



# What do YOU think?

## Airport trespass

To the Editor:

Willits Airport Manager, Dan Ramsey, recently wrote a letter warning the "non-authorized" public to "stay outside of the fences and not enter airport property." He cites frequent trespassing by people walking around the runway in violation of FAA rules based on safety and security.

My wife and I live in the airport neighborhood and frequently walk Poppy Drive to the airport, but not in the restricted area. During our walks in the past several months, we've noticed the development of an unauthorized ATV/dirt bike trail crossing private property at the southeast corner of the Poppy Drive and Madrone Drive intersection near the location of the recent motorcycle fatality.

After reading Ramsey's letter, we were curious, and followed the trail on May 10, finding that it enters airport property and parallels the runway on the west, then climbs up to the runway just north of the orange wind sock, then descends to the west, curving south to terminate at the south end of the runway where local "recreationists" have created their own private motorcross on Willits Airport property, leaving vast areas of devastation, compacted to hardpan. There's also evidence of pick and shovel work to enhance approach ramps to jumps. Check it out on Google Earth!

Walking through the devastation south, we came upon a trampled fence along the boundary with St. Francis Ranch and evidence of ATV incursion on that private property also.

The liability issue alone should prod the City of Willits to deal with this unauthorized trespass immediately, particularly since the fire danger is severe due to large areas of slash left over from the city's last logging operation.

If the City of Willits is going to play hardball with a few senior citizens trying to get some fresh air and aerobic exercise, surely it could also play hardball with the ATV/dirt bike yahoos who pose a significantly more serious safety and security threat.

Is it the city's policy to selectively enforce FAA rules? Which is the greater threat, senior citizens walking *along* the runway, or yahoos drag raking on the runway?

Don Morris, Brooktrails

## Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

should have the highest priority for medical care over any other resident in our county, including those of my own family.

Since 1919 the American Legion has maintained a constant vigil in Washington to make sure that the government kept up its side of the agreement it made with citizens taking the oath of service. The Legion maintains a full-time office in Washington and is constantly meeting with individuals and committees in both the executive and legislative branches of our government.

The American Legion National Commander, Daniel M. Dellinger, has been seen recently on almost every national media outlet and before Congress, demanding a thorough investigation and the removal of the personnel involved in this mismanagement. These efforts not only handle medical activities but also in maintaining the retirement benefits retirees earned.

In addition, the Legion has offices throughout the country near, or adjacent to, the VA claims offices where any vet can contact an American Legion service officer with a claim problem. The staff then acts as their strong advocates to resolve the claim. All of these activities cost money. For decades WWII and Korean veterans have carried the colors and supported the Legion, but sadly we are losing them every day. As a Vietnam Era vet, I sincerely ask all veterans, including those of more recent campaigns, to join the American Legion in this vitally important effort.

We are not asking for your time, although that would be greatly appreciated, but for your dues, just \$40 per year. These funds help not only local veterans and their families, but ensure the continued effort at the state and national levels. Thanks to the efforts of American Legion members, there are local businesses throughout the county that offer discounts to veterans, so you will get your dues back in savings.

Check the Legion's website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and call me at 707-272-1997. Willits Post 174 meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1940 North Main Street. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

Remember, the rights you help defend today will be there for you in the future!

Robert Ireland, commander,  
American Legion Willits Post 174

## Defending veterans' rights

To the Editor:

The American Legion needs you to help protect your veterans' rights.

By now everyone has heard about the tragic events throughout the Veterans Administration medical centers. Forty veterans died while waiting to be seen by a doctor in the Phoenix Center. These men and women took an oath and served our country, receiving disabling injuries both physical and mental. Yet when they turned to the Veterans Administration for help, they were delayed for years in seeing anyone.

Worse yet, these deaths were hidden by those required to report them, to pretend to better care than was administered. This is a travesty of both justice and basic human morality. This is a scandal and a black mark on our national character. Veterans

## Supes forum on WCTV

To the Editor

Willits Community Television (WCTV) is broadcasting and streaming the May 7 candidates forum for the upcoming election for Mendocino County Supervisor. Volunteers videoed and edited a packed house forum at the Little Lake Grange. It included statements from the candidates, predetermined questions from the sponsors, and questions from the audience.

We want to make a special effort to let all citizens know that the complete forum is viewable through Comcast's channel 3. This is Willits' own Public Access TV station.

Most of our content is also available through our website, [willitsv.org](http://willitsv.org), our vimeo.com page (search for "Willits community television" in vimeo's search bar or go to our vimeo profile here <https://vimeo.com/user12621306>), and on our Facebook page, Willits Community Television Inc. The direct streaming link to part 1 of the candidates forum is:

<http://vimeo.com/96073980>.

Andy Wright, our station manager, has also invited all of the candidates to come by the station at 85 East Commercial Street, the old Andrew Carnegie Library building, to make additional statements to be included in the programming in all three of our locations: Comcast channel 3, [willitsv.org](http://willitsv.org), and Facebook.

This pre-election coverage is just one of many services that WCTV offers to our community. City council meetings are also recorded and broadcast live. We provide access to the station and its equipment for free to all Willits residents. Volunteer video producers produce all of our shows, with staff helping them out in the studio or editing room as required. Individuals can bring in their projects, and the station will provide cameras and editing facilities as long as the video product is available for broadcasting on our station. This is the basic mission of WCTV.

The community of Willits is lucky to have a robust group of videographers and editors who have donated thousands of hours to the community over the past few years. The public access program and our physical facility were originally established through grants by the cable provider to support public television in this area. The station is exploring ways to sustain the years of effort that have already been invested in providing us this video voice.

Now is the time for all citizens who believe in local programming to make a show of support for WCTV Public Access. Call Andy at 459-2528 for more info.

Our staff, Andy & Thea, are in the studio 24 hours per week; open hours are on [willitsv.org](http://willitsv.org), or the WCTV Facebook page. Leave a phone message if no one is there, or send us an email at [wctvnc@gmail.com](mailto:wctvnc@gmail.com).

Ron Woolsey,  
WCTV board member

## Signs

To the Editor:

I think I speak for all the candidates for 3rd District supervisor when I ask folks to be respectful of our campaign signs. I know that they can be a bit overwhelming this time of year, but they are a key part of the election process.

Recently a number of signs have been vandalized. I saw one of Hal's signs with cuts through it. Clay said that one of his disappeared on Birch Street, only to reappear mysteriously a few days later. A friend said he saw one of Tom's signs pulled out and thrown in a field down the road (he put it back in its rightful place). I can count a number of signs of mine that are just gone (Highway 162? Coast Street?). And my big sign on Commercial and Mill Creek had all six zip-ties cut, not once but twice! That took some effort!

We, as candidates, are doing our best to speak with voters and the community to show why we are the best person to be your next supervisor. The yard signs are a great way that people can show their support. Some of us have home-made signs, or purchased ones, but they all took energy to get out there. All the volunteers on my campaign know that the signs have rules: you must *always* have the permission of the property owner or renter, and we must remove and collect them ASAP after Election Day.

Please remember to vote June 3rd to select your next 3rd District supervisor, and if you see someone vandalizing a sign for *any* of the candidates, call them on it! Tell them

to pick up trash instead, so that our town will look spiffy for Frontier Days.

I have the utmost respect for all my fellow candidates. It has been great getting to know you on the campaign trail. Thank you for putting yourselves out there for Mendocino County. I am very proud of the positive campaign our volunteers and I have run over these past months, and now I ask for your vote.

Holly Madrigal, Willits

## Vote Woodhouse

To the Editor:

My father, Tom Woodhouse, taught me numerous things about the world during my childhood. I learned how to pick blackberries in the fall and to avoid poison oak while building forts on our property. However, the most important lesson my father passed onto me was how to treat other people. Every day when I left for school, my dad told me to be nice to a classmate who was in need of some company or a small kindness. My father showed me how letting go of our insecurities and letting other people into our lives is, perhaps, one of the most wonderful gifts life has to offer.

Tom Woodhouse's ability to communicate and understand people from all walks of life is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to his skill set that would make him an outstanding 3rd District supervisor.

Spending time at my father's office growing up, it always amazed me how many hours he would spend talking to people. As I grew older, I realized the importance of all the conversations my father has on a daily basis. I have never met another human being in my life who is capable of listening, comprehending, and compassionately advising people about any variety of problems.

Yet he goes well beyond spoken wisdom and readily jumps into action to help people fix broken pipes, lend them a lawn mower, or load firewood into their truck. He has been an amazing support system not only to my family, but to a vast number of people in our community.

I cannot count the hours I have spent volunteering with my father around Willits, and my hours do not even begin to compare to the time he has spent doing so over the past 40 years. From wrapping Christmas presents for children who were in need of new clothes and toys around the holidays, to serving dinner at the St. Francis Church for families in need of a hot meal on a cold winter's night.

It has always blown my mind how many ways my father finds to care about his community. From mowing empty lots that are a public eyesore, reporting every street light that is burnt-out around town to PG&E, speaking up as a member of the public on important matters at school board and city council meetings, to hosting town cleanups out of his office. My dad does these things selflessly, donating his time, resources, and heart to making our community a beautiful, caring, connected, and thriving place to live.

Tom Woodhouse has a giant heart accompanied by the patience, kindness, and superb listening abilities that would create an excellent 3rd District supervisor. He is dedicated to learning more about the lives and issues of every person in the 3rd District, because in his heart he wants to help us make the 3rd District the most successful community we have always dreamed of having.

Whitney Woodhouse, Willits

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# Boys sleep over at Kids Club

Well, it was the boys' turn on Friday, May 2, to sleep over at the Willits Kids Club. The gourmet dinner consisted of hotdogs, macaroni & cheese, assorted fruits, etc. They set up tents and slept outside, but from what I heard there was not a lot of sleeping that night. There was a late-night walk. The boys played with Game Boys, 3DS, iPods, Pokemon cards, and much more. For breakfast there were eggs and sausages and more. Fun was had by all.

— Richard Wartell



**Congratulations to 3rd Degree Black Belt Michaela Terrell, who was awarded her "Sensei Certification" (Instructor in Shorin-ryu Karate) at the Body Works Gym & Martial Arts Center, on May 22, 2014. Michaela has been in the Mendocino County Sheriff's Activities League Karate Program for more than 10 years. "At age 18, she is now an adult and no longer a child in our program," said Kyoshi Michael Tobin, 7th Degree Black Belt, who issued her certificate. "Michaela steps into a position of honor as Sensei Terrell," Tobin said. "Congratulations! What is better than a Black Belt? An instructor of Black Belts."**

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## In The Stars

**ARIES**  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
Interaction with an elder is something to cherish this week. Aries. Listen closely to the good advice you are offered, as it will pay dividends down the road.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, a new coworker may come to you with questions. This is your opportunity to serve as a mentor and use your experience to help the next generation.

**GEMINI**  
May 22/Jan 21  
Gemini, you are intent on purchasing an expensive item sometime this week, but make sure it can be returned. Hold on to the receipt and carefully survey your finances.

**CANCER**  
Jun 22/Jul 22  
It is time to get out of a rut. Cancer. Explore a new fashion choice or dine on a different type of ethnic food. The idea is to step out of your comfort zone.

**LEO**  
Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, thoughts of returning to school may have floated around in your mind in the past. This week you are energized to investigate your educational options.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
Your creativity is on display this week, Virgo. You have ideas, and you need to put your thoughts in motion, whether through an art project or entrepreneurial venture.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Your ability to compromise is a big asset in the workplace, Libra. This alone can propel your career to new heights. You'll take a few steps in the right direction this week.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24/Nov 22  
Your ability to stay informed helps you to feel in touch with your surroundings, Scorpio. You will enjoy socializing with friends this week and may host a gathering.

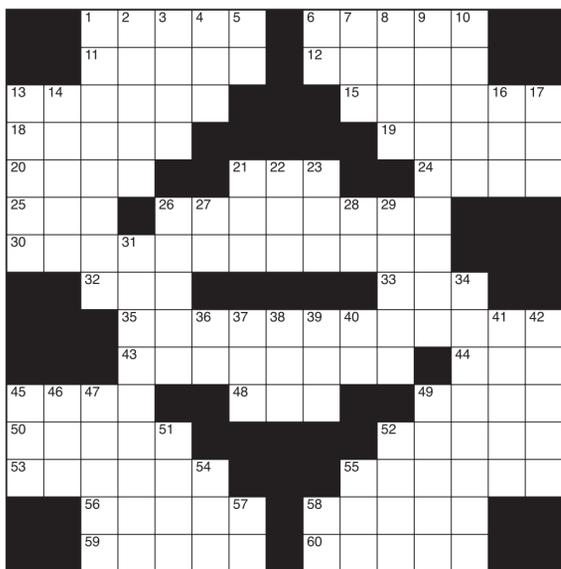
**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23/Dec 21  
Do your best to turn a negative into a positive, Sagittarius. It may require a little creative thinking to pull this off, but you are up to the task. Start by smiling more often.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
Family matters will fare better this week than business matters, Capricorn. Focus more of your energy on your home life than happenings at the office that are beyond your control.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, pay attention to all of the little details this week. If you can keep your eyes open, you may find new opportunities coming your way in the next few days.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, don't let your emotions get the best of you when making an important decision this week. Let logic reign.

## Crossword Puzzle



**CLUES ACROSS**

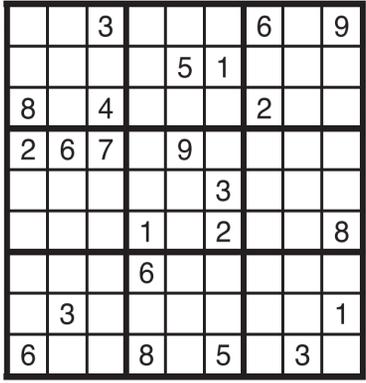
- Duck cartoon character
- Town in Guinea
- Upright posture
- Rest on your knees
- Move upward
- Disposed to take risks
- Makes a sweater
- Grooved surface of a tire
- Identical in kind
- Radiotelegraphic signal
- "Picnic" author William
- Bashkir Republic capital
- Male highlanders
- Doing several things at once
- Title of respect
- Old world, new
- "Sophie's Choice" actress
- Encloses completely
- Decaliter
- Makes angry
- Haitian monetary unit (abbr.)
- Latvian capital
- Tycho \_\_, Danish astronomer
- Leave slowly and hesitantly
- Harm to property

**CLUES DOWN**

- Proper fractions
- Ridgeline
- Marshland area of E. England
- Flood Control District
- Canadian province (abbr.)
- Project Runway designer
- judge's initials
- Along with
- Orderly and clean
- A short-barreled pocket pistol
- Extraterrestrial being
- Ancient capital of Ethiopia
- Goof
- Annoy constantly
- Haitian monetary unit (abbr.)
- Arrived extinct
- Belonging to a thing
- Tounge click
- Fireman's signal
- Connecticut
- 3rd tone of the scale
- Language spoken in Russia
- Splint occupancy
- Diacritics for s's
- Mobile camper
- Affirmative (slang)
- Bachelor of Laws
- \_\_\_ Angeles
- State police
- U.S. gold coin worth 10 dollars
- Bets on
- Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- Macaws
- Julie Andrews and Judi Dench
- Capital of Morocco
- Oh, God!
- \_\_\_ Carvey, comedian
- Point midway between E and SE
- Principle of Chinese philosophy
- Trauma center
- Atomic #62



## Sudoku



**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!

Below: Several of the speakers at the ceremony, from left: USMC Col. Michael Howard (ret.), Jacqueline Cooper, Hal Wagenet, Holly Madrigal, Tracy Livingston, Dr. June Donaldson, 5th District Mendocino County Supervisor Dan Hamburg and William Nichols. Right: The crowd gathered in front of the Stud Barn during the ceremony.



From top down: Jack and Ida Lowe hold copies of their book; Roni McFadden poses with granddaughters Kara (center) and Kamryn Wilkes; supervisor candidates Holly Madrigal, at left, and Tom Woodhouse pose with Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation's Jacqueline Cooper and candidate Hal Wagenet, at right.

## An Official 'Historic Place'

Seabiscuit Stud Barn officially listed on National Register of Historic Places

On January 22, word was received by the staff of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation that their months of hard work had finally paid off, and Seabiscuit's Stud Barn at Ridgewood Ranch was to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The event was celebrated Friday, May 23 with a ceremony at the ranch where a plaque in front of the barn was unveiled to excited Seabiscuit fans and honored guests. The date of the event also noted another significant moment in the famous racehorse's story - he was born 81 years before, to the day.

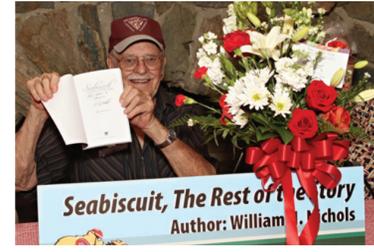
Dr. June Donaldson who hails from Calgary, Alberta, the home province of Seabiscuit's jockeys, Red Pollard and George Wolfe, emceed the event. She read statements from many dignitaries, including Vice President Walter Mondale, author Laura Hillenbrand, and actor, sports analyst and Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens, who all expressed their excitement for the barn's historic listing.

Proclamations in honor of the achievement were given to Tracy Livingston, board chair of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, by City of Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal

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From top down: Col. Michael Howard speaks to the crowd with Jacqueline Cooper sitting behind; the new plaque in front of the barn; author William Nichols holds a signed copy of his book.



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# Car Show Winners

2014 Awards and Official Results

The Best of Show award, sponsored by Willits Chamber of Commerce, went to entry #12, a 1952 Kaiser Henry J owned by Mark Davis of Ukiah.

The Mayor's Pick award, sponsored by Glenmoor Ent., went to entry #39, a 1947 Dodge Pick Up Restored owned by Scott Terry of Willits.

The Willits Police Department Pick award, sponsored by Auto Mart, went to entry #54, a 1969 Pontiac Firebird owned by Erasmo Martinez of Fort Bragg.

The Willits Fire Department Pick award, sponsored by Lisa Epstein State Farm Insurance, went to entry #46, a 1964 Chevy El Camino owned by Craig & Cindy Sales of Willits.

Additional awards were also sponsored by locals and businesses. 201 School Street - Duncan Neff sponsored an award to entry #81, a 1937 Ford Coupe owned by Mitchell Hindman of Fort Bragg. Adam's Tire sponsored an award to entry #85, a 1956 Chevy Belair owned by Mark Pasetti of Fort Bragg; Affordable Plumbing sponsored an award to entry #21, a 1955 Willys Jeep Pick Up owned by Jack Hamilton of Willits; Alfred Kerr, D.D.S. sponsored an award to entry #66, a 1931 Ford Model A owned by Jim Clary of Garberville; Al's Redwood Room sponsored an award to entry #34, a 1935 Ford 5-window Coupe owned by Terry Proschold of Covelo and Auto Mart Auto Repair sponsored an award to entry #30, a 1965 Chevy Monza Corvair owned by Jack Moore of Eureka.

Barra of Mendocino sponsored an award to entry #22, a 1933 Ford 3-window Coupe owned by Paul & Vivian Johnson of Fort Bragg; Bill and Lorri Barker sponsored an award to entry #51, a 1969 Ford Mustang Fastback owned by Allyn Thompson of Ukiah; Coast Hardware sponsored an award to entry #58, a 1971 Opel G.T. owned by Art Sautler of Willits; Dick Matalamaki sponsored an award to entry #6, a 1948 Ford F-1 Pick Up owned by Mike & Janette Brown of Rohnert Park and El Mexicano Restaurant sponsored an award to entry #5, a 1966 Ford Mustang owned by George Brito of Fortuna.

Huddle Construction sponsored an award to entry #25, a 1966 Chevy Chevelle SS, owned by Charles & Lynn Mattos of Fort Bragg; Kemmy's Pies sponsored an award to entry #1, a 1947 Mercury Roadster Convertible owned by Tom Bacome of Eureka; Ken's Auto Repair sponsored an award to entry #14, a 1965 Cobra 427 Roadster owned by Michael Eubank of Laytonville; Kustoms by Spence sponsored an award to entry #55, a 1949 Mercury owned by Joe Vargas of Ukiah and Loose Caboose Café sponsored an award to entry #31, a 1964 Chevy Impala SS owned by Valentin Nieto of Willits.

Main Street Music & Video sponsored an award to entry #63, a 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible, owned by Charles and Mary Ellen Martin of Clearlake Oaks; Rio's Fish and Chips sponsored an award to entry #70, a 1957 Chevy Belair owned by Ismael Aviles of Sonoma and Round Tree Glass sponsored an award to entry #9, a 1934 Ford 4-door owned by Craig Cherry of San Ramon.

T and T Towing sponsored an award to entry #45, a '67 Chevy Chevelle owned by Tim and Larcye Wright of Redwood Valley; The Pub Sports Bar sponsored an award to entry #84, a 1966 Chevy Nova SS owned by Gary Huddle of Willits; Ukiah Auto Dismantlers sponsored an award to entry #47, a 1933 Plymouth Sedan owned by Dustine McKemy of Willits and Willits Rental Center sponsored an award to entry #82, a 1966 Corvette Stingray owned by Marvin and Marsha Orsi of Fort Bragg.



Left: Cindy and Craig Sales of Willits, at left, hold their "Willits Fire Department Pick" trophy, just presented by Ron Moorhead, at right.

Below left: Scott Terry, center, with wife, Kacy Knudsen, holds his "Mayor's Pick" trophy, with Chuck Persico at left, and Ron Moorhead, at right.

Below right: Mark Davis, center, holding his "Best of Show" trophy, with wife, Donna Davis, at left, and Ron Moorhead and Chuck Persico at right.

Photos courtesy Willits Chamber of Commerce



## 33rd Annual Willits Car Show

Big turnout for annual event at Rec Grove Park

There was a car for everyone to come and enjoy at the 33rd Annual Willits Car Show held last weekend at the Rec Grove Park, and gearheads young and old came to scope out the shiny, antique and unique autos on display.

Willits Chamber of Commerce's Lynn Kennelly noted that only about half the total of 90 cars on display had pre-registered. The other half just showed up on the day of the event and really made for a full show on the lawn. Cars were in various stages of restoration throughout the show. "You can have an in-process car next to a \$100,000 car," Kennelly said. "We've always been known for that."

People enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere; there were a lot of door prizes for car show entrants; and the support by the plaque sponsors - local businesses and residents - yielded a total of 27 trophies total.

"We had new folks that sponsored the plaques, too," noted Kennelly.

Attendees could also enjoy a bite to eat at the snack shack and could shop at the many vendor booths on display at the show's entrance.

Kassy Aldaco, Miss Mendocino 2014, sang for the crowd and encouraged a rousing round of "Happy Birthday" for a celebrator in the audience.

- Maureen Moore

See many more photos online at <http://photographpress.zenfolio.com/memorialday2014>



Above: Classic cars lined the walkways in the park. Below: Noel Herve and Christopher Moore pose by Moore's vintage Volkswagens. Bottom: Miss Mendocino Kassy Aldaco sang for the crowd during the Car Show.

Photos by Maureen Moore



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5:30 Festival Shorts (about Change)  
8:00 Grazing the Sky

From left, Karen Hernandez, Karlee Wisniewski and Daisy Barrett hold their award certificates for Tech Trek.

Photo by Jennifer Poole

## Local girls to attend Tech Trek

Three Baechtel Grove Middle School students will attend "Tech Trek" at Stanford University this July, thanks to the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Tech Trek is a week-long state science and math camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science, and related fields, and is sponsored by AAUW California.

Daisy Barrett, Karen Hernandez and Karlee Wisniewski were selected to attend camp this year, out of 18 girls nominated by Baechtel Grove teachers.

"The girls also gain the valuable experience of living on a college campus," said Susan Johnson, Tech Trek coordinator. "Professional women in the

science and math fields come in for discussions, and there are talks on college preparation and finding scholarship money."

Daisy, Karen and Karlee are all planning for careers that will involve science and math. Karlee wants to become a marine biologist: "That requires both math and science," she said. Daisy is interested in a scientific career because, she says: "You get to test out theories just to see does this work. Math helps with science, too. [Math teacher] Ms. Hendrix says math is the queen of science." Karen says she's not sure which career she's heading for but definitely one that involves math. "I do like science, too," she said. All three girls have

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## Thursday, May 29

Howard Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Yard Sale: 9 am to 2 pm, in the parking lot next to Scoops.

**Mendocino Film Festival at the Noyo Theatre:** Tonight is 2014 Mendocino Film Festival opening night in Willits, featuring a reception from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts. Reception, hosted by Adam's Restaurant and the North Coast Brewing Company, features fine wines, artisan beer, and "an array of delectable appetizers." Reception tickets are \$10, for movie-goers (film ticket stub required for admission). The Thursday night film, 7:30 pm at the Noyo Theatre is "20 Feet From Stardom," which won a 2014 Academy award for "Best Feature-Length Documentary." Special guest Claudia Lennear, who's sung with Ike and Tina Turner, George Harrison, Joe Cocker, Leon Russell and more, as featured in the film, will do a Q&A after the film showing. For more info, and to buy tickets, visit: [www.mendocinofilmfestival.com](http://www.mendocinofilmfestival.com). See Saturday, May 31 listing for the second day of MFF showings.

**Shanachie Pub:** Chris Cichacki, solo guitarist, playing gypsy, folk, grass music he's written about his world experiences. 6 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

## Friday, May 30

**Shanachie Pub:** Self-Fulfilling Prophecies, original swamp, punk, folk, rock music, featuring Morgan Stocker, Bodhi Idrarius and Buckminster West. Listen: [www.reverbnation.com/selffulfillingprophecies](http://www.reverbnation.com/selffulfillingprophecies). Opening: new local group Kamikaze Funtime. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

## Saturday, May 31

**Canned Food Drive:** at the Agape Bible Church, 290 South Lenore Avenue, 8 to 10 am. Bring canned food for a free breakfast. Info: 459-1905.



## AAUW Yard Sale - Saturday June 14

The American Association of University Women is having a yard sale at the Main Street parking lot of St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, on Saturday, June 14. Funds will go towards helping AAUW provide scholarships so Baechtel Grove Middle School girls Daisy Barrett, Karen Hernandez and Karlee Wisniewski can attend the "Tech Trek" math and science program this summer at Stanford University. There will be a barbecue truck, and the Tech Trek girls will be selling baked goods and drinks. 25 spaces will be available for rent, for \$25, to private parties and organizations so they can host their own sale. For info or to RSVP: Susan Johnson at 459-9909.



Walters Alan Falleri, Ron Moorhead, Tom Woodhouse and Jay Epstein

## "A Cure will be Music to Our Hearts"

Benefit brunch for City Girls Relay team

Enjoying a Father's Day brunch with family while helping to find a cure for cancer "Will Be Music to Our Hearts," as the Lisa Epstein State Farm Insurance Team "City Girls" presents a music-filled spring morning brunch at The Loose Caboose. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful brunch while listening to the soft sounds of special musical guest, Julia Hardy, the granddaughter of Jill and Chuck Persico, as she serenades guests with her heartfelt interpretations of original and familiar songs. Julia has proudly performed our National Anthem at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo two years in a row and will display her skills on acoustic guitar and sing for the pleasure of diners, throughout the two special seatings.

Loose Caboose owner and chef Jill Persico will once again impress with a special brunch menu sure to satisfy

# What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits



**Jr. Horsemen Gymkhana:** starts at 9 am at the Willits Horsemen's Arena, 850 East Valley Street. Open to all junior riders. Raffle to benefit the Jr. Horsemen riding programs and events, with the prize a redwood playhouse constructed and donated by the crew at Parlin Fork Conservation Camp. Drawing will be held Sunday, June 1 during the WHA beef barbecue and rodeo. For raffle tickets, call 489-6565 or email [willitsjrhorsemen@gmail.com](mailto:willitsjrhorsemen@gmail.com).

**Mendocino Film Festival:** Saturday films showed by the 2014 Mendocino Film Festival in Willits start off at 3 pm with "Symphony of the Soil," a documentary which "explores the complexity and mystery of soil" including interviews on four continents with some of the world's most esteemed soil scientists, farmers and activists. Q&A with director Deborah Koons Garcia after the showing. A Shorts Program, "It's All About Change," featuring nine short films, is scheduled for 5:30 pm. "Grazing the Sky," a "magical and intimate look at the lives of modern circus artists within and out of Cirque Du Soleil," is set for 8 pm. All showings at the Noyo Theatre. Film tickets are \$11 advance/\$12 at the door. For more info, and to buy tickets, visit: [www.mendocinofilmfestival.com](http://www.mendocinofilmfestival.com). See Thursday, May 29 listing for info on the MFF's opening night reception and film in Willits.

**WHS Boosters Club Fundraiser:** A Tri-Tip Dinner and Quarter Auction to raise funds for the Willits High School Boosters Club programs, which mostly provide sports equipment and other needed items for WHS sports teams, but also support other funding needs for classrooms or arts and music programs. Dinner at 6 pm; auction at 7 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. \$20 for dinner & paddle. \$5 paddle only. No Host Bar. Tickets may be purchased at Scoops and The House Doctor, or call Mark 707-489-1250 or Sheri 707-272-6163 for tickets.

**St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble:** 7 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street (across from the Grange). No charge. "A magnificent performance of traditional Russian hymns and folk music." Light refreshments following the concert.

**Shanachie Pub:** House of Love with DJ Podge, featuring all forms of House music from 1996 to the present, and guest artists. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

## Sunday, June 1

**16th Annual Willits Rotary Phoenix Hospice Golf Tournament:** Enjoy a day on the greens under the redwoods at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Willits Rotary is sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit Phoenix Hospice. Donations: \$65 per player; \$45 for Brooktrails members; includes: barbecue, greens fees, silent auction, additional hole-in-one prizes, and \$10,000 cash for hole-in-one on #9. Check-in at 8 am; shotgun start at 9 am. RSVP: Tammy Long at 480-993-5755 or 456-3235 or [Tammy.Long@ah.org](mailto:Tammy.Long@ah.org).

**65th Annual Willits Horsemen's Association Rodeo and Beef Barbecue:** at the Willits Horsemen's Arena, 850 East Valley Street. Begins at 9 am with the team roping event followed by the beef barbecue at 11:30 am. Genial Jeff and his Right-Hand Man Lefty will be on hand to play country favorites during the barbecue. The rodeo begins at 1:30 pm. All events are open to the public, and admission is free. "Please join us for this Willits tradition of good fun and great food." Barbecue tickets are \$13 for adults and \$5 for children. For tickets and information call 489-6565.

**Localights:** Singer/songwriter Vern Morninglight and Chanterelle (with harmonies by Madge Strong, Diane Smalley and Helen Falandes) are featured in this third concert in the Localights series, showcasing local musicians and emphasizing acoustic sound. 7 pm at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Tickets are \$15 (front or B row); \$10 (regular), \$5 (last or E row), and are available at Goods' Shoppe, 56 South Main Street.

## Tuesday, June 3

**Sanhedrin High School Graduation:** 5:30 pm at the Willits High School Auditorium

**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: "X-Men," "Blended" and "Godzilla" For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.



2013 Rotary team members Arnie Mello, in front, and in rear, from left to right: Bruce Burton, Mike Smith and Tom Herman

"Composting Abbie: A Whale of a Story," and "Stress Relief for Men." According to Marianne Legato: "Everywhere we look, the two sexes are startlingly and unexpectedly different not only in their internal function but in the way they experience illness." Find out how you can use this information to improve your health and live long and well." Info: 459-2777 or email [atwforhealth@gmail.com](mailto:atwforhealth@gmail.com) or [www.avenuestowellness.org](http://www.avenuestowellness.org).

**Shanachie Pub:** The Littlest Birds, 6 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

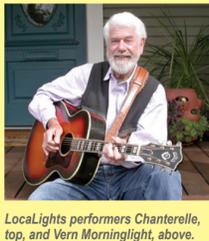
## Thursday, June 5

**Willits High School Graduation:** 6:30 pm at Maize Field.

**Shanachie Pub:** Max's Midnight Kitchen, Portland folkgrass. 8 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

## Friday, June 6

**Community Rights Ordinance Tour:** the Community Rights Network of Mendocino County kicks off its signature gathering effort for a Community Rights ordinance with a countywide educational and empowerment speaking tour, starting tonight at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, at 7 pm. Featured speakers are fracking expert David Braun and Community Rights advocate Shannon Biggs of Global Exchange. Part of the three-day Green Power Weekend. More info about the Community Rights ordinance, check [www.crrmc.org](http://www.crrmc.org) or call Peter or Patricia Norris at 456-9968.



Localights performers Chanterelle, top, and Vern Morninglight, above.

## Swap-o-Rama-Rama

The Mendocino County Museum and Little Lake Grange co-sponsored a "Swap-o-Rama-Rama" textile maker area, at the Willits Mini-Maker Faire last weekend.

Attendees enjoyed creative chaos for several hours, as mentors and new sewers came together to use discarded clothing, found fabrics and donations to make new things (known as re-purposing).

Special thanks to volunteers Sally Ruison, Charlotte Tefft, Lucy Shido and Janet Orth for their patient hours helping, teaching and sharing skills.

The theme was "bring something - take something - make something," and many stayed a while to enjoy textiles together.

The room was filled with donated sewing machines, piles of donated fabric, old clothing, and volunteer mentors who helped others make something from it all.

All comers were invited to swap: add something for the pile and take something home, and especially to re-use stuff from the piles on site to re-purpose, renew, redefine and realign into new use. Learning how to sew a straight seam, while making a pillow sham, colorful layered skirt, headband cooler, repairing a favorite shirt ... all things were possible for our crew.

## Redwood Empire Fair Exhibitor Guides are out

Fair season is upon us: the Redwood Empire Fair Exhibitor Guides are out. The theme this year is "Ocean Adventure." Some past exhibitors may receive the book in the mail, but for those who are new to our area or new to exhibiting at the fair, books may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce, Willits Library, Willits Senior Center, or Gateway Realty. You can also go online to [www.redwoodempirefair.com](http://www.redwoodempirefair.com) and click on "Redwood Empire Fair OCEAN ADVENTURE July 31 - Aug 3" (box), and follow the instructions. Exhibitor forms are due at the Fair grounds on Thursday, July 3; exhibits are due starting Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19. Mark your calendars for an end-of-summer fun event.

## LLFD Firefighters Association Open House

The volunteers of the Little Lake Fire Department Firefighters Association invite the community to their annual open house/fundraiser on Saturday, June 7 from 10 am to 2 pm at 74 East Commercial Street. Raffle tickets, \$10 each, for "all sorts of great prizes," can be bought from any member of the fire department or at the firehouse on East Commercial Street.

In addition to tours of the firehouse, firefighters will be giving rides on their antique muster fire engine. The colorful new fire department T-Shirts, designed by Eric Alvarez, will be available: kids sizes too.

**WFD Carnival Wristbands now on sale!**  
Presale wristbands are now on sale for just \$20 for unlimited carnival rides. Stop in to J.D. Redhose or ER Energy to purchase. Wristbands will also be available on-site for \$30. Carnival opens July 1 at 4 pm.

## Saturday, June 7

**Brooktrails Flea Market:** the Brooktrails Property Owners Association's annual Flea Market, from 8 am to 3 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center, indoors and outdoors. "Your leftovers are someone else's treasures." Spaces still available: call Irene at 459-1974. \$20 for a table. Crafters, vendors, flea market tables. Firefighters will be cooking hotdogs, and there will be extra handicapped spaces designated in the parking lot.

**Little Lake Fire Department Firefighters Association Open House:** Annual fundraiser is set for 10 am to 2 pm at 74 East Commercial Street. Raffle tickets, \$10 each, can be bought from any member of the fire department or at the firehouse on East Commercial Street.

In addition to tours of the firehouse, firefighters will be giving rides on their antique muster fire engine. The colorful new fire department T-Shirts, designed by Eric Alvarez, will be available: kids sizes too.

**Ed Reinhart and the Burning Rubber Band:** A benefit dance for the Willits Environmental Center and Keep The Code at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, from 7 to 10 pm. "Great dancing to boogie, blues and vintage rock featuring boogie woogie king Ed Reinhart."

\$15 per person or \$25 for two. "Yummy desserts and auction of some of Mendo's finest offerings adds to the fun. Bring a friend. Bring the family. The benefit dance is part of a three-day Green Power Weekend to educate, inspire and support the work of protecting the richness and the health of our natural environment."

**Shanachie Pub:** Chris Jamison, solo guitarist. 8 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

## Sunday, June 8

**Ceremony to Protect the Wetlands:** The Covelo Feather Dancers will lead a "Ceremony to Protect the Wetlands," 3 to 6 pm in Little Lake Valley. Speakers include Priscilla Hunter of Coyote Valley, journalist/activist Will Parrish, and poet Mary Norbert Korte. Music by The Gypsy Thorns and Twining Time. Water offerings and musical instruments welcome. Refreshments provided. Please park at the Willits Library on East Commercial Street to shuttle, bike or walk to the gathering place. Part of the three-day Green Power Weekend. More info: [www.savelittlelakevalley.org](http://www.savelittlelakevalley.org).



The antique fire engine was on display at the Car Show last weekend while firefighters sold event tickets

Get included! Email us at [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com)

## Ongoing Events

**Willits Farmers Market:** Summer market at City Park, every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Greens, onions and other spring produce, garden starts, local meats, dinner, crafts, live music, and more.

**Haehl Creek Trail Work Parties:** every Friday morning work parties, to help clear the trail for construction. 9 to 11 am, meet at the Commonwealth Garden greenhouse/parking lot across from the new hospital construction site. Please wear gloves and work shoes/boots, and bring chain saws, asphalt rakes, shovels &/or weed whackers. Info: Mike Aplet, 513-3337 or [mike.aplet@gmail.com](mailto:mike.aplet@gmail.com).

**Willits Library Cyber Cafe:** Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee in the conference room while browsing the internet. Coffee is \$1 a cup. Bring your own cup from home or buy a ceramic cup from the library for 50 cents. The cafe is open most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 to noon, or until the coffee runs dry. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Life Changes:** Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. \$1. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Willits Community Drum Circle:** 7 to 10 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Fridays. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932

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

**Willits Frontier Twirlers:** Beginner's classes in basic and mainstream square dance, Monday nights at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, from 6:45 to 8 pm, then dancing until 9 pm, with professional caller Lawrence Johnstone, who will teach and call. Info: 459-9526.

**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 SAL programs free to the public. Info: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

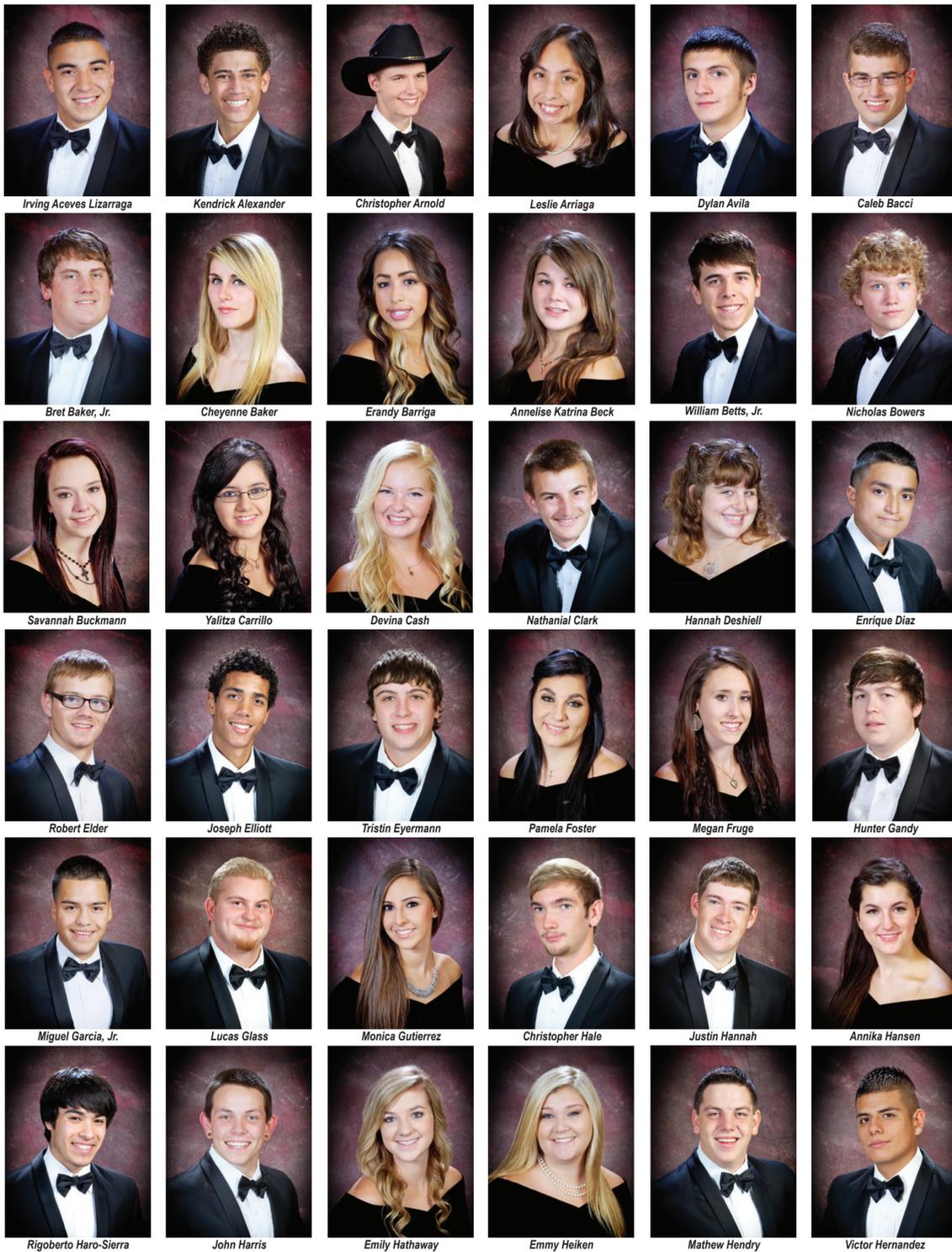
**Shanachie Pub:** Open Mic every Wednesday at 8:40 pm. Sign-ups start at 3 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Just For Fun Choir:** directed and accompanied by Nancy New. Meets Mondays at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, from 1 to 2:30 pm. Accepting new members of all ages and abilities. Info: call Nancy New at 459-1276.

**Laytonville Farmers Market:** Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in downtown Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, jewelry, aprons, children's clothing, knife sharpening and more.

# Willits High School 2014 Graduates

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Headshots by Ron Greystar

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**Cong"RAT"ulations Grads!**

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Looking south across the northern interchange area. Highway 101 runs alongside on the right side of the image. Photo taken May 11, 2014. Photo by Maureen Moore

## Vote Yes on Measure K!!

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Measure K, to help fund the Brooktrails Fire Department. On Friday May 9 my husband suffered a massive stroke, leaving him paralyzed on his right side. One minute he was fine, we were talking about our day, and the next minute he was down.

Luckily I was home and called 911. Within seven to 10 minutes a fireman, "John," was at our home; a few minutes later an ambulance and another fire vehicle were here. Perhaps five emergency medical professionals were assessing and providing care for my husband. They were kind, considerate and very efficient.

Because my husband was in the hospital within an hour of having the stroke, he could receive a clot-busting drug, and the paralysis disappeared. For this drug to be effective, it can only be administered within a very short time of the stroke happening.

He was in ICU for four days, and the hospital for one more day. My husband is home now; he is weak and tired and has some residual difficulties, but he can walk and talk, and he is very much the man I fell in love with. We are optimistic that he will make a full recovery or close to it, and go on to lead a normal life.

If it hadn't been for the quick response from the Brooktrails Fire Department, my husband would be in a nursing home, and who knows what his recovery might have been.

If you believe that this emergency couldn't happen to you, let me tell you, my husband has never been in an ambulance or been a patient in a hospital in his whole life.

If you think \$34 a year is a lot of money, think of what it would cost to have a family member in a nursing home, or need constant care. There are two issues here: the issue of quality of life for someone you love, and all the caregivers, and the financial cost of caring for a seriously ill family member, perhaps for years. The sooner someone receives medical care in an emergency, the better the outcome. Every minute counts. I, we, were the great winners in this situation. We don't live in Brooktrails, but nearby, and we are eligible for this regional help as you would be if you are in this area.

You don't need this help, until the moment you do, and then it's about the health and well-being of a beloved family member, or protecting your home and belongings from fire, and you need this help immediately.

What happened to us could happen to anyone! Ours was a stroke; yours could be a car accident or a fall, or a house fire, but every minute will count, and you, too, will be so grateful to have these local services.

On May 9, my life changed forever, but thanks to the Brooktrails Fire Department, we will have the best possible outcome and hope for the future.

I am so grateful to Brooktrails for saving my husband's life, and mine. Please join me in supporting this most necessary, local service.

Vote Yes for Measure M! Thank you,

Jackie Pelner-Frankle, Willits

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0043	BIO	202	Human Biology	TTh	1:00- 5:20pm
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0034	ENG	60	Reading & Writing Lab	TTh	3:30- 5:40pm
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<b>Real Estate</b>					
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<b>Speech</b>					
0210	SPE	210	Interpersonal Communication	TTh	8:30-12:45pm

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Last week's court hearing on the restitution issue has been delayed until July.

This season, CHP patrol cars with lights rolling have parked on the shoulder of the highway near where dump trucks enter and exit the construction site.

Frisbie said Caltrans started off with a minimal CHP presence this season, but will work with CHP to adjust it as needed.

Dump trucks are working overnight to move about 100,000 cubic yards of dirt from the south end of the bypass to the railroad crossing near the northern interchange.

"We have got at least a couple more weeks," before that moving job is completed, Frisbie said this week.

The next earthmoving work - which has to wait until Caltrans reaches agreement with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board over issues with Caltrans' Mitigation and Monitoring Proposal for the bypass project - is importing about 900,000 more cubic yards of dirt for fill at the northern interchange.

That fill, Caltrans says, is set to come from either Oil Well Hill or an old sawmill property north of town, Apache Mill, now owned by Mendocino Forest Products.

"If there are issues with the Mendocino Forest Products site that are going to cause a long delay, then our contractors have to go to Oil Well Hill and cut trees and start hauling soil from there," said Frisbie.

A lawsuit has been filed against Mendocino County's approval of a permit to take the fill from Apache Mill. The permit for Apache Mill also includes "vegetation removal" of 7.4 acres of forest in one area.

Willits environmental leaders would like to "downsize" the bypass project's northern end, eliminating the larger northern interchange, designed to accommodate a future four-lane freeway.

Travelers would enter and exit the north end of the two-lane bypass currently being built via a redesign of the roundabout already in bypass plans.

This would, proponents say, lessen

impacts on wetlands, save time on the already-behind construction schedule, and free up construction funds to be used for as-yet unfunded bypass mitigation work.

In an April 23 response to a March letter from the water board suggesting Caltrans consider redesigning the northern interchange as a means to reduce wetlands impacts, Caltrans' District Director Charles Fielder wrote: "Caltrans has resolved the planned interchange and roundabout will not be relocated or revised."

Congressman Jared Huffman's office said he does not have a policy on this issue, but confirmed Huffman has written a letter of inquiry to Caltrans, asking director Fielder to explain the legal and policy reasons why Caltrans says changing the northern interchange is not possible.

A report from Mendocino County on moving the 900,000 cubic yards of fill for the northern interchange estimated some 20 dump trucks per shift will be used to haul 13 cubic yards of dirt each trip, for about 600 total trips per day.

The Willits Environmental Center estimated in a letter to its members that, at 600 trips a day, the job could take six months to complete, with trucks working 12-hour shifts, six days a week.

"The number of truck loads varies depending on the number of trucks and how they are loaded," Frisbie said.

Caltrans is planning to use traffic control to help trucks enter and exit Highway 101 at Oil Well Hill, Frisbie said, if that option is used. It's unclear if traffic control will be required if the fill comes from Apache Mill.

Willits traffic south of the Highway 20 intersection has seen a change from the old "lane ends, merge left" signage after northbound traffic was realigned into one lane for Highway 20 traffic and another for traffic continuing north through town.

Frisbie expects some additional paint markings will be added to the lanes this week. The finishing touches should be highway route shields to help identify the new lanes for drivers approaching the intersection.

Additional reporting on this story was done by Zack Cinek.

## Law enforcement conducts sex offender sweep in inland Mendocino County

Law enforcement officers and deputies verified addresses for 47 registered sex offender addresses in inland Mendocino County last week. Police arrested eight men for violation of probation or parole, and one for cultivation of marijuana.

Not everyone arrested during the two-day sweep was a registered sex offender, according to a press release from the Sheriff's Office.

Of the 47 registrants that were checked on during the sweep, two were transients and one was a "Sexual Violent Predator," according to the Sheriff's Office press release.

Sheriff's Sgt. Derek Scott led law enforcement officers and deputies from the Mendocino County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (S.A.F.E.) Task Force, Mendocino County Probation Department, and California State Parole in the two-day operation.

The group conducted sex registrant compliance checks throughout Ukiah, Willits and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Mendocino County.

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

The sweep conducted by S.A.F.E. was carried out as part of an intermittent series of operations to enforce residential and parole/probation requirements for registered sex offenders.

About 260 sex offenders reside in Mendocino County. The Megan's Law website ([www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)) allows citizens to search for registered sex offenders by geographic location and by name.

Those arrested in Willits during the operation included Kyle Hunter, 26, of Willits, who was arrested on suspicion of violation of parole and violation of probation. Joel Willis, 50, of Willits, Manuel Silva, 54, of Willits, Travis Bonson, 34, of Willits, James Barry, 45, of Willits, and Jem Bailey 42, of Willits were all arrested on suspicion of parole violations.

If you have information regarding out-of-compliance sex registrants, contact the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in that area.

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In April, council members also approved \$23,721 for the county animal shelter.

Councilman Larry Stranske opposed renewing the contract, saying he was not happy with the provided services because he had seen dogs loose in his neighborhood during his morning walk.

Since then Stranske and Councilman Bruce Burton said they have seen an animal control officer out and about town during early morning hours.

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at \$63,490, with expected revenues of only \$28,582. Golf course expenditures are budgeted at \$7,500.

Brooktrails administration expenditures are expected to reach \$473,754, while revenues will be slightly less: \$472,594.

Expenditures total \$3,108,509, with overall revenues expected to bring in \$3,139,864. According to a report prepared by Rose, \$142,760 will be transferred from the water fund, \$154,681 from the sewer fund. Some \$51,030 will be transferred to the fire fund. Total transfers are an estimated \$348,471.

In addition to approving the budget, Brooktrails directors unanimously approved a sewer standby fee of \$50 a year and a water availability fee of \$30 a year for undeveloped parcels, and \$5 a year for developed properties.

Rose recommended rates and charges for water and sewer connections remain the same for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. She asked the board to set public hearings on rates and charges for June 10 and June 24. The board unanimously approved her recommendations.

**Don't Forget to Vote!  
Election Day: Tuesday, June 3**

**More Willits High School Graduates**  
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Most headshots by Ron Greystar



# Classifieds & More

California's Median Sold Price of Existing Single-Family Homes data

State/County	Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-13	MTM% Chg	YTY% Chg
CA SFH	\$449,360	\$435,580	\$402,830	3.2%	11.6%
Mendocino	\$300,000	\$264,280	\$350,000	13.5%	-14.3%

COLUMN | Willits Real Estate Today



## Spring real estate market update

Jake McFadden  
Columnist

We live in such a beautiful place, and this time of year is arguably one of the most enjoyable seasons of all. The community is shaking off the hibernation blues and is getting busy, bustling about for work and play.

This time of year the real estate market is busy too, as it undoubtedly always seems to pick up every spring, and this year is no exception. Year-over-year, the market feels like it's strengthening. The local bank-owned real estate inventory is decreasing, the prices seem to be generally increasing, and the investors are pulling back, finding less "steals."

The sellers are leaving the sidelines, finding increased equity and motivated

	'14 YTD Avg. SFH Sold Price	'13 YTD Avg. SFH Sold Price	'14 YTD AVG. Lots & Land	'13 YTD Avg. Lots & Land
Willits	\$233,326	\$198,916	\$215,750	\$107,967

buyers and the potential for multiple offers. It doesn't seem like the strong buyers' market that dominated the last few years since the "Crash."

The low inventory and steady demand seems to be turning the tide toward a so-called "seller's market." That's not to say that it's not a good market for buyers; the market is still very equitable for buyers.

Above is the State and Local Market Data reported by the California Association of Realtors:

\* YTY% Chg = Percent change from prior month  
\* MTM% Chg = Percent change from prior year

In closing, the market is stable, the interest rates are low, and the weather is beautiful.

If you would like to know more, please contact your local real estate professional.

[The information, terms and conditions cited are subject to change; please consult your local professional for advice.]

Jake McFadden is a lifelong member of the Willits community and a second-generation real estate professional. He may be contacted at his office at 459-6175, 36 South Street in Willits, or by email: jakemcfadden.mendocinorealtor@gmail.com.

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

**Consignments Wanted**  
Quality home furnishing consignments wanted at Gavel Down Sales, located at 1611 South Main Street. Contact Kapila at 707.459.1300

**Rx Rent, Office Space**  
250 sq ft downtown office space plus 105 sq ft waiting room area; shared bath; electricity and garbage included; \$395/month rent and \$395 security deposit. Call Matt for info: 459-4599.

**The Fruit Group**  
Lug boxes of pesticide-free fruit. Starts in June, order now! Apricots: \$24 Peaches/Nectarines: \$25  
Willits: Brenda 459-9335 Ukiah: JoAnn: 485-7591 Potter & RV: Deanna: 391-7336 Ft. Bragg: Karen: 937-4664 Laytonville: Heather: 984-7430 Lakeport: Linda: 279-8840

**THE FRUIT GROUP CUSTOMERS!**  
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**Garage Sale**  
Saturday 5/31 & Sunday 6/1 from 8 am to 1 pm. 21250 Locust Street at rear garage - look for signs! Early birds will be fed to goats!

**Help Wanted**  
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**Help Wanted**  
Harrah Senior Center needs a volunteer driver to deliver meals to our Meals on Wheels clients. Must have a good driving record and be trustworthy. If interested, pick up application at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road or call 459-6826.

**HOME DELIVERY!**  
Willits Weekly is now offering Home Delivery! If you live in Willits, Brooktrails or Little Lake Valley, you're inside our home delivery area. Home delivery subscriptions are \$30/six months and \$50/year. (Mail subscriptions sent by first-class mail are still \$40/ six months and \$75/year.) Your Willits Weekly will be delivered (in a plastic bag) to your home or driveway in the wee hours of Friday morning. To place an order, or for more information, call 459-2633.

**Home for my Rooster**  
Please help! I'm a beautiful Rhode Island Red Rooster. My crowing bothers some city folk, and the city code says I have to find a new home. Call: 459-5239.

**Multi-Space Yard Sale**  
Golden Rule Mobile Village, 6.5 miles south of Willits. Saturday, May 31, 8 am to 2 pm.

**Rummage Sale**  
Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at 1st Baptist Church, 145 Wood Street. Rain or shine. We accept rummage donations, and have an ever-changing selection of goods!

**Young Goats for Sale**  
From Green Uprising Farm's goat herd: Nubians, Nubian-La Mancha crosses and Nubian Oberhasli crosses. Male and female. Approximately 2 to 3 months old. Price variable: \$50 to \$150 or barter. Fed no GMO alfalfa or imported feed; these goats and their parents browse and forage on Little Lake Valley farmland and eat leftovers from local gardens and orchards. 707-216-5549 or homesteadingsara@gmail.com.

COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns



## June 2014

Summer is arriving, and the warmth of the returning light is allowing us to find a new rhythm and pattern. As the Cardinal Cross continues to separate, it is allowing us to feel more unified and balanced within our own energy. That is a huge relief for everyone. Joy and laughter continues to expand. Fear is being replaced with wisdom and truthful awareness.

Suzanne Wagner  
Columnist

At this point you know where you are stuck, and you know that you are in a healing process and that it will take time. But that is OK because before you did not understand what was wrong or what you were doing that kept creating the loop in your reality that was causing stress. April broke things apart. May gave you insight and clarity, and June gives you an understanding of what actions need to be taken and in what order.

You are also much more realistic now. The fantasy is gone. That got blown up in April, and now you are clearly in this reality. That is helpful because fantasies do not ever completely come true anyway, so now you are looking at what you want and what is possible for where you are at in this place and time.

Sometimes to get to a dream, you can't look too far ahead or you miss steps and trip yourself up. At the moment, you are feeling like just taking one step at a time. Honestly you are too exhausted to make huge leaps at this moment and the idea of just putting one foot in front of the other is not only comforting but doable.

It is as if you finally realize the magnitude of the journey, and to rush would be a really bad idea because you will run out of energy and not be able to finish the race. Pacing yourself is critical right now. Imagine that you are climbing up the north side of the Grand Canyon. It does not take a genius to know that attempting to run up that is really not possible for the majority of the population. (I know that there are a few of you that could, but you are exceptional.) Instead you have to find your own personal rhythm and then stick to it. Each person's rhythm is different. To try to match another person will also burn energy that you need for the long journey. You can make it to the top but it is just going to take as long as it is going to take and that is perfect for you.

It does not matter if you are the first one to the goal. It only matters that you get there. Just as in marathons, everyone that crosses the line is applauded and congratulated. That type of race is a personal journey with your internal self. So is this one. It is not about competing with others but it is about digging deep and finding something else inside.

I know you are still afraid. I know that you are still concerned about the money and longevity of this endeavor. I also know that if you do not learn to have fun and stop to enjoy the view, this is going to be a miserable journey.

This is your Grand Canyon. You are on the path, and you are climbing up. You are aware that this is more difficult than your projected fantasy, so that has gone out the window. Yeah! Now we can get into this moment. If you need to stop, drink some water, and rest, then listen to your body. What your mind and what your body wants are the same. You are finally in alignment with that. But it is your body you have to listen to now.

You have to find the slow, consistent, rhythm that your body can handle over long distances. Your mind had been pushing and shoving until your body finally said "Enough." You now know that you have to pay attention to more than just your dreams. You have to listen to your life force energy and move with it. If you break your body down, you will never get your dream. But right now, your body wants what your spirit wants. All you have to do is to learn to find the rhythm between these two sides and you will succeed.

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. Wagner will be giving 30-minute introductory readings during Hometown Celebration, on Thursday, June 26: 10 am to 1 pm; 2 to 4 pm; 5 to 8 pm. \$20 suggested donation. Sign up in advance at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street. More info: visit www.suzwagner.com or call her at 707-354-1019.

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anti-oxidant, anti-viral and diaphoretic. When making the tea, clip the top third of the plants (best-tasting when harvested before they go to seed), and remove the main stems. Use two large handfuls of fresh-chopped herbs. Pour boiling water over the herbs, cover the container, and let steep 10 minutes. Strain out the herb, sweeten if desired, and drink hot or cold.

Here are a few more ideas: Lemon balm vinegar: Heat 1 quart organic apple cider vinegar until it is hot (but not at a simmer). Remove from heat. Add 1/4 cup raw sugar and 1 to 2 cups shredded lemon balm leaves. Stir well. Put into a quart jar, and let sit one to two weeks. Strain and use for salad dressings, a flavoring for iced tea, or a marinade for chicken.

Lemon balm and chive butter: Soften 1/2 cup unsalted butter, combine with 2 tablespoons minced lemon balm leaves, 1 tablespoon minced parsley, and 1 tablespoon minced chives. Cover and chill overnight to blend flavors.

Also, try adding fresh chopped lemon balm leaves to potato salad, cooked carrots, cheesecake recipes, rice, pesto recipes, a glass of water, or whatever else you might want to add a delightful lemon flavor to. Because lemon balm loses its intense flavor and fragrance when dried, take advantage of this fresh lemon balm season and enjoy!

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

Donna d'Terra is a Willits area herbalist who has been teaching herb classes for 25 years.



Photo by Rod Coots

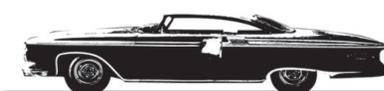
Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

# Young Connie

Meet the very lively and playful Connie! She is about five months old, and very full of energy and love. She is young, and did not come into the shelter knowing a lot about walking on a leash - but with the help of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, she is learning about what it means to be a good leash-walker and a well-behaved dog. We are not sure of what her breed mix is: perhaps Pitbull Terrier, Labrador Retriever, Cattle Dog, and American Bulldog. Whatever the mix is, she is a very gorgeous girl.

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# Athletes of the Year & Scholar Athletes



Left: Willits High School Athletes of the Year 2014: Annalise Smith and Jon Montez.



Right: Willits High School Scholar Athletes: Manzanita Griffin and Cole Jessup.

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Above: Blosser Lane students, from left to right: Gianna Rodrigues, Enrique Cisneros, Traven Sayad, Kimberly Bush and Marco Hernandez hold items they got back from the 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion in Kosovo.

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## Blosser students get thanks from soldiers

Students in Ms. Moroney's Special Day Class at Blosser Lane Middle School received a welcome package from Afghanistan earlier this month.

Last year, for Armed Forces Day, the Special Day Class students, inspired by their then-teacher Ms. Walker, sent 15 letters to soldiers of the 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion, California Army National Guard, stationed in Kosovo, Afghanistan.

"We created a letter on the board," said teacher Kris Walker, now teaching at Brookside Elementary School, "to say thank you to the troops, and to tell them we admired their bravery, and we were proud they were over there, far away from their families, keeping our country safe.... It was our way of saying, hey, you guys are a long way from home!"

Each student wrote and signed their own copy of the letter.

The package the students got in return included a folded flag, a certificate of appreciation to the students, a hand-written card thanking the students for writing, and a laminated color flyer with a photo of Mt. Ljuboten which towers over Camp Bondsteel in Afghanistan, explaining: "This flag of the United States flew proudly in honor of Mr. Kris Walker, Blosser Lane Elementary School, over Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, on the 1st day of January 2014."

"On behalf of Alpha Company, 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion California Army National Guard, we would like to thank you and your class for the letters that were written by your students. Please accept this flag as our appreciation

for your service," wrote Chief Warrant Officer Jason Tsui, who signed the card.

"Thank you on behalf of all the soldiers of the 223 MI battalion," wrote Capt. Michelle Church-Reeves, who also signed the card. "Your time and effort is appreciated. Special thanks to your kids!"

"My great-grandpa was in World War II," said student Traven. "I feel happy," said Enrique. "I think it's cool," said Kimberly. "It makes World War II proud," Gianna said. "It feels awesome," said student Marco, whose name, representing all the students, was on the certificate of appreciation.

Teacher Walker said she felt this experience would really help these students feel connected to their country.

— Jennifer Poole

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## The rest of Seabiscuit From Page 5

and Mendocino County Supervisor Dan Hamburg. Chair Livingston, Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation's TITLE Jacqueline Cooper, chair of Visit Mendocino Hal Wagenet, Willits Rotary Club's Earl Myers, and Charles Howard's grandson, USMC Col. Michael Howard (ret.) all spoke, among others, sharing their sentiments to the gathered crowd as well.

After the plaque's unveiling, attendees mingled with one another enjoying refreshments at a reception on the Howard House porch.

William Nichols, author of "Seabiscuit: The Rest of the Story," Roni McFadden, author of "Josephine: A Tale of Happy Endings," and Jack Lowe, author of "The Life and Fame of George Wolfe," were at the reception, selling and signing books for fans. Donna Stropes had watercolor paintings and cards of the Seabiscuit Stud Barn available for sale. Information was also available on the miniature statues created by Stan Watts of Atlas Bronze Casting, who donated the bronze plaque made for the event, and who created the life-sized statue on the lawn of the Howard House.

Members of the public are welcome to come see the new plaque; walking tours of Ridgewood Ranch are also available. Visit [www.SeabiscuitHeritage.org](http://www.SeabiscuitHeritage.org) for info.

## The rest of Tech Trek From Page 7

done Science Fair projects over the years.

They're looking forward to Tech Trek especially because it will give them a head start on the kinds of hands-on work they expect to do in higher grades. And also because they'll be with peers on their level, all interested in math and science. It will also be fun for the three Willits girls, who are friends already, to meet 125 other girls from all over the state.

Daisy Barrett, who has been a Student of the Month, is captain of the volleyball and basketball teams, a peer counselor and active in the anti-bullying group. Karen Hernandez is on the volleyball team, active in the anti-bullying group, and plays the flute in the band. Karlee Wisniewski plays volleyball and basketball, volunteers at the Kids Club, and plays in the band.

In order to help raise money to fund the Tech Trek scholarships, the local AAUW chapter is hosting a community yard sale in the parking lot of St. Francis Episcopal Church, at Commercial and Main Street, on Saturday, June 14, from 8 am to 3 pm. About 25 spaces will be available for rent to private parties and other organizations to host their own sale. If you are interested in renting a space for \$25, please call Susan Johnson at 459-9909 to reserve a spot.

The Buffalo Boys Barbecue truck will be on hand, and the Tech Trek girls will be selling baked goods and drinks, to help raise money for camp. Both AAUW and Tech Trek are registered non-profits, and the cost of participation in the yard sale is tax-deductible. Additional support will be graciously accepted.

## The rest of Letters From Page 2

### Wetland impacts

To the Editor:

It seems there is quite a bit of confusion on the subject of wetland impacts from the Willits bypass. Some people suggest that the wetlands in Little Lake Valley are trashed. This is not true. They are compromised, but still functioning pretty well. The organization Save Our Little Lake Valley (SOLLV) and others decry the filling of wetlands because that really does render them completely useless as a wetland.

Burying the wetlands under 10 to 30 feet of fill damages them irreversibly by destroying their many beneficial functions.

It might help to understand what wetland functions are. Most importantly they recharge the aquifer, slow floodwaters and clean water by filtering it through specialized soil and plants. Another function is a fabulously fertile ecosystem. Because there is so much water, wetlands can support an amazing variety of plants and creatures. There is way more habitat in a wetland than a dry hillside, let alone under acres of pavement.

Caltrans really likes to play the numbers game. Every time they produce a new document, the numbers change. There are five official versions of the mitigation plan, and there is about to be a sixth. To go by the permits doesn't help, as each permit was issued at a different time, so the numbers are all different. Sometimes the numbers refer to the whole project; sometimes just to one phase of the project. Some numbers refer to acres "directly impacted"; some refer to "permanent impacts"; some refer to "temporary impacts." Some refer to "waters of the U.S."; some to "streams"; some to "wetlands." What the agencies refer to as wetlands may not look like a wetland to you. It may look like a cow pasture. It is the type of soil and the "functions" that make it important to the health of the watershed.

All these different classifications of wetlands and waters are based on accepted science, and it is what the agencies use to identify impacts.

You may have heard the number 89 acres of wetlands, sometimes referred to by SOLLV as "almost 90 acres" (Caltrans is now says it is 82 acres but maybe this is of course subject to change). This refers to "wetlands and other waters of the US". Those "other waters" are streams. The wetlands "filled", meaning completely destroyed, is 51 acres (An April 23rd Caltrans letter now has this at 53 acres). The wetland that would be "temporarily impacted" is the other 31 acres. For instance, the area under the viaduct that will be severely compacted soil is considered temporary impact. Caltrans has promised to return these areas to "pre-project conditions" without ever saying how. All they actually describe is leaving it at the same surface elevation as it was before. They will not de-compact the soil, they will simply add some topsoil and plant a wetland species they pretend will survive in the changed soil.

Using just the roundabout part of the northern interchange for an intersection — that might actually impress upon through travelers that Willits is here — could avoid half of the wetland filling (24.4 acres, using Caltrans figures). This is what Supervisors Hamburg and Gjerde, two Willits City

Council members, the Little Lake Grange, SOLLV, the Willits Environmental Center and, most recently, the Coyote Valley Tribe, are calling for. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board listed this option as compensation for the fact that mitigation is from two to four years behind schedule (the schedule promised in all five mitigation plans).

Saving these acres could also save an estimated \$15 million (using Caltrans figures), which could go towards the unfunded mitigation. The amount of unfunded mitigation is anywhere between \$30 million and \$48 million, depending on how bids shake out and what the sixth mitigation plan figures are. Letting the roundabout portion of the northern interchange serve as the northern terminus of the bypass could be accomplished with a change order so the contractor would not be impacted. Caltrans is already using construction contingency funds included in the construction contract to pay for some of the mitigation work.

Beware!!! Caltrans's reply to the water board's questions about funding (the April 23 letter from Caltrans) says they will "identify" funding sources ... which means Caltrans could come back to Mendocino County for money for the extra mitigation the water board is asking for. Because this is a county-generated project, we are expected to fork up 15 percent of the cost. When mitigation costs were determined in 2011, the county was asked to come up with another \$2 million. Watch Caltrans hold opening the bypass hostage to extort more millions out of us!

What can you do? Call all your elected representatives. Ask them to support the roundabout version of the northern interchange of the Willits bypass. Reduce impacts, solve the current mitigation delay problem, the mitigation funding shortfall problem, assure additional mitigation delays do not occur, avoid important archeological sites and complete the project on time.

Rosamond Crowder, Willits

### Community Rights

To the Editor:

The Community Rights Network of Mendocino County is pleased to announce its signature gathering initiative for an ordinance asserting greater local self-governance with the prohibition of hydraulic fracturing in Mendocino County. We have created a website, [www.crmc.org](http://www.crmc.org), where the ordinance can be read both in English and in Spanish.

Currently we have approximately 60 members trained to gather signatures for the Community Bill of Rights Ordinance. We have organizers from Anderson Valley to Laytonville inland, and from Fort Bragg to Point Arena on the coast. We are in the planning stages for creating events that educate the public to the importance of Community Rights, and the dangers of fracking.

Our first scheduled events are an educational and empowerment speaking tour with fracking expert David Braun and Community Rights advocate Shannon Biggs of Global Exchange.

The tour kicks off Friday, June 6, at 7 pm at the Willits Grange, and continues over the weekend with events in Fort Bragg

## The rest of Meals on Wheels From Page 4

equipped with hot and cold boxes, and the center pays for the gas. Bothwell leaves around 10:30 am, after gassing up the van, and he finishes up around 12:45 pm.

You don't need to have any kind of special driver's license: just a regular CDL and a clean driver's record, said Mariya Siddons, volunteer coordinator for the center.

"It's a very important service for homebound clients: without the Meals on Wheels program, some of them wouldn't be eating," Siddons said.

"The volunteers try to spend a few minutes with them, just to check that they're doing OK, and to put a smile on their face. The driver might be the only person they see all day." Bothwell, center director Allyn Nonneman said, has been valiantly filling in on extra days when no one else can deliver, but more help is definitely needed.

The center is happy to consider volunteers who can drive a 2.5 hour shift once a week, or even people who can sign up to fill in, when a regular driver is sick or out of town.

Volunteer drivers must be able to get in and out of a vehicle easily and must be trustworthy, of course, Siddons said. Any new volunteers ride with an established driver a few times to learn

the route and all the routines.

Meals on Wheels clients pay for their meals, which are delivered Monday through Friday, with extra meals available to freeze for the weekend. Through April of this fiscal year (starting in July 2013), the Harrah Center has delivered a total of 5,013 meals.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver can call Siddons at 459-6826.

The Harrah Center is also "on a mission" to get a new Meals on Wheels van. With individual donations, large and small, and change collected from the Thrift Store tip jar, the center has collected about \$10,000 toward the cost of buying a new vehicle.

Further donations are welcome, and the center will "gladly bring a tip jar" to any business that will put one out: call 459-6826.

One last volunteer opportunity: the center will be hosting weekend paint parties in June, to get the outside of the main center building and the Thrift Store building repainted.

"We'll provide the brushes, along with the paint," Nonneman said. Call 459-6826 for more info.

(Town Hall, June 7, 7 pm), Anderson Valley (Grange, June 8, 1 pm), and Ukiah (Methodist Church, June 8, 4 pm).

For more information, check [www.crmc.org](http://www.crmc.org), or call (inland): Peter or Patricia Norris. 456-9968.

Peter Norris, Willits

### Yes on Measure K

To the Editor:

If this measure does not pass, the Brooktrails Fire Department volunteer rate will go down for a few reasons. For example: Structure and wildland clothing that have such big holes in them, they can't even be prepared or worn. Without the proper clothing for the volunteers, they can't go into burning structures or fight vegetation/wild land fires. Oxygen tanks (SCBA) so outdated that the fire department can't even buy replacement parts. Without the oxygen tanks, they can't go into structure fires to put the fire out that is destroying your house or rescue any loved ones that still may be in the structure that is on fire. They have to be replaced.

All of this costs money. If this measure does not pass, Brooktrails cannot replace the much-needed safety equipment. If there is no money for new gear, there will be no volunteers to help the chiefs run the medical aids, structure fires, automobile accidents, vegetation fires, etc.

Without the volunteers you can count on delayed response times on all 911 calls. But most importantly, the extra hands for doing CPR on your loved ones (from newborns to retirees), stopping the fire burning your house, searching for loved ones that may be trapped in your burning house, rescuing your loved one that is trapped in their vehicle due to a vehicle accident, evacuating houses for a vegetation / wildland fire.

I could go on and on, but I hope you get the point. You cannot keep thinking that the Little Lake Fire Department and CalFire will do this for free. We all know that's not going to happen. So if you want to pay someone, how about you support your local fire department? Vote "Yes" on Measure K. It's only a \$34 a year. You spend that on just driving to Willits to get groceries or Ukiah to go shopping.

Without a mobile water supply (water tender), your insurance for your home may (most likely) be double what you pay now. Why, you ask? Thirteen years ago, ISO (Insurance Services Office) came to Brooktrails to do one of their many inspections. At that time the fire department had a mobile water supply (water tender), which helped with the ISO rating. They placed one of the most "fire hazardous" communities at a 5 (1 = the best, 10 = the worst). We live in a forest. That's a really good rating.

The ISO will be back, sooner than later. If Measure K does not pass, without a mobile water supply unit (water tender) the ISO rating will go up. Current homeowner's insurance may be doubled. Prospective property owners are not going to want to buy a house in Brooktrails, because they will not be able to get homeowners insurance if the ISO rating goes up.

If Measure K does not pass, the Hazard Abatement Program may (will) be reduced. What does this mean to the Brooktrails

community? You know that empty lot next to your house or a friend's house that has tall grass or overgrown brush and hanging limbs — fire hazardous materials? The reduction of this program means fewer notices are sent out to vacant lot owners and homeowners, to make sure the tall grass next to your house or property gets cut, or the hazardous tree getting ready to fall on the vacant lot next to your house is taken care of.

Did you know that a lot of those properties are owned by out-of-county/state owners? They hire abatement providers to maintain their properties to help prevent wildfires. They pay taxes (their tax is also going up for the Hazard Abatement Program), but get this, they don't get to vote. But you do. You don't have to be a homeowner to vote, you can be a renter. As long as you're a registered voter in Mendocino County and have a Brooktrails address, you can vote. So vote "Yes" on Measure K.

Those of you who think the CalFire fee that you pay once a year goes to the local fire departments, do more research. None of that money goes to local fire departments. It is used for fire prevention throughout the state. Not local fire departments, including Brooktrails Fire Department. If you have questions regarding the CalFire fee, call the Brooktrails Fire Department.

Did you know that most of the funds to help run the fire department are coming out of the district's general fund? If Measure K does not pass, they are going to have to start cutting back somewhere. It will most likely start at the fire department. It started back in 2012.

If Measure K does pass, it will go to replace a much-needed mobile water supply (water tender), medical supplies, replacement of safety gear and equipment for volunteers, to maintain the Hazard Abatement Program, and being able to hire CalFire crews to work on the hazardous greenbelt throughout Brooktrails. But, did you know that none of the funds will go to department salaries or a new firehouse? There are more important things, like your safety, the volunteers' safety, and the hired employees' safety. Please, for you, your family, your friends, your community, and your safety, vote "Yes" on Measure K. June 3rd is the date to vote "Yes."

Leslie Quinn, Willits

### More thanks

To the Editor,

Whoops! Just realized that an important donor and sponsor of our Tri-Tip Dinner was inadvertently left out of our thank you letter. Cattlemens Restaurant of Santa Rosa has donated over 800 potatoes for the last four years. In 2011 Katelyn Snider graduated, and her uncle, John Frenzel who is the manager of Cattlemens, offered to donate the potatoes for our dinner. Since then John has generously continued to donate all of the potatoes, along with a 10 percent gift card. This is another example of community support, and the community continues to grow. Not only does the Willits community support Sober Grad, but our supporters stretch from Leggett (The Peg House) to Santa Rosa. Thank you, John and Cattlemens.

Joyce Waters, Willits Sober Grad



The American Legion Post #174 held two cemetery ceremonies to honor fallen soldiers for Memorial Day. The ceremonies were held at the Willits Cemetery on Highway 20 at 10:30 am and at the Little Lake Cemetery on East Hill Road at 11:30 am.

Chaplain Gene Shannon and Vice Commander Roger Ham spoke to the gathered crowd; traditional songs were performed on the bugle and bagpipes; and moments of silence were taken to remember those who passed.

# A Day to Remember

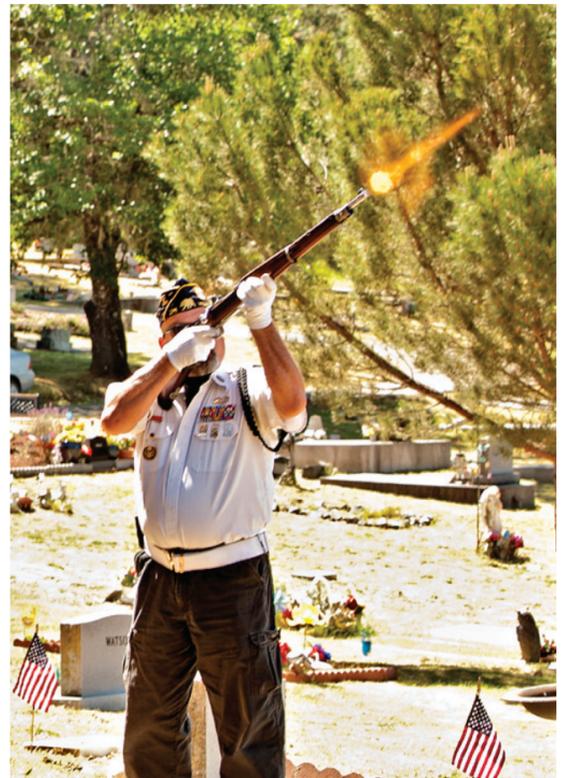
Above, left: Rifle Squad members John Frankum, Thomas Moore and Curtis DeShiell stand at present arms.

Above right: Joe Yu holds the American flag, and Chaplain Gene Shannon salutes during the ceremony. Far right: Legion member Matt Dearing, playing the bugle.

Below from left: Jeff Whitby plays "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes; flags were placed at graves of fallen soldiers; and shots by Rifle Squad member Curtis DeShiell rang out across the Willits valley.



Photos by Maureen Moore



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- 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 \$100,000 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.

### 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

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- A more fire-safe Township with adequate equipment for medical emergencies, rescues and fires.
- Keeping your costs of home insurance down.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF MEASURE K DOESN'T PASS?

- The Brooktrails Fire Department may have to reduce its services.
- Firefighter personal protective equipment and breathing apparatus will fail.
- Without proper equipment the number of volunteer firefighters will be reduced.
- Fire abatement programs may be reduced and efforts may no longer be sufficient to prevent wildfires.
- Home insurance, if available at all, could rise significantly on your home.

### 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 did 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 of the Fire Department's current and future needs, including all of its financial information and the federal and state regulations that effect its operation.

*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.

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