buckingham, RN,
CEN (certified emergency nurse), Brooktrails**

WCT seat campaign

To the Editor:

The Willits Community Theater (WCT) is one of those places that make Willits special. For over 20 years we have enjoyed so many great performances. Now the seats have become downright shabby.

Using the tool of crowd sourcing, your donations can help raise the \$7,500 needed to refurbish and recover these seats. Go to www.igd.me/at/wct-seats-for-the-soul. If you are not comfortable donating online, please come by the Goods' Shoppe and put something in our WCT collection can. No amount is too small.

How about a group of you getting together and honoring a local community hero (living or past) by collecting \$300 to place on a seat a brass plaque with the name of the one you wish to honor? We are already over 65 percent, and still have until May 29. Thanks to all who have donated. You are the "community" in Willits Community Theatre.

Emmy Good, Willits

A Huge Thank You!

To the Editor:

Hello community, I'm Baby J's Grandma Robin Stewart.

I want to thank EVERYONE that has been involved in the bake sales, donations, the beautiful candlelight vigil, and everything else that folks have so selflessly given and themselves for our loved ones.

I do not know how I can express my thanks enough for all the love and support the community has shown my son, Craig, and Amanda.

Thank you, again, with all my heart: forever Baby J's Grandma.

Robin Stewart, Willits

Vote for Tom

To the Editor:

I'm voting for Tom Woodhouse because, having known Tom over the years and having sought his advice on matters to do with business and finance, I came to notice his keen interest and involvement in civic affairs. Just

one example being his interest in the internal workings of our city government and how people at City Hall are communicating.

He seems to have that rare ability to bring people together. I consider Tom a genuinely wise resource for our community, particularly regarding local business, avenues for finance, supporting our schools, and perhaps most importantly, who to talk to and how to get things done.

I've always been impressed by the way he thinks, his consideration of others, and the importance he places on civility when dealing with others having different values. Tom is a communicator. He listens and speaks calmly with intelligence and has no vested interest but the common good.

And I think I can say he is grounded yet open. These traits are sorely needed on our board of supervisors.

William White, Willits

Vote for Holly

To the Editor:

I recently attended Candidates Night in Willits for the 3rd District supervisors. One thing that impressed me was the candidates agreeing to a friendly race. I thought: this is what makes Willits a great place to live and raise a family: people here are friendly. Apparently Hal Wagenet forgot this as soon as the evening was over. The very next day I was surprised to see he had bought a very spiteful ad directly attacking Mayor Holly Madrigal.

I'm a mother and wife, and I work in the schools. Every day I am reminded of the negative effects bullying has on our youth and our society. It's up to us, the adults, to show them there is a better way to get ahead in life and be contributing members of society than by being a bully! When I am looking for a supervisor, I want someone who knows how to work with others effectively and creatively to find solutions, not someone who bullies others to get their way. I want someone who is honest and caring. We all know Holly, and many of us have worked with her on projects throughout Willits over the years. She listens to everyone's concerns and handles adversity with patience, respect and strength; I admire this quality in her and I trust her.

Over the last 10 years Holly Madrigal has represented us in Willits, and I want her to represent us in the 3rd District. I want her to win it, and win it now, on June 3, so she can put this campaign aside and focus on more important work for us. I'm telling you she is the only candidate that is going to hit the ground running. Think about it.

I am proud of who she is, what she has become, and where she is going. That's why, on June 3, I'm voting for Holly Madrigal for 3rd District supervisor.... Vote for Holly, let's vote for Holly! (You know the cheer.)

Wendy Copperfield, Willits

Don't judge a dog by its color

To the Editor:

Recently Willits Weekly published a letter relating an "attack" by an "aggressive" dog, the only identifying information being the dog was brindle-colored. I hope to take a moment of your readers' time to respond to this.

Letter-writer Jeanne King seems to feel that changes in Willits, as a result of Prop 215, have made certain dogs more prevalent, especially the brindle color marking. In addition, all brindle-colored dogs are aggressive and trained to protect the crops and local growers, according to King's reference.

Unfortunately, she fails to relate that there are a number of breeds that may produce the

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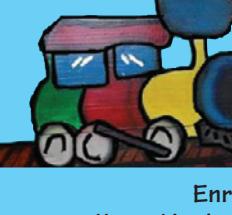
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Above: Farm School director Antonia Partridge getting her daughter Flora comfortable on the tractor. Photo by Joshua Tracy

Grange Farm School:

training the next generation of farmers

A visit with Antonia Partridge, Farm School director for the California State Grange School of Agriculture Arts, makes it clear that she knows her stuff. Operating a visionary program on a shoestring budget means Partridge has extensive farm experience, has worked exhaustively to collaborate on designing a strong program, and can pitch it eloquently.

Partridge completed the Agriculture Systems and Environment program at UC Davis in 1999. Like most

graduates of this program, she can tell you a lot about soil chemistry and plant physiology on a molecular and cellular basis. However, because this popular program isn't a trade school, attendees never change a tractor implement, practice small engine repair, or assemble irrigation systems. Many of these and other critical farming skills used to be handed down through the generations, along with the family farm. Today, more people like Partridge are coming to farming from other experiences and need to learn these skills. And learn them soon.

Today, according to Partridge, the average farmer is 57 years old, and 30 percent of farmers are older than 65. In the next 10 years, 40 million acres of farmland will change hands as these

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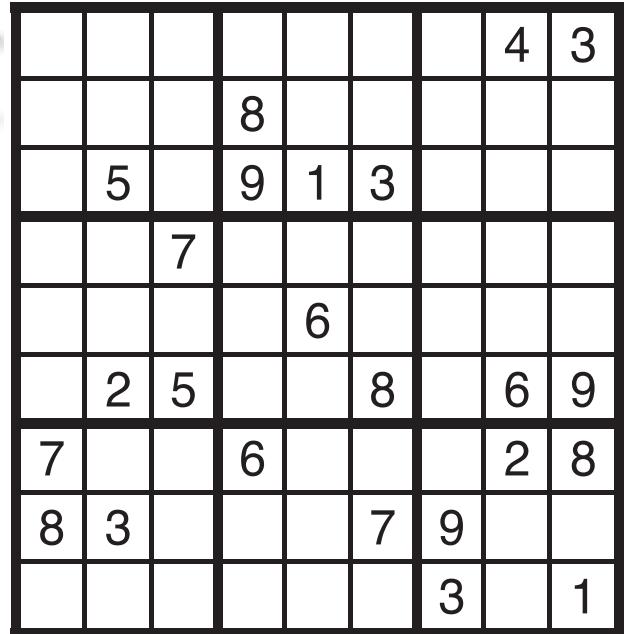
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How To Sudoku:

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

COLUMN | Relationships



Five basic relationship needs

When we experience traumatic events in our lives, such as the loss of a loved one, severe health issues, or the loss of our job or home, many of us come face to face with needs that I call basic relationship needs. As a relationship coach I define them as 1. feeling physically (including sexually) safe; 2. feeling accepted for who we are; 3. feeling connected; 4. feeling supported and cared for; and 5. feeling appreciated. I summarize these basic needs in two categories, feeling physically safe and emotionally safe.

Life, however, does not have to be so challenging for these basic relationship needs to arise. We are born with them, and they stay with us throughout our lives. I dare say it is only when all our basic relationship needs are being met that we can be at our best, as can our partnerships and other important relationships in our lives. It contributes to our emotional and physical health.

As an example, a friend of mine wanted to get divorced because she did not feel emotionally safe with her husband. Unfortunately, he was not open to relationship coaching or any form of marriage counseling or therapy that may have helped them as a couple. Too often she had been ridiculed by him for having certain feelings, and too often she had been accused of being incompetent. She did not feel accepted for who she was. Feeling unappreciated and disrespected finally became unbearable. They had daily arguments, and it began to affect her health. At that point, she felt her only option was divorce.

My friend's example illustrates how crucial it is for those of us in a partnership to get our "five basic relationship needs" met. It is not enough to satisfy

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Film Review:
Hotels as film characters

The Eagles had it all figured out: "Welcome to the Hotel California.... You can check out anytime you want, but you can never leave."

Movie producers seem to have the same perspective when it comes to making movies where hotels or motels become far more than setting, symbols or metaphors. In the best of the best, the hotels become visceral characters.

Going back as far as 1932, the classic black-and-white film, "Grand Hotel," which featured Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford and John Barrymore, added to the cast of characters a posh Berlin hotel whose walls, floors, furnishings and staff became the film's antagonists. The film is still available through TCM (Turner Classic Movies), and well-respected film critic, Leonard Maltin, gives it a full four out of four stars.

Most recently, American filmgoers were treated to intrigue and scandals at "The Grand Budapest Hotel" (2014), with a stellar cast of Hollywood A-list actors whose performances seemed somehow familiar to those in the original and iconic "Grand Hotel." The new film was both a ratings and box office disappointment, almost seeming to offer up the old adage of too many cooks spoiling the stew.

Turns out, it's not so easy to match hotels and humans. Contrast "The Grand Budapest Hotel" with "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" (2011), where the characters in the latter film moved seamlessly among the crumbling walls and porticos of the East Indian relic. In that film, the equally stellar cast pulled their epiphanies out of the failing plaster. Clearly, hotels/motels and characters must work together artfully.

Take "The Shining" (1980) set in The Overlook Hotel, or "Bates Motel" (1960, then reprised for

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WHY DO WE NEED MEASURE K?

- To purchase a Water Tender and other equipment, that is beyond repair or is unsafe.
- To fund hazard abatement programs, including maintenance of the greenbelt near your home.
- To maintain the Department's ability to respond to medical emergencies.
- To keep our First Responders supplied with necessary equipment for their 200 plus calls per year.
- To eliminate the Department need to borrow approximately \$10,000 annually from the District.
- To restore the Department's reserves for emergency equipment replacement.
- Life saving equipment cannot be repaired and some of the personal safety gear is outdated and unsafe.

If I am a renter, can I vote for Measure K? Yes, as long as you are registered to vote in Brooktrails.

THE FACTS: HOME FIRE INSURANCE RATES AND THE DROUGHT

California is now officially in a long-term drought. Currently, Brooktrails has a rating of 5 out of 10 from the ISO (Insurance Service Office). 1 is the best and highest rating. We are now due to be reappraised. If Brooktrails' ISO rating goes higher than 5, then home insurers will view our Township unfavorably and your home insurance could rise significantly.

How does the Revenue Enhancement Committee decide on a \$34 annual increase? In 2013, a Revenue Enhancement Committee of residents including those who opposed the last request for an increase in the fire tax conducted a review to keep the community fire safe.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS MEASURE?

- The Brooktrails Property Owners Association
- The Brooktrails Property Owners Association Women's Club
- The Brooktrails Community Alliance
- The Brooktrails Volunteer Firefighters Association
- The Revenue Enhancement Committee
- Many concerned residents

PLEASE JOIN US AND VOTE YES ON MEASURE K

to make our homes and Township safer during these challenging times

THE Revenue Enhancement Committee's recommendations

The committee unanimously agreed that the least expensive, least disruptive and most beneficial option for the community, and each resident, was to maintain the Department and raise revenue by \$34 per year. This will establish a fund to replace equipment, such as a Water Tender and EMT supplies, maintain the hazard abatement program and ensure that the department is able to work with residents to keep the community fire safe.



Discovery Park and Playground breaks ground



The groundbreaking Friday for Discovery Park and Playground behind the Willits Kids Club was well-attended, with lots of kids, parents and community supporters enjoying the start of the next phase of the project.

"It's going to be a park for kids, and I wanted the groundbreaking to have the kids be central to it," said Eric Glassey, president of the board of directors for the Willits Kids Club. "And a lot of supporters of the park and the Kids Club through the years were there, also."

The ground-breaking was part of the annual Kids Club Carnival, with food, games and other festivities. Work at Discovery Park, which will be built by Willits' Mendocino Construction Services, will start when school is over for the year.

- Jennifer Poole

Above: Roy Krausen, former board member who helped with park development, and Dave Madrigal, Discovery Park project manager.

Left: Willits Kids Club kids celebrate the groundbreaking of Discovery Park.

Left, below: Discovery Park supporters, left to right: Patty Bruder, Willits Kids Club board member; John Henkel, landscaper for the park, with son Max at his feet; Larry MacLeitch from T.R. Eriksen, longtime funder for the Kids Club; Eric Glassey, board president; Roy Krausen, former board member; Dave Watts of Sanhedrin Nursery, landscape designer for the park; Dave Madrigal, park project manager; Jenny Watts of Sanhedrin Nursery; and Jenny Wagner, Kids Club director.

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The rest of Farm School

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Algebra, Geometry

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Community HU Song

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Help Wanted

It's almost run time again! Friday, June 13 kicks off Redwood Run 2014. So get ready, Willits. There will be a proliferation of motorcycles hitting town, starting on Thursday, June 12 with the early-bird riders and increasing through the day on Friday, June 13. You'll probably hear 'em before you see 'em, especially the Harley's! And this year the tickets are being offered for \$110, presale. Ticket price will be \$130 at the gate.

This year there is a bonus to presale tickets: pre-sale ticket buyers will be automatically entered into a VIP upgrade drawing. The next drawing for the upgrade will be June 1. So get your tickets early for a chance at this great prize. VIP ticket holders get a backstage pass to meet the band members performing at the Run. And the entertainment this year is awesome, featuring Puddle of Mudd and none other than The Marshall Tucker Band!

The Kiwanis Redwood Run began in 1977. Back in those days the Run was held at French's Camp in Humboldt County, just across the northern border of Mendocino County. The Run has evolved through the years and is now being held at the Riverview Ranch in Piercy, California. The location is semi-secluded and features three days of camping, live music, biker games, swimming in the South Fork of the Eel River, and shows ... including my favorite, the Wet T-Shirt Contest.

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

be greeted with coned-off lanes leading you to the Run entrance. The ticket booth is located near the entrance and will be open on Thursday, June 12 from 9 am to 9 pm. Ticket sales at the booth are cash only. The Run gates will open officially at 6 am, Friday, June 13. The price for tickets on Thursday is \$130.

The Redwood Run knows many folks want to get in line early to be one of the first through the gate to get their choice of the first-come, first-serve camp sites, so they do allow guests to line up starting Thursday, June 12 and camp outside the gate on Thursday night. Camping is restricted to the entry boundary between the front gate and the ticket booth only. Once that area is full, there will be campsites available in the empty field near the ticket booth. If you choose to line up prior to the gate opening, make sure you check in at the ticket booth and get your wrist band prior to the gate opening.

There is something for everyone at the Redwood Run. That is unless you don't like motorcycles, great music, beautiful women, beer & cocktails, good food, tons of vendors with great merchandise, or just being in one of the most beautiful areas of California having a fun time with great people.

Proceeds from the Run go to local child assistance organizations in Garberville and other areas of Humboldt County.

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

— Richard Venturi, Redwood Run correspondent

Events Schedule

Thursday, June 12	5p	Shotgun Harlot
9a On-Site Ticket Booth & Will Call Opens, Redwood Runners Start Lining Up	7p	Bad Motor Scooter
9p		Marshall Tucker Band
9p On-Site Ticket Booth & Will Call Closes	11p	Skinny Molly
	1a	Jimi Jeff & the Gypsy Band
Friday, June 13		Saturday, June 14
6a On-Site Ticket Booth & Will Call Opens	9a	Deadman's Tale
	10a	Face Down in the Mud
8a Main Gate Opens - Mad Rush for Campsites!	11a	Rogue
9a Intro & Welcome	11:30a	Bike Games, People Games, Bike Show
10a DJ	3p	Wet T-Shirt Contest
11:15a Color Guard National Anthem	5p	Royalush
11:45a Chris Cain	7p	Moonshine Bandits
1p Savannah Blue	9p	Puddle of Mudd
3p Brad Wilson	12a	Beatnik & the Fryeds



From top: Campsites fill up fast; Willits riders Joel, Janice, Kim and Rich enjoyed the 2013 event; bikes line Willits' Main Street. Photos provided by Rich Venturi



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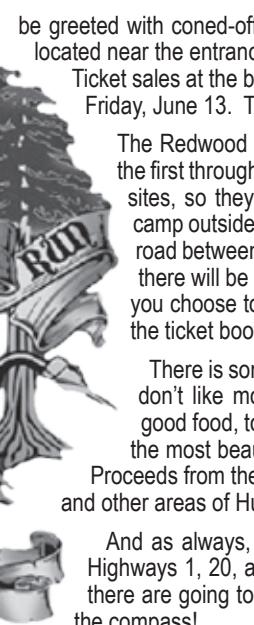
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This is definitely adult entertainment with plenty of alcohol booths up and running.

Directions to the Run are simple: from Willits, head north on Highway 101 and take the Piercy off-ramp. Hang a left at the stop sign, ride under the freeway, and you will be greeted with coned-off lanes leading you to the Run entrance. The ticket booth is located near the entrance and will be open on Thursday, June 12 from 9 am to 9 pm. Ticket sales at the booth are cash only. The Run gates will open officially at 6 am, Friday, June 13. The price for tickets on Thursday is \$130.

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cream cake decorating, and participants will then get to try out their new skills by decorating their own cupcake to take home!

2 pm: Solar Cooking Demonstration: See description above.

How to Draw a Face: Artist Janet Rayner is a veteran art teacher and has helped people of all ages discover their artistic ability. This 90 minute class will help budding artists (and those who believe they have no artistic ability at all!) learn to successfully draw a face.

3:30 pm: Edible Plants of Mendocino County: Clinic Herbalist Tellur Fenner of Blue Wind Botanical Medical Clinic will introduce participants to edible and medicinal plants of Mendocino County, including a PowerPoint presentation.

Museum-Sponsored Booth Activities: Open all day

Soldering: At this booth, people of all ages learn to use a battery-powered soldering gun to attach the pieces of a robot pin badge. When complete, the badge has blinking LED eyes and the "makers" get to wear their badge showing the new skill they have acquired.

Hula Hoops: Kids of all ages get to make and decorate their own hula hoops out of PVC pipe and duct tape.

Deconstruction Zone: Kids learn about how machines work by taking them apart.

Swap O Rama Rama: Attendees learn about recycling and upcycling clothes, as well as sewing skills. People bring clothes or goods to swap, or find a project at the booth. Some materials and mentors will be provided. The Little Lake Grange has generously offered the use of their sewing machines.

Food will be provided by the Delish Willits Food booth, owned by Ann and Jon Maglione. Many of the items they offer are locally raised and grown. Their grilled hot dogs are made from beef locally raised in Willits by John and Charline Ford. They are perfectly seasoned, hormone, nitrite, and nitrate free, and processed in Eureka. The hibiscus tea is made from organic hibiscus flowers and fruit juices, and the smoothies are made from locally grown fruits and vegetables and organic mint. There will also be sausages from Sonoma County, fresh roasted almonds, and a vegetarian entree. New this time are fresh, hot, chocolate chip cookies, right out of the oven in the booth! Admission to the Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 13 to 18 years, and free for children 12 years and under. Included is admission to the Mendocino County Museum, a treasure trove of the county's historical and cultural artifacts. More information on the Mendocino County Mini Maker Faire can be found at www.MendocinoMakerFaire.com. The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street, across from the Rec Grove, and can be reached at 459-2736 or Info@MendocinoMuseum.org.

— Submitted by Paloma Patterson for the Mendocino County Museum

Furry Friend

Young Mr. Stubbins

Meet the very mellow cat named Stubbins, a 2-year-old domestic shorthair Tabby Manx mix. He is a very affectionate and chilled-out guy for his young age and seems to prefer lounging around. He came to live with us in April after his owner went to live in a retirement home, and sadly she was unable to take her beloved boy with her. He is not too interested in playing with toys, but will definitely make a great lap cat. And since he likes to be held, he will probably make a great family pet as well. Stubbins is up to date on his vaccinations, and since he's already neutered, he can go home with you the same day you come to meet him. If you are looking for an awesome companion, we hope you will come meet this very sweet guy to see if he would make a great addition to your home!

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Photo by Katherine Houghtby

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Water Act and State of California air quality standards. The operation is also subject to the county's nuisance abatement procedure. However, when asked by Supervisor Dan Hamburg how the county would use that procedure to limit or affect work at the quarry, County Deputy County Counsel Matthew Kiedrowski urged the board to consider the safety of the public in making its decision.

"Could you stop the Harris Quarry on the basis of a nuisance complaint?" Hamburg asked.

"These are important things to be asking, but they are not really relevant to the vested rights claim you are considering," Kiedrowski replied.

The county's staff report says the same thing. According to the report: "Issues such as the potential difficulty in enforcing limitations on future mining or potential confusion in working out such issues as pending litigation over the 2012 approvals are not relevant to the decision before the board."

In approving the vested rights claim, supervisors accepted evidence gathered by Northern Aggregates attorneys that mining at the quarry "diligently commenced" before January 1, 1976, when the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act became effective.

Anecdotal evidence, personal recollection and newspaper clippings were educed to demonstrate that mining at the quarry went back as far as 1929. Aerial photographs presented to the board on April 22 clearly showed the quarry has expanded since the earliest photograph.

Opponents to granting the vested rights claim have attempted to prove that for a period of time before January 1, 1976, the mine was inactive. A sworn statement from Tracy Livingston, representing the Church of the Golden Rule, which owned the mine from 1962 to 1983, said the church did not conduct commercial mining operations there while the church owned it, "because the church never operated [and had no interest in operating] a commercial mining or processing operation on the Harris Quarry."

"We don't want to be trucking rock," he said. "That means extremely heavy loads, using a whole lot of fuel and wearing down a whole lot of tires: you know, the whole nine yards. Until we stop driving cars on roads, this is the world we live in, and I just don't think we can wish it away."

After the vote, Willits resident Bud Garman said he operated the quarry in the 1970s. In another statement, Willits resident Wayne Waters said he remembered buying rock from the quarry for state road projects in the 1976-1978 time period.

The statements from Garman and Waters, plus the aerial photographs, convinced the board the mine was in commercial use during the period that it was owned by the church.

However, when asked by John McCowen (2nd District) if the law provided that a vested rights claim could be approved only if a mine or quarry had been in continual use prior to January 1, 1976, Kiedrowski said it did not.

The matter may ultimately be decided by the courts. In a statement released Tuesday night, Keep the Coast spokesman Bob Whitney announced the organization would sue the county to have the vested rights decision overturned.

Wagenet said the work is being undertaken on NAI's own initiative. "They are under no obligation to do this. This is above and beyond what Caltrans required," Wagenet said.

Dutra said the work was required. "It's part of our Caltrans permit," he said. But he was contradicted by co-owner Randy Lucchetti.

"Whether we have to do it or not, we're doing it. And we'll be done in about a month," Lucchetti said.

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"The public service, and know how as a private citizen. Wagenet knows how to listen, and he knows how to act.

I encourage you to vote for Hal Wagenet for Supervisor.

C. David Eyster
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Above: Panelists consult one another about a question, from left to right: Bob Juhn, Joe Heckel, Claudia Clow, Alan Furber and Will Jopson.

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control our own destiny, control what would be developed out there. We did initiate annexation in areas where the interchanges were going to be, with land uses we were supported Cloverdale in those efforts.

Planning, with community input, is very important, the panelists agreed. "In my view, a city planner is essential in trying to address the issues of bringing together all the stakeholders, all the members of the community, and getting input on what our town to be, to look like," Juhn said. "Not everything goes smoothly, it never does; especially if you have to deal with Caltrans."

And community input into the planning process is most important, panelists stressed. "How important was it for your community to be working together for a plan after the bypass?" was one of the questions Moorhead asked.

"Crucial," panelist Claudia Clow answered. "Get involved," she urged, "in the part that's interesting to you: signage, beautification..." Cloverdale recruited four separate committees of volunteers to help "life after the bypass": a "product improvement committee" (to make the community look better), a business retention committee, a communications committee, and a business attraction committee.

Bob Juhn said more than once he felt Willits had more going for it right now, than Cloverdale did.

"The bottom line is: if you view it as an opportunity, good things happen," Juhn said. "In my view good things did happen in Cloverdale, and in my opinion, you can have some really good things happen here as well."

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all foreclosure documents for accuracy, and if found to be in question, I will demand proof of a clear chain of title from the foreclosing bank before recording it."

Ranochak has been endorsed by the Mendocino County Women's Political Coalition, Sheriff Tom Allman, District Attorney David Eyster, county Treasurer Shari Schapmire, Auditor-Controller Meredith Ford, retired county Assessor Duane Wells, and retired county Assessor/Clerk-Recorder Marsha Wharf.

In addition to her official duties, she is the secretary of the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials and also serves as the board of supervisors' appointment to the Mendocino Council of Governments.

"I am committed to serving the people of Mendocino County and would appreciate your vote on June 3," Ranochak said.

Supes appoint new library director



Prom photos:
Far left: top | Price Rumberg, Ashley Roach, Shyanne DeMarco, Shiva Patel, Amanda Lauren Mason, Hailey Riley, Kelsey Butler and Taylor Sasso.
Photo by Carolyn Bakewell
At left: 2014 Prom Queen Annie Smith and Prom King Marcos Diaz.
Bottom from left, Prince and Princesses: Sam Smith and Bre Shuster; Ruby Nieto and Carlos Munos Velarde.
Photos by Nancy Villegas

A day and a night to remember

Friday after school, Willits High School students enjoyed the nice sunny weather at a small carnival planned by the Associated Student Body students. There were lots of fun games, like balloon toss, balloon pop, and a fish bowl. While some of the students didn't get a fish, others won!

Nancy Villegas
WHS Correspondent
willitweekly@gmail.com

The teachers enjoyed the carnival alongside the students. WHS Principal Jeff Ritchie joined in the fun by getting a "tattoo" from Carolyn Bakewell – the art and yearbook teacher at Willits High school. Thanks to the ASB students who planned such a wonderful day for their fellow students and their teachers. Everyone had a blast!

Then, on Saturday, high school students had a night that they will definitely remember. Students danced under the star-speckled ceiling, gowns shimmered in the light, and memories were made. A couple of freshmen girls and boys enjoyed experiencing their very first prom.

Everyone looked like royalty in their beautiful gowns and handsome suits. Thanks to the Willits High School cooking club students, everyone had delicious snacks and refreshing drinks when they needed a break from all the dancing.

Congratulations to our Prom King Marcos Diaz and Prom Queen Annie Smith, and to our princes and princesses Breanna Shuster, Sam Smith, Ruby Nieto and Carlos Munos Velarde.



Carnival photos: top | Katie Shuster gets ready to play a game at the event. Above: Carolyn Bakewell "inks" Principal Ritchie with a marker.

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said. Solar panels at the water plant have earned the city checks for a little over \$18,000, he said.

The solar sewer treatment plant is an approximately \$2 million project, with an estimated \$168,000 savings on electrical bills in the first year.

To do more investigating, council members formed an ad-hoc committee of Orenstein and Councilwoman Madge Strong.

Gaia is offering the city a chance to buy its system on pre-negotiated terms from HGACBuy, a government purchasing operation run by the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Water Manager J.C. England said it looks like the proposed site for the panels is in wetlands the city maintains for mitigation.

The Willits sewer plant sits in the valley north of Commercial Street.

"I think that it makes so much sense," Strong said. Erecting solar panels at the sewer plant is one thing she wants to get done in her time on the council, she noted.

The water treatment plant is southeast of town and treats water from Morris and Centennial lakes.

A new emergency water treatment plant will be located near the sewer plant.

Gordon Elton, retired City of Ukiah financial director, works as the fill-in financial director for the city. He spoke to council members about Ukiah's experience with Honeywell International.

"None of it matters if the savings are not actually realized," Elton noted. He said council members and the city need to "understand assumptions before moving ahead."

Gaia claims that getting the city off PG&E electricity at the plant can spare more than 47.3 million pounds of CO2 emissions, equal to planting 405 acres of trees.

To advance with any plans for solar panels at the sewer plant, the city needs to join HGACBuy, finance the project, pen a letter of intent and begin planning with Gaia.

"I think we need to go slowly and do our due diligence on this," Councilman Bruce Burton said.

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brindle coloring, and to categorize all brindle-colored dogs as aggressive is an indication of a bias or prejudice, in my opinion.

I happen to be the co-owner of a brindle-colored shar-pei. He is very friendly, sometimes too friendly, almost always wagging his tail, sometimes jumping up on new friends in greeting. He is a very loving dog, this being his inherent nature. However, this has never been done in an aggressive manner. His only times of aggression that I've seen is when he is outnumbered by many other dogs in the pack mentality or when he is the victim of unprovoked aggression (due to bias).

I am concerned this recent letter will contribute to increased prejudice and bias regarding certain dogs because of the markings they were born with, regardless of their specific breed, background or treatment. I would ask your readers to consider the dog itself, and keep an open mind when they encounter any dog, regardless of the markings they were born with. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Ken Roberts, Willits

Vote Woodhouse

To the Editor:

When I first started thinking about why I'm voting for Tom Woodhouse for 3rd District supervisor, several ideas popped into my head. After considering them I feel the most important one is the fact that he's a really good listener. Being a good listener is paramount in the "Art of Communication" and should be a required aspect of anyone running for public office. How can an official know what his/her constituents want/need if they are unable to listen to them?

I saw this quality of Tom's while attending school board meetings with him. He would touch bases with a variety of people before the meeting, listening intently to what they had to say. Then when he got up to speak, it was from a well-thought-out perspective. Which brings me to another reason I'm voting for Tom – his ability to speak in a public meeting.

When Tom takes his turn during the public comment portion of a meeting, not only are his ideas well-thought-out, but he has the ability to communicate them in a calm, unemotional style: even if it's something he feels strongly about, he doesn't allow his emotions or passions to take center stage. Another important quality in the "Art of Communication."

For years Tom has stayed behind the scenes, volunteering for so many things. He has been on the Site Council for Willits High School even though his children graduated years ago. He has put in many, many volunteer hours for both the Willits Unified School District and the City of Willits. He has worked with the Sheriff's Department Work Release Program, in which he requests and supervises inmates and has them clean up around the city, weeding, picking up garbage, etc. He volunteers to help clean up at the Sober Grad Party at 4 am! It is obvious he cares for our district as well as its inhabitants.

I was thrilled when I heard that Tom was running for supervisor for the 3rd District. Please join me in voting for Tom Woodhouse for supervisor!

Joyce Waters, Willits

Move to Amend resolution

To the Editor:

Last week, the Willits City Council passed a resolution calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to firmly establish that only human beings have Constitutional rights and political spending is not free speech and can be regulated. The vote was 4 to 1.

Willits is the final city council in Mendocino County to pass a resolution calling for a Constitutional amendment. The four incorporated cities in the county, as well as the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, have now all passed resolutions calling for an amendment.

In fact, the Point Arena City Council was one of the first in the nation to pass such a resolution in 2000. The Ft. Bragg

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government – not the other way around," Margaret Koster said. Koster is a local Move to Amend leader.

The city's resolution notes the U.S. Supreme Court has been friendly to corporations in past rulings, adding campaign finance limits were further whittled down in the McCutcheon vs. Federal Elections Committee case.

"Now if money is speech then why am I so poor?" Willits reporter Mike A'Dair said. "As for corporations being people – I will believe it when Texas executes one."

Willits trailed Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Point Arena and the county in passing a resolution, "but what we are saying is, the people of the United States have the right to regulate campaign spending."

Election results from 2012 state that 24,492 voters cast a "yes" vote for Measure F. The measure passed by almost 75 percent.

"I think [the recent Supreme Court decision] was an activist judiciary mistake," Councilwoman Madge Strong said. "We need to turn this juggernaut around, and it is something we can do; it was passed overwhelmingly by the citizens of Mendocino County."

The measure contends "only human beings and not corporations are endowed with constitutional rights, that money does not constitute speech and therefore political contributions can be regulated."

Willits doctor Monte Lieberfarb said "a constitutional amendment would certainly create a level or more

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million. That grant is being reviewed right now, Moore said.

The California Department of Public Health awarded \$250,000 for the project in February.

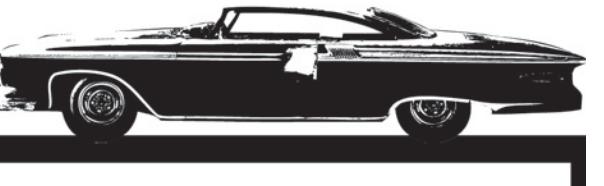
Moore said last week another CDPH program could award \$50,000 to the city.

Some council members had been concerned the city might have to pay with its own money for the \$2.1 million project.

Councilman Bruce Burton thanked city employees and management for their work.

California Department of Water Resources data shows nearly 32 inches of rain have fallen on the Willits area. Current rainfall has risen from a dire 3.28 inches on the books in January.

"Our reservoirs are full," Moore said. But, she added: "Morris [Lake] is not overflowing as it had been."



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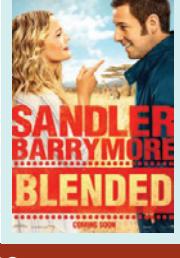
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Congrats Column



FAMILY | Kara Rodriguez Kara Rodriguez is proud to announce that she's been adopted by parents Martin and Saprina Rodriguez. Kara grew up in Willits and attends Willits High School. This past two years has changed her life. She plays soccer, enjoys running, and is a member of WHS cooking club. Kara plans to attend college a year after graduation. She has aspirations of working in the nursing field. She is welcomed by her new siblings Esteban, Lorenzo, Alex, Eric and Mariah Rodriguez, as well as Joseph Said. Grandmother Linda Byrns and many aunts, uncles and cousins are excited for her too. The Rodriguez family is thankful to have the support of Kara's biological siblings: Josh McBride, Ashley Green and Matt Maxwell.



NEWBIE | Caleb William McFadden

Caleb William McFadden was born May 16, 2014 to Corey and Brooke McFadden. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 15.7 ounces. Caleb was welcomed home by his brothers Marcus and Ty, as well as grandparents Beth Lidster and John and Roni McFadden.

NEWBIE | Liam Thomas Kelley

Liam Thomas Kelley was born May 13, 2014 at 7 pounds, 11 ounces, to proud parents Marcus and Brittany Kelley. Liam joins his sisters Taylor and Jordan, and completes the happy little family.

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Look for the Athletes of the Year and 2014 Scholar Athletes in an upcoming edition!

Baseball & Golf |
Jon Montez, 18, Senior

This is Jon Montez' second time being named Willits Weekly's Athlete of the Week.

Jon helped the baseball team extend their winning streak to four games, getting 5 hits in his last 9 at bats. He currently leads the team in overall batting average with .423. Jon also was the number two golfer for the Wolverines at the Section tourney, shooting an 85.



Athletes of the Week

Willits Weekly is proud to showcase some of Willits High School's Amazing Athletes. Athletes are nominated by their coaches and with the help of coach and project facilitator, Dave Smith. Willits Weekly highlights two athletes each week (three athletes this week!), to share their achievements with the community.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Softball |
Jordan Willcutt, 18, Senior

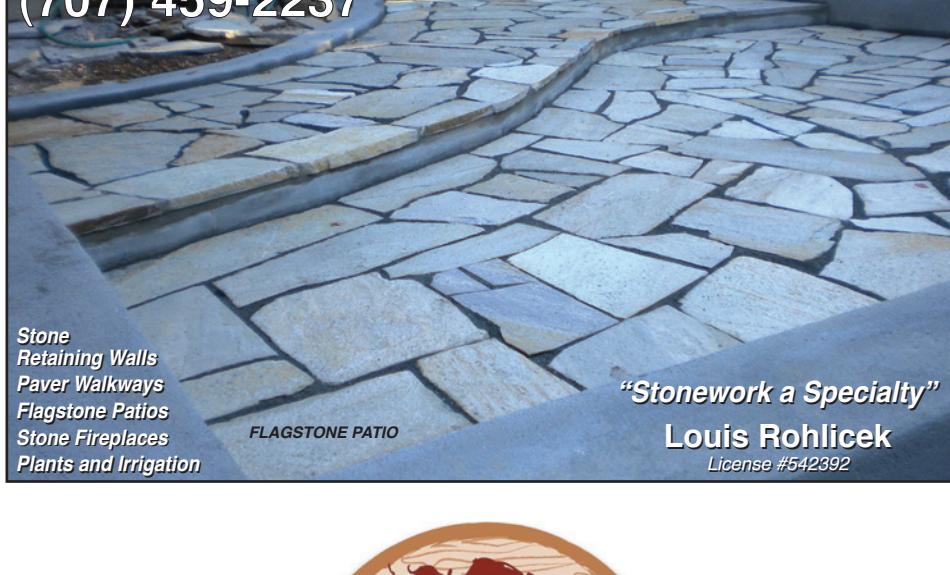
Breakfast of Champions: Wheat Thins

Jordan, a senior pitcher, has been a four-year varsity player. In her final week of play, Jordan pitched two complete games. In her two outings, she struck out 14 batters and slammed a homer. She finished her season with an 8-2 win over Kelseyville. Thanks for your hard work at Willits High, Jordan, you will be missed! (nominated by coach Curtis Collicott)

Track |
Matt Foster, 15, Sophomore

Breakfast of Champions: Oatmeal with brown sugar, honey and butter

Matt took first place in the pole vault at the CMC league championships, with a winning vault of 10 feet. His win helped the Wolverines place fourth out of 13 schools in the team competition. Matt qualifies to move on to the Class A Section Championships next Saturday.



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