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Trustees direct Johnson to hire dean, certificated librarian

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The school board tied up a number of important loose ends at a special Monday meeting this week.

It approved a budget for 2014-15 at the June 23 meeting, including the distribution of \$1 million of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) money from the state of California.

As stated in last week's Willits Weekly, the LCAP money enables the district to begin to restore many of the cuts that have occurred

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County gives first response to grand jury library report

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Mendocino County has made an initial response to allegations it illegally charged the county's library system in the wake of passage of Measure A in 2011.

According to a June 17 press release, former county Auditor-Controller Meredith Ford says she was not interviewed by the grand jury and she should have been.

"The report states that

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Burn ban ordered for Willits, surrounding areas

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Director Ken Pimlott has ordered suspension of open burning across 31 million acres of state responsibility lands, including those in Mendocino County.

The burn ban includes "all areas in our district, including the local responsibility area, and within the City of Willits," Little Lake Fire Department Chief Carl Magann said.

"For the health and welfare of our community and for the safety of our firefighters, all [burning] permits are rescinded,

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Laura McBride pulls up to the bank window with Rachel Warner behind and dog Ishee in front. Twinkie the horse waits patiently while everyone gives a quick wave before teller Tara Segmiller helps Laura with her deposit.

Photo by
Maureen Moore



Let the Festivities Begin!

It's beginning to feel a lot like ... FRONTIER DAYS ... with the start of the Fourth of July festivities last Sunday and tonight's Hometown Celebration, too.

Laura McBride's pass through the Savings Bank of Mendocino County's "ride-through" window atop her horse, Twinkie, is also always a sure sign that the main events are drawing near.

This year, Twinkie was doing triple duty, not only taking McBride for a ride, but also bearing family friend Rachel Warner, 10, riding behind McBride in the bumper seat, and

Ishee, a 2-year-old poodle, who was strapped in – festive red sweater and all – on a pillow by the saddle horn.

The ladies were also adorned in fashionable attire: McBride donned the shirt she wore at the age of 20 when she made her first ride in the Willits Frontier Days parade atop Barbara Hamilton's Tennessee Walker. Hamilton created the shirt for McBride, and she made a matching blanket and breast

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The Willits Frontier Days horse show is the first official event. See lots of photos and results from all the kickoff events held Sunday inside today's edition!

Above left: Leta Garman jumps Smokin Poco Bonaza over a fence in the Hunter Hack class. Above right: Atop her horse Mr. Goldylocks, Nakai Chilson, winner of the John Fish Memorial-Hawthorn Farm Perpetual Trophy, poses with 2013 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Lilja Lamkin.

Photo by Maureen Moore



BFD scores new truck

The Brooktrails Fire Department has acquired a new wildland-type fire truck, courtesy of the federal government.

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The free Type III fire vehicle has a 1994 Ford chassis, a 500-gallon water tank, and a pump that can pump 500 gallons a minute. It stands approximately 10 feet tall and has 61,000 miles on the engine.

Brooktrails Fire Department acquired it as a federal surplus vehicle.

BFD Fire Chief Daryl Schoepner introduced the vehicle to Brooktrails directors and a small audience at the Tuesday night Brooktrails board meeting.

The truck initially belonged to the U.S. Forest Service. It was put out as surplus and was acquired by the Redwood Valley Fire Department. When Redwood Valley put it out as surplus, it was picked up by Schoepner.

Schoepner said the vehicle would be used in specialized wildland fire situations. "We're gonna use it when you need to get there quick and keep the fire small," he said. "It is a very sound truck. For us, it's gonna work great."

Schoepner added the truck would be worth about \$350,000 if it were new.

When asked if the truck would replace the water tender



Surplus Type III fire vehicle acquired by Brooktrails Fire Department.

Photo courtesy of Brooktrails Fire Department

the department had been planning to acquire, Schoepner said it would not. "This is a long way from a water tender," he said. "A water tender carries 2,000 gallons. This carries only 500."

Schoepner told Willits Weekly acquisition of a water tender was scheduled for "probably not later than year three" in the 10-year purchasing plan worked out in connection with Measure K, the recently approved ballot measure that increased the fire tax for Brooktrails residents.

"We have to take care of the safety equipment for our firefighters first," Schoepner said. "We need breathing apparatuses, and then we need safety clothing. When those needs are taken care of, we will work on the water tender."

The purchasing plan also includes a new Type III vehicle toward the end of the 10-year plan.

Army Corps suspends permit

for Willits bypass

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The Army Corps of Engineers has suspended its permit – conditionally – for work on the Willits bypass, due to noncompliance by Caltrans with permit conditions. That means "no additional permitted work within waters of the U.S., including wetlands, may occur on the bypass construction until Caltrans complies with the permit conditions," the Friday letter from Commander Lt. Col. John K. Baker informing Caltrans of the suspension stated.

Work is continuing on the bypass project, however, in areas outside the jurisdiction of the Army Corps.

A Tuesday meeting between Caltrans and the Army Corps did not result in any further action by Baker to "reinstate, modify or revoke" the permit, as the June 20 letter suggested he might take.

Lt. Col Baker is leaving the San Francisco office at the end of this week, but Regulatory Division Chief Jane Hicks of that office told Willits Weekly that new Commander Lt. Col. John Morrow's "intent" is to

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City budget remains in the red as new fiscal year looms

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Council members could not agree on ways to solve city budget woes during a meeting this week, but they did recommend some cuts.

Public budget talks began Monday at a workshop attended by Mayor Holly Madrigal, council members Ron Orenstein, Larry Stranske, Madge Strong, Bruce Burton and top city employees.

"I have sat here for four hours, and I have not seen the will to come up with the type of cuts it takes to balance this budget," Burton said.

The city says its finances have been hurt during hard economic times. In some recent reports from City Hall, it looked like plans to map out a sustainable budget could soon be made.

"Staff recommends

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Fireworks are dangerous and illegal!

To the Editor:

Our annual Frontier Days and Fourth of July celebration is almost upon us. Celebrating the founding of our nation brings festivals, barbecues, and family fun. All too often though, the holiday is tragically marred by fires and injuries due to the unsafe and unlawful use of fireworks.

The members of the Little Lake Fire Protection District are cautioning residents about the dangers posed by fireworks. As a reminder to all residents; the possession and use of personal fireworks, including those marked "Safe and Sane," are prohibited and are illegal in Mendocino County and their possession or use are misdemeanors carrying fines starting at \$500, potential jail time, and a criminal record. Under a recent change in California state law, possession of a sufficient amount of illegal fireworks may be a felony punishable by a fine up to \$5,000 and/or imprisonment.

Fireworks are dangerous for users, bystanders and surrounding property and structures. Fireworks are a significant cause of injuries requiring hospital emergency room treatment. On an annual average, seven people are killed in California by fireworks every 4th of July. Burns are a leading cause of serious injuries, followed by lacerations and contusions.

Individuals using fireworks may be held financially liable for suppression costs, property damage, and for any injuries linked to the use of any fireworks within Mendocino County.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is attending an outdoor public display put on by specially trained pyrotechnic professionals. Officially sponsored and professionally performed pyrotechnic shows will be conducted on Saturday, July 4 in Fort Bragg, and at various locations and dates in Lake County. We encourage everyone to go out and enjoy these shows instead of risking injury, fires, or citation.

The members of the Little Lake Fire Protection District and the Little Lake Firefighters Association wish everyone a safe and festive celebration of our country's Independence Day. Please be cautious in all your outdoor activities with the drying vegetation and increasing temperatures.

You can help keep our community and yourself safe by:

- Not using any type of fireworks
- Calling law enforcement to report use of fireworks by others
- Reducing fuel sources around your property – keeping grass and vegetation maintained
- Have fire extinguishers, water buckets and garden hoses ready
- Use caution with smoking materials, barbecues, power tools and equipment

Carl Magann, fire chief,
Little Lake Fire Protection District

Don't blame administration

To the Editor:

After reading the letters to the editor, and being at the Willits Unified School District's Board of Trustees Meeting last Wednesday (June 11), I was absolutely amazed by the amount of misinformation that is out in the community, and worse – amongst some of WUSD's teachers.

I would normally be among the first to agree that a qualified librarian would be an asset to any school district; however Willits hasn't had a credentialed librarian in five years. There has been a teacher in the library, doing a variety of things, but as a couple of retired library clerks reminded us at that meeting, the library is not the same as when it has a credentialed librarian.

For my way of thinking, it is about time that the district let the County Office of Education do something that directly assists the district. A county librarian is a great way to help

a lot of school districts keep their libraries open by hiring trained, skilled, library technicians, and to free up some money in the general fund for additional programs, staff, etc.

Another issue that came up had to do with counselors leaving their positions mid-year. I, personally, think that those are the people that have caused a portion of the problems. Consider this: Willits High School had about 425 students last year, with a principal, a vice principal, two counselors, and psychological services. The vice principal retired, and that still left plenty of administrative-type staff.

Then this year, both counselors chose to leave the district, and the superintendent let them, opening their positions for rehire. Similar to the situation found at Baechtel Grove, no one with the proper qualifications from outside the area applied (the district is finally putting properly credentialed teachers into their proper positions); so there have been some delays.

It doesn't make sense, though, to blame the superintendent or high school principal, because they were trying to do right by the employee, not realizing their positions could be difficult to fill. Nonetheless, the positions are filled, and with proper credentials. What was to blame, however, was the public reactions of some staff or community members, especially when they didn't have all of the facts, and were blatantly ill-mannered and disrespectful. That type of behavior shouldn't happen at a public meeting of educators, and certainly not with students.

The above examples are just three of the many negative things that happened that evening; however the very worst examples happened when the current administration was questioned about the "direction of the district" and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges report. How quickly people choose to forget the numerous articles in the newspapers concerning the WASC report, and the mess WUSD has been in. (Or who was responsible – and then left it for someone else to restore.) How interesting to learn that the only way to believe that one has had input, or been listened to, is when one gets what one wants.

I'd like to close with the following: WUSD has been going downhill for many years, and we've just now had one complete year of two new administrators, and some new board members. This year the enrollment has improved, the bills are being paid, and things are starting to look as if education and children are a priority. People need to remember how to be patient. Certainly, there are always areas in which to improve, but currently some good steps toward a positive morale and appropriate behavior have been taken.

It took a lot of years to put us as far backward as we were sent. We need to remember how to say thanks for the few steps we're starting to take, to go forward, and then continue to watch what happens. Complaining is simple; finding solutions requires much more.

Paula Nunez, Willits

Thanks to Creative Snapshots

To the Editor:

Thank you so much for your outstanding performance at the Baechtel Grove Middle School's eighth-grade promotion dance. You made the night very special for the kids, teachers and parents. The memories will last a lifetime! I'd like to recognize your team's patience and professionalism with the students.

We look forward to working with you on future school events.

Emily Jackson, eighth-grade parent, Willits

Thanks to LLED

To the Editor:

We would like to thank our wonderful Little Lake Fire Department for their speedy response to a grass fire that started behind our home and nursery on Locust Street last

Sunday morning. This is the second time that they have saved us from potential catastrophe.

Thanks to the fire chief, Carl Magann, and each citizen fireman or woman who volunteered their time on what was a beautiful Sunday morning to help protect us and our neighbors. We understand that one volunteer had an injury and to them we wish a quick recovery.

We often take our fire department for granted, but it only takes one emergency for us to appreciate the tremendous service that they provide our community. Again, a huge thanks!

Dave and Jenny Watts, owners,
Sanhedrin Nursery

Why a public bank?

To the Editor:

Austerity's the mantra of the day, nationwide, worldwide ... and certainly in our county. Programs have been deeply cut, workers laid off, critical infrastructure unfunded. So what are the chances of turning this situation around?

One of the possibilities is to start a county public bank.

What is a public bank anyhow? It certainly isn't Santa Claus, handing out gifts right and left. Public banks are owned by the people, through their representative government, such as a city, county or state, and are subject to the same regulations as privately owned banks. But the difference is that the purpose of public banks is to serve the public interest, while private shareholders in privately owned banks have been using our money for speculative purposes.

The only depositor in a public bank is the city, county or state that runs it. Its deposit base consists of the revenues and fees obtained in its jurisdiction. However, none of these deposits are spent. Just like any bank, this deposit base allows the bank to issue bank credit (\$9 credit for each \$10 in the deposit base) which the bank can then loan out at 4 percent interest or more. That accumulated interest is what a public bank uses to fund needed infrastructure in its jurisdiction, make loans to small businesses, and finance other projects that keep money in the community, create jobs and spur economic growth.

However, a public bank does not compete with local, community banks. Rather, it partners with community banks and credit unions, which administer and service the loans.

If the government created a public bank, interest would return back to the people, changing austerity to prosperity. That's why there's great interest right now in creating public banks. The Mendocino County Chapter of the Public Banking Coalition (MCCPBC) is in the process of educating county officials and the general public on the benefits of starting a public bank. This is an ongoing effort which we hope will eventually get a measure on the ballot for the public to vote on.

Anyone wanting more information on this issue, or who would like to work with the MCCPC on this effort, can contact me at maryzel@willitsonline.com.

Mary Zellachild, Willits

When Pigs Flew In

To the Editor:

Twenty-one aircraft from around Northern California and dozens of local aviation buffs attended last Saturday's "When Pigs Fly-In" event at the Willits Airport. Food was provided by Taqueria Ramirez. Aircraft included classic Pipers and Cessnas, as well as home-builts featuring a Long E-Z, a Volksplane, and numerous Vans planes from the Bay Area.

The airport's next event will be Willits Airport Day & Sixties Fly-In on Saturday, September 13, celebrating its 50th anniversary. The celebration will include airplane rides, classic cars, and local food and exhibits. More information is available online at www.WillitsAirport.com.

Dan Ramsey, Willits Airport manager



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At left: The singing contestants at the 2014 anthem contest, John Walczykewski, and in front from left, Cadence Gibson, Jessie Holland, Eva Earnest and Tara Logan.

Above: Winners Tara Logan and John Walczykewski pose with 2013 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Lilja Larkin

Below: Singers perform the National Anthem at the rodeo grounds last Sunday. From left: Tara Logan, Jessie Holland, Eva Earnest, John Walczykewski and Cadence Gibson.

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The winning combination

Horse Show and Gymkhana riders compete for overall title

The first Willits Frontier Days event is always the Horse Show, followed that afternoon by the Gymkhana. This year, event coordinators Mattie Pinon and Kara Garman decided to combine the events and offer an overall high point award to the winners who performed the best during both events. A winner was selected in each age group: 12 and under went to Gracie Silva; 13 to 17 went to Jessica Cronin; and 18 and over went to 2012 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Rachel Belvin.

High point and reserve high points were also given to the winners of each event as well.

Awards for the Horse Show included high point to Gracie Silva

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Equestrians

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Left: Bob Cronin rounds the barrel on his horse Joe.

Riders compete in one of the barrel racing events during last Sunday's Gymkhana, including from left: Keely Ahders, Shanna Gayski and Caleb Briggs.

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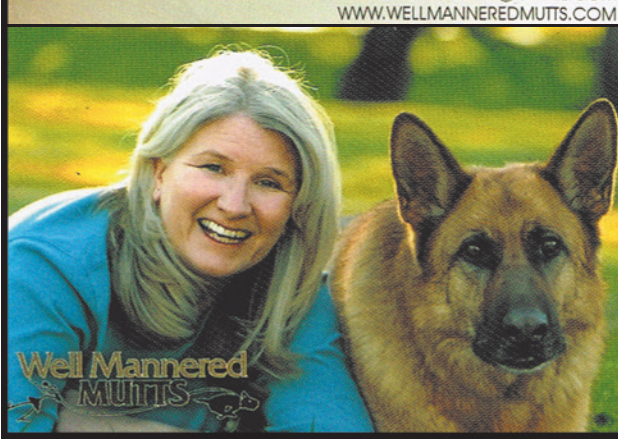
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In The Stars

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, let your creative side take over this week. Your imagination is ready to run wild, and this burst of creative energy will have long-lasting positive effects.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, though you are known for being a tad stubborn, this week you are open to any and all suggestions. You may surprise a few people by being so open-minded.

GEMINI

May 22/Jan 21

Gemini, while you may have natural leadership abilities, most of the time you do not want to pull rank. This week you may need to step things up a bit.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Your powers are magnetic this week, Leo. Others find you simply irresistible, which can bode well if you are looking for a romantic partner or want to step things up.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a busy week at work will require lots of cooperation among you and your coworkers. If ever there was a time to summon your leadership abilities, now is the time.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, many things are in disarray and you may need some help getting back to efficient living. Download an app to help you track expenses or keep tabs on your responsibilities.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You will do some of your best work at home this week, Sagittarius. Spend ample time getting the house in order. A few days working from home could kickstart plans.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, quickly curb any feelings of boredom by exploring a new hobby. Try taking a new fitness or art class. You'll have chances to mingle, too.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Put the brakes on impulse buys, Aquarius. This week you may be tempted to spend more money than you have, and that will only lead to long-term financial concerns.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, now is a good time to travel, even if it means just a quick jaunt. But if a big vacation is on the horizon, know that you will likely have a smooth trip ahead.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

You are bound to be the center of attention, Scorpio. Get over any shyness early on because you will be spending time with coworkers for most of the week.



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!

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CLUES ACROSS

- Coneless craters
- Pullulate
- Six (Spanish)
- Cricket frog
- Deliberately subverted
- McCullough's 2nd book
- Body of water
- Plural of 22 down
- To get up
- They __
- Expression of sorrow
- Turfs
- Door beam
- Arabian sultanate
- Corn dough
- Soft infant food
- Famous movie pig
- "Oleanna" playwright
- One point E of SE
- Cool down
- Surrender
- WWII war criminal Rudolph
- Artificial
- Drains
- Woods component
- Unit of time (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Tangles
- Dull pain
- Length x width =
- Fishing gear
- Small Chevrolet truck
- 18th Hebrew letter (alt. sp.)
- Ingests
- Decline
- Martinet
- Cruel deviant
- Hen products
- Technology firm
- 40th US state
- Albanian capital
- Sensory receptors
- Publicity
- A winglike part
- Sword with a curved blade
- Single
- Fencing swords
- Research workplaces
- Japanese sash
- Nutmeg covering spice
- Woman (French)
- Foot (Latin)
- Fast rise to fame
- Used to cut and shape wood
- Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- A consortium of companies
- Stirrup bone
- Transmitted
- Carrier's invention
- Without (French)
- Noah's oldest son (Bible)
- Jaguarundi
- Former Cowboy Leon
- Powder mineral
- Greek colonnade
- Mexican monetary unit
- Preceded the DVD
- Doctrine suffix
- Mauna __, HI, volcano
- Public prosecutor

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Benji

Hello, I am Benji. I am a Wirehaired Fox Terrier mix. I came to the shelter with my brother Skipper when our people moved and left us all alone in the house. Skipper found a new home and now it is my turn. Those pesky cats are a no-no for me. I think I could be about 4 to 5 years old, but I am not positive as I chewed on something and wore down my front teeth! I am cute and ready to roll right out the shelter doors! Love, Benji

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collar for the horse that year as well.

Rachel was wearing the shirt McBride's daughter Lynda once wore when she was just 10 years old and rode in the parade. That shirt was made by McBride's mother, Betty McAllister.

Rachel said she enjoyed the ride, and might keep up the tradition one day ... once she's old enough to have a bank account, that is!

The theme for this year's parade is "Cowboy Winter Wonderland" and, hopefully, the weather will take a hint from the theme and stay nice and cool for all the upcoming Frontier Days events.

The Hometown Celebration is set for Thursday, June 26; the Truck Pulls and first Street Dance will be on Friday, June 27; the Sweetheart will be crowned on June 28; the carnival opens July 1; the first CCPRA Rodeo and second Western Dance take place on July 3; the Independence Day Parade, BBQ and second CCPRA rodeo are set for July 4, and the Lions Breakfast and Junior Rodeo will wind up the Frontier Days celebration on July 5.

Additional Willits Frontier Days schedule information can be seen in our Calendar on pages 8 and 9 of today's edition, or online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com.

Left: All done for this year, Laura McBride, Rachel Warner, Ishae the poodle and Twinkle the horse take off out of the bank's drive-thru.

Photo by Maureen Moore

City looks at creating sustainable local food economy

Regulations for community gardens, backyard animals and cottage food operators were discussed this week, as the city's Revitalization and Economic Development Committee heard from Cliff Paulin and the Mendocino County Council of Governments about developing a more sustainable local food economy.

"We have a lot of community gardens in Willits," Councilman Ron Orenstein said. "It seems to me like it is almost an impediment to anyone who wants to do a community garden."

In Ukiah, for example, some criteria have been adopted that includes rules for hours of operation, herbicide use, and no closed fencing.

"In Ukiah to install a community garden requires a minor use permit," said Paulin, who worked on the 2014 Mendocino County Food Action Plan.

The plan is available online; it outlines goals and steps that can be taken to get there. Land and water, supporting food producers, and protecting farmland are among topics found in the plan.

MCOG also produced and wrote "Vision Mendocino 2030," a plan for sustainable growth. It was accepted by MCOG in December.

"One of the action items that had widespread community support was to develop a regional approach to food systems planning," reads a memo from City Planner Alan Falleri.

Building Inspector John Sherman noted building more gardens means using more water. "I would like to see that our goal is to have a purple pipe system throughout the city."

In the water business, "purple pipe" designates color-coded pipe used to distribute treated wastewater.

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Above: Coyote Valley Feather Dancers of Covelo perform. Photo by Katherine Houghtby

‘Woven Worlds’ opens at the Mendocino County Museum



“History is history – now is our chance to tell our story,” announced Ron Lincoln of Round Valley last Saturday afternoon at the opening of the new exhibit “Woven Worlds,” which drew nearly 200 attendees. The packed house at the Mendocino County Museum

in Willits enjoyed new interactive displays, a two-step dance performance by the Coyote Valley Feather Dancers of Covelo, and a traditionally inspired feast in honor of the museum’s historic moment.

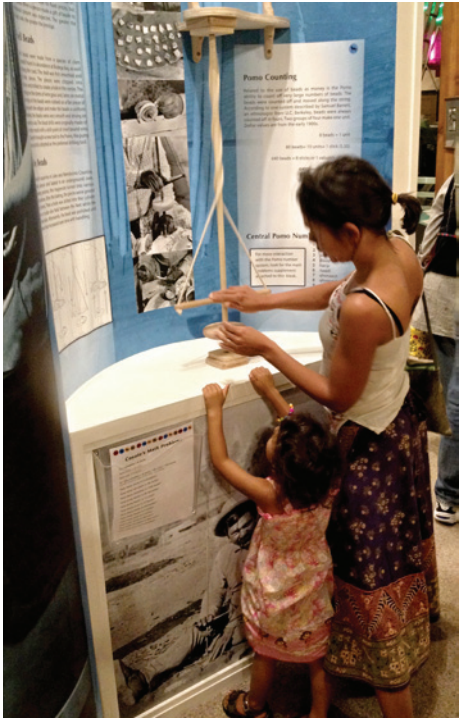
Many years in the making, the installation is designed to be a permanent and “all-encompassing exhibit with all the tribes,” explained Museum Director Alison Glassey. It brings together the contributions of a wide range of different tribal members and county residents.

The exhibit utilizes items from the museum’s inventory along with items from personal collections, historic photographs and film rescued from archives, and more than 40 years of research organized by curator Dr. Victoria Patterson.

The overflowing crowd at the opening encircled the museum’s back patio to hear opening blessings, speeches, and tribal dances on the afternoon of the summer solstice.

“It is too bad our elders and my father, Chief Lumkaiah, didn’t see this, but I thank you all for coming and sharing it with them,” said Lois Lockart, tribal elder of Sherwood Valley Rancheria.

The Round Valley Feather Dancers then performed a traditional two-step for the crowd, a performance featuring both female and male dancers



and including Coyote Valley Chairman Michael Hunter. The dances – a deer dance, whisking dance, and hummingbird dance amongst others – were introduced by Anthony Ramos and Todd Ramos, who also provided background on the dancers’ history.

Director Glassey then addressed the audience, thanking curator Patterson for helping to realize the “dream” of the exhibit and for “being a bridge between the museum and the communities we’re trying to represent.” Patterson said to the crowd that she hoped the exhibit would be “an invitation for tribal people ... to create their own history,” adding “none of this happens by itself.”

She went on to list the various forms of assistance from tribal members, researchers, designers and others who helped construct the display, including Janet Rayner, Addison Moore, Kiersten Hanna Frey, Steve Prochter, Frank Tuttle, Lockart and many others.

Priscilla Hunter, elder of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo, invited the crowd to participate in a dance in honor of Dr. Patterson. Hunter also spoke about the tribe’s current conflict with Caltrans over archaeological sites and bypass construction in the Little Lake Valley. “Where [our ancestors] lived and sang and danced is being destroyed,” said Hunter. “We are asking all the tribes to come out.”

The performance concluded with a final blessing for the audience by Ron Lincoln, who emphasized the importance of “retaining our knowledge and traditions,” and a final dance honoring the performers.



Above far left: Guests at the opening reception peruse the “Welcome” wall of the exhibit. Photo by Katherine Houghtby

Above, starting at second left: the Pomo money/bead counting kiosk; Lois Lockart, Sherwood Valley tribal elder, welcomes the crowd; the remains of a feast inspired by traditional Native recipes.

Photos by Kate Maxwell



Above: Dancers perform for the gathered crowd. Photo by Katherine Houghtby

Below: A colorful seasonal wheel details traditional Native activities throughout the year. Photo by Kate Maxwell



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The annual event encourages kids ages 4 to 5 and 6 to 8 to dress in their Western finest and answer questions about their love of Willits Frontier Days, rodeos and their hometown.

A boy and girl winner from each age group is chosen. The boys each receive a silver belt buckle, the girls each receive a silver mini-tiara, and all winners also take home rodeo tickets and a treat from

Read the rest of **Cutest** | Over on Page 13

Above: Several of the 2014 contestants, from left, back row: Elena Arkelian, Ava Arkelian, Lisa Arkelian, Kiera Dragness, Jordan Shull, Brett James Rountree, Owen Nielsen and Porter Garman.

Left: Lisa Arkelian answers a question from judges Mary Fonsen and Nancy McFarland. Photos by Maureen Moore

Congrats Column

Birthday Girl Mariah

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Above from left: Jessica Alvarado rides Ruby along the rail. Lilah Garman jumps Ben in the Hunter Hack class. Amy Andrade rides on Romeo. Emma Garman jumps Patches the pony.

Below from left: Danielle Barry shows Rebel at halter. Robert Fisher, winner of the R Horse Ranch Perpetual Trophy, poses with 2013 Sweetheart Lilja Lamkin. Elaine Mancini leads Aidyn McFadden on Ice in the Leadline class in front of Horse Show coordinator Mattie Pinon and Judge Dina Parker.



More of Equestrians

and reserve high point to Lilah Garman in 12 and under; high point to Ashlynn Rose and reserve high point to Jessica Cronin in 13 to 18; and high point to Tracy Thornberry and reserve high point to Nicole Sichlinger in 18 and over.

Awards for the Gymkhana included high point to Claire Moyle and reserve high point to Gracie Silva in 12 and under; high point to Shanna Gayski and reserve high point to Jodie Nelson in 13 to 17; and high point to Jennifer Seymour and reserve high point to Carmen Coleman in 18 and over.

Individual class placings follow:

Gymkhana:

Cloverleaf Barrels: 12 and under: first place went to Gracie Silva; second to Claire Moyle; third to Jaden Doak; fourth to Kiera Dragness; and fifth to Hazel Cooke. 13 to 17: first place went to Shanna Gayski; second and third to Jodie Nelson; fourth to Keely Ahders; and fifth to Jessica Cronin. 18 and over: first place went to Jennifer Seymour; second to Carmen Coleman; third to Brandi Gamble; fourth to Brandi Mavis; and fifth to Erinn Campbell.

Speed Barrels: 12 and under: first place to Claire Moyle; second to Kiera Dragness; third to Canella Coleman; fourth to Hazel Cooke; and fifth to Katelyn Germann. 13 to 17: first place went to Shanna Gayski;

second to Jodie Nelson; third to Jessica Cronin; fourth to Josie Thieman; and fifth to Keely Ahders. 18 and over: first place went to Carmen Coleman; second to Jennifer Seymour; third place to Brandi Gamble; fourth place to Brandi Mavis; and fifth to Erinn Campbell.

Washington Poles: 12 and under: first place went to Gracie Silva; second to Claire Moyle; third to Kiera Dragness; fourth to Samantha Arms; and fifth to Katelyn Germann. 13 to 17: first place went to Shanna Gayski; second to Josie Thieman; third to Jodie Nelson; and fifth to Keely Ahders. 18 and over: first place went to Brandi Gamble; second to Jennifer Seymour; third to Carmen Coleman; fourth to Brandi Mavis; and fifth to Ashley Barney.

Single Stake: 12 and under: first place went to Claire Moyle; second to Gracie Silva; third to Samantha Arms; fourth to Jaden Doak; and fifth to Kiera Dragness. 13 to 17: first place went to Shanna Gayski; second to Josie Thieman; third to Jodie Nelson; fourth to Jessica Cronin; and fifth to Keely Ahders. 18 and over: first place went to Carmen Coleman; second to Jennifer Seymour; third to Brandi Mavis; fourth to Brandi Gamble; and fifth to Ashley Barney.

Horse Show:

Model horse, 3 and over / R Horse Ranch Perpetual Trophy: first place went to Robert Fischer and One Smooth Mister;

second place went to Terry Silva and Tee Tinker Toy; third place went to Gracie Silva and Elan's Lucky Playboy; fourth place went to Emma Garman and Patches; and fifth place went to Samantha Arms and SR Diamond Dutch.

Showmanship, English/Western (shown in hand, not under saddle): 12 and under: first place went to Gracie Silva; second to Samantha Arms; third to Lilah Garman and Ben; fourth to Claire Moyle and Hot Fire; and fifth to Emma Garman and SR Diamond Dutch. 13 to 17: first place went to Ashlyn Rose and Pass on the Image; second to Thais Reed and Princess; third to Keely Ahders and Pass on the Image; fourth to Jessica Cronin and Rolling Thunder and fifth to Nakai Chilson and Mr. Goldlocks. 18 and over: first place went to Robert Fischer; second to Terry Silva; third to Nicole sichlinger; fourth to Jeri Harman; and fifth to Tracy Thornberry. Local 17 and under / Barbara Hamilton Perpetual Trophy, sponsored by Sunnybrook Ranch: first place went to Gracie Silva; second to Ashlynn Rose; third to Lilah Garman; fourth to Samantha Arms; and fifth to Emma Garman. Leadline: first place went to Aidyn McFadden on Ice.

Pleasure, English (based on the horse): Walk/Trot, Maiden/Open: first place went to Lilah Garman; second to Jessica Alvarado on Ruby; third to Emma Garman; fourth to Amy Andrade on Romeo; and fifth to Noah Willoughby on Buster. 12

and under: first place went to Gracie Silva; second to Emma Garman; third to Amy Andrade; fourth to Lilah Garman; and fifth to Claire Moyle. 13 to 17: first place went to Nakai Chilson; second to Ashlynn Rose; third to Jessica Cronin on Rolling Thunder; fourth to Keely Ahders on Paso Grande; and fifth to Thais Reed. 18 and over: first place went to Leta Garman on Smokin Poco Bonaza; second to Nicole Sichlinger on ZZ Olena; third to Jeri Harman on Amazing Blazing Hot; and fourth to Tracy Thornberry on Ben.

Equitation, English (based on the rider): Walk/Trot, Novice/Open: first place went to Amy Andrade; second to Jessica Alvarado; third to Zoe Alvarado on Ruby; fourth to Noah Willoughby on Buster; and fifth to Danielle Barry on Rebel. 12 and under: first place went to Gracie Silva; second to Emma Garman; third to Lilah Garman; fourth to Amy Andrade; and fifth to Claire Moyle. 13 to 17: first place went to Ashlynn Rose; second to Nakai Chilson; third to Jessica Cronin; fourth to Thais Reed; and fifth to Keely Ahders. 18 and over: first place went to Leta Garman; second to Tracy Thornberry; and third to Nicole Sichlinger. Local 17 and under / John Fish Memorial-Hawthorn Farm Perpetual Trophy, sponsored by family and friends of John Fish Trophy: first place went to Nakai Chilson; second to Jessica Cronin; third to Ashlynn Rose; fourth to Amy

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Riders make their way around the arena during Sunday's show. From left: Zoe Alvarez, Noah Willoughby, Tracy Thornberry, Nakai Chilson and Keely Ahders.

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Redwood Run 2014

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It was Friday morning, June 13, 2014. Dawn broke over the hills of northern Mendocino County. The sun was glinting off the chrome of motorcycles, and the folks lined up on the frontage road along Highway 101 at Piercy, California began to stir. They had been there since Thursday afternoon waiting for the gate to open and Redwood Run 2014 to officially begin. Anticipation was building: bikers wanted to be the first to enter "The Pit" and get that choice camping spot for a weekend of partying.

And at the magic hour of 8 am – it happened! The gate was open, and it was all three races for the Triple Crown rolled into one. The thunder of finely turned Harleys split the quiet dawn air, and Redwood Run 2014 was on! Actually it was very much a controlled situation, with the security crew from the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) making sure everyone was entering in a safe and sane manner.

This year was the 37th Annual Redwood Run. The



Vendor Row and began checking out the wares. Vendor Row was not as populated as I like to see it, but the vendors that were there were very friendly and helpful with

Garberville Kiwanis Club hosts the event, and many sponsors are involved in making sure the event is a success. The proceeds from the Redwood Run go toward many youth organizations, scholarships and Christmas programs in and around the Garberville/Redway area.

After checking in at the ticket booth just off the main entrance and setting up camp, we took a stroll around the grounds. The food booths were in full swing as was the drink ticket booth. The lovely Lady Kim and I made our way up to

Society of Cannabis Clinicians president gives talk in Laytonville

Dr. Jeffrey Hergenrath, M.D., current president of the Society of Cannabis Clinicians, spoke to a crowded room at Long Valley Garden Club at the fifth meeting of the "Cannabis Renaissance" series held there. Hergenrath has been practicing using cannabis since the 1970s, and presented his most recent findings to an eager audience, who brought many questions and shared personal anecdotes at the June 15 Laytonville event. The doctor spoke primarily about his research into the uses of cannabis in patients with diseases such as Alzheimer's, different types of cancer, gastro-intestinal diseases, and current studies involving THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) and CBD (cannabidiol).

Dr. Hergenrath began by speaking about the endocannabinoid system, found in humans and all animals (except insects), which enables the body to mediate the cannabinoids found in marijuana. Hergenrath explained the endocannabinoid system as providing "homeostasis" for the brain and body and regulating our "need to eat, sleep, to forget, to protect, and relax." Showing slides of radioactive imaging revealing the location of cannabinoid receptors throughout the body, the doctor emphasized that it "is the most populous system in the body," affecting "very specific parts of the brain and immune system," modulating abnormal responses, and affecting pain, inflammation, stress, and much more.

One aspect of Hergenrath's work has involved research on patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and a variety of other aging-related ailments at Primrose, a secured eldercare facility

in Santa Rosa. Studying patients who entered the home requiring "chemical restraints," the doctor found a majority that transitioned to cannabis found it to be the "one medicine that's safe, that won't kill them, and that they actually like."

He discussed the specific results of the researched effects on different symptoms over a multi-year study, as well as anecdotal evidence that patients using cannabis with Alzheimer's and dementia see it "slow the progress or even reverse it." He also elaborated on the current challenges in receiving approval for further studies, and in securing funding for both research and patients' cannabis therapies.

The presentation covered a wide range of topics, including Hergenrath's extensive research into the use of THC and CBD in various types of gastro-intestinal ailments, a wide range of cancers using both direct injection and topical applications, and with many other forms of treatment. He related cases where cannabis oil treatment had successfully reduced tumors, such as one under his care as an infant, yet "the parents were afraid to tell the doctors what they'd done."

The doctor also discussed his findings concerning the differences between THC, CBD, and using different ratios and forms of marijuana, such as oils and edibles and fresh or dried cannabis, as medicine. Hergenrath stated his belief that more research is needed into the effects of THC in combination with CBD, theorizing the current rush to prioritize CBD is "for political reasons ... because CBD



questions about their products. At 9 am the music began, and music was non-stop through the day. We traded in some of our drink tickets for a couple of adult beverages and kicked back to enjoy some tunes.

One of the Friday afternoon events was a first in Redwood Run history: a wedding! Bride Susan and Groom Ray tied the knot in front of the stage. The bride was wearing a beautiful ensemble: a white veil, white corset, white lacy panties with a garter belt, and white thigh-high stockings: the picture of a biker bride. The groom was wearing the traditional black shirt and blue jeans.

As the evening began to fall, we searched out one of the food booths. The Piercy Volunteer Fire Department was offering a steak dinner for \$15. A New York strip steak, corn on the cob, salad and a roll with all the fixins. The steak was tender, and the food delicious! After dinner we traded in more drink tickets and awaited the headliner band for Friday night – The Marshall Tucker Band, scheduled for 9 pm.

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in Willits schools over the past decade.

Since the regular June 11 board meeting, district Superintendent Patricia Johnson has followed board direction and has removed some positions from the LCAP budget. According to board Chairwoman Saprina Rodriguez, those positions were the Lead Transportation Person and one elementary school teacher. Using monies saved from those eliminations, Johnson will hire a dean to work at Baechtel Grove Middle School. The dean will assist Baechtel Grove Principal Maria de los Angeles Munguia with student discipline, as well as fulfill other functions.

Rodriguez said the district also recently hired an assistant principal at Willits High School. She added the district will still be hiring a Lead Transportation person; however that person will be paid from general fund monies, not from the LCAP.

Superintendent Johnson told Willits Weekly the school board did not approve hiring a library tech at Willits High School at Monday's meeting. Instead, it directed Johnson to try to hire a credentialed librarian to work in the high school media center.

These two moves came as a result of "popular demand": during the June 11 meeting, three Baechtel Grove teachers asked that a dean be hired at their school. Several former librarians and library technicians also requested the district hire a credentialed librarian, and not a certificated library technician, as suggested in the initial budget, to work in the high school library.

The board also approved a final Bond Anticipation Note payment strategy. It will use proceeds from the sale of district property on East Commercial Street (\$290,001) plus proceeds from a settlement in the district's lawsuit against bond financial advisors Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. (\$150,000), plus general fund monies, to pay off the \$719,000 still owing on the Bond Anticipation Note, a lingering carryover from bonds issued as a result of the June 2010 passage of Measure B.

Johnson said should the general fund appear to be dangerously low in September, the district will consider borrowing \$250,000 in low-interest money from the Mendocino Office of Education.

Interviewed by Willits Weekly, Rodriguez was optimistic about the direction the district is going. "I believe morale hit a low point sometime back," Rodriguez said. "Now it's going back up. The community at large isn't aware of the good things that are to come. A lot of those things are from the LCAP. The LCAP is giving us an opportunity to put back a lot of the things we have lost.

"Are people going to see those services? Not until the fall."

COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns



July 2014

Yea! We have made it through the Grand Water Trine and now Jupiter has moved into Leo. As such there is a new spring in your step, and a feeling of enthusiasm is spreading the light of hope to yourself and others. After such a long siege with this Grand Cardinal Cross that is beginning to wane (but not over until after March 16-17, 2015) there is some glimmer of movement. The only

Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

problem is that when you get a fire planet (Jupiter) in a fire sign (Leo), some things can get out of hand in sort of an intense way. So keep an eye on choosing words with clarity and balance and think before you speak.

Also Jupiter is a bit of a party animal and so those of you that get a bit out of control in the indulgences, choose the path of moderation, because under these aspects a little can turn into a lot quickly. Moderation in some things is a key to maintaining balance.

Now, I know that there has been little to celebrate for a long time, and as things begin to pick up you want to cut loose and go for it, but the cards are indicating that too much too fast is a mixture that can create more problems if you are not careful. Do not let yourself fall in to delusion. Keep a discriminating eye on your goal and take responsible steps in consistent fashion.

As the energy is finally moving there is a deep desire to run. But just like trying to run up the South Rim of the Grand Canyon is a bad idea, so is the idea that because you feel this surge of energy (and you have been waiting so long for it that you could taste it) that you should leap into action without remembering to pace yourself.

It is a wonderful feeling when you feel as if you can begin to see the goal and that the doorway you have been seeking is almost within your grasp. Just remember to follow the wave. You have put so much energy into the situation and that energy has been building so that now you can see the wave moving. There is no longer a need to push the wave, just ride it!

There is always more work, but for a minute enjoy the shift and feel the love that is expanding. Look at things with objective eyes and remember that correct structures and strategies is the way to keep things moving smoothly. Congratulate yourself for getting this far, and remind yourself that all the struggle was worth it. It is important to appreciate the journey because it was very difficult, and you know there was a lot of complaining that happened: whether that was just in your own head or even if it did manage to get out of your mouth.

The dream is taking shape and manifesting in a beautiful and unexpected way. Do not allow your mind to make that positive energy contract back down and become miserly. Remain in a place of abundance and center. Meditate in nature and breathe in appreciation for yourself and those that have walked part or all of this path with you. Take a look and see that every encounter gave you something that you critically needed. That did not mean that those lessons were fun or easy, but they were essential.

From that feeling of arriving at your particular destination, feel the power that you have generated. Feel the tools that you have learned and integrated. Feel your soul's depth and intuitive skill that managed to guide you here, even when you were resisting. Appreciate who you have become. You have worked hard and even though there is always more work to do, this moment is extremely helpful to remind you that you have done well. So the next time you have to gather up your courage, perhaps you will relax and flow more easily, because you have learned how to trust the core of your being and that great power that is beyond your mind.

Suzanne Wagner is a professional psychic who teaches the intuitive arts throughout the United States. She is the author of "Integral Travel" and "Integral Numerology," which can be found on Amazon.com. Wagner will be giving 30-minute introductory readings on Hometown Celebration day, on Thursday, June 26: 10 am to 1 pm; 2 to 4 pm; 5 to 8 pm, at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street. \$20 suggested donation. Sign up in advance at the store, or call 459-3034. More info: visit www.suzwagner.com or call her at 707-354-1019.

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and there is a complete ban on residential outdoor burning," Magann said.

"Barbecues with proper clearances and using care and common sense can still be used," he noted.

CalFire has already responded to 2,118 fires this year, an increase of nearly 70 percent in the average number of fires for the same time period.

In addition to residential burn permits, the statewide ban suspends all forest management, hazard abatement, and other industrial-type permitted burning on state responsibility lands.

Campfires may still be allowed in designated campsites.

With increasing summer temperatures and the continued drying of available fuels due to ongoing drought conditions, "all of us need to take all precautions to prevent accidental fires," Magann said.

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J.D. Redhouse. This year's judges included Nancy McFarland, Abbe Arkelian and Mary Fonsen.

In the 4 to 5 boys group, Owen Nielsen won, alongside fellow contestants Timothy Southwick, Jesus Garcia and Jordan Shull. In the 6 to 8 boys group, Brett James Rountree won, alongside fellow contestant Porter Garman.

In the 4 to 5 girls group, Ava Arkelian won, alongside fellow contestant Tessa Simpson. In the 6 to 8 girls group, Kiera Dragness won, alongside fellow contestants Elena and Lisa Arkelian.

Congratulations to the winners and to all the contestants!

COLUMN | The Medicine Chest Garden



Garlic

Donna d'Terra
Columnist

time, in two world wars, it was used as an antiseptic and to prevent gangrene.

Garlic is one of the herbs that people reach for to treat a cold, sore throat or flu, due to its broad spectrum antimicrobial effects.

As a simple tea: Chop up 3-4 cloves, put into 2 cups boiling water, cover and take off the heat, let steep 5 minutes, add 1 teaspoon of honey, and drink.

For its antimicrobial and immune stimulating effects, garlic should be consumed raw or as lightly cooked as possible, as soon as the cloves have been crushed or sliced, which releases the sulfur compounds. (Microwaving strips away many of garlic's beneficial effects.)

To use as a respiratory herb for lung ailments such as sinusitis, coughs or bronchitis: peel and mince an entire bulb into a jar, pour honey over to cover, put the lid on the jar, and let sit overnight. Strain. Take the honey by the tablespoon.

In general, one medium sized clove of fresh or lightly cooked garlic daily is considered a good preventative. Or add raw garlic to hot foods just before serving to retain the sulfur compounds.

Here is one of the many ways to enjoy this savory, aromatic, medicinal herb/food:

Pickled Garlic

Remove skins from cloves, and fill a jar with the whole cloves. Pour tamar or apple cider vinegar over the garlic to the top, and cap tightly. Let sit 6 weeks. Strain the liquid off. Take ½ of the liquid and add an equal amount of honey (you may have to warm the two together to mix well).

Pour this over the garlic, cap, and let sit another 6 weeks in a warm place. Eat as is, or serve with toast, soup, as a condiment, etc.

Some cautions: Large amounts of raw garlic can cause inflammation of the digestive system and is also contraindicated for pregnancy or nursing. Garlic should be avoided by people undergoing surgery, because of its blood thinning properties.

(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.

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presented to the more adult singers this year.

First place went to John Walczykowski and second place to Tara Logan.

All contestants have experience singing in varying forms of "public" appearances, and all vowed the crowd with their renditions of the famous song. Gibson and Holland have both sung in choirs, and Earnest "has been singing since she learned how to walk," and enjoys "performing for her family and friends on many occasions, even with no formal training."

Walczykowski also has experience singing in the choir, and notes he also has taken some college courses. Logan noted her involvement in three musicals, previous win in a singing contest, and that she "placed second in three S.P.A.C.E. private lessons."

The winner gets to perform the song at the upcoming Frontier Days festivities, including the Main Street Parade and CCPRA rodeos. The second-place winner is on hand as a second singer if the first-place winner cannot sing at the events.

Congratulations to all of the singers!

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Contestants Haley Schuck, Calayan Knight and Emily Leishman.

Above left: Soroptimist International of Willits ladies pose with the 2014 contestants and 2013 winner, Lilja Lamkin.

From left: Marilyn, Jane, Divora, Loraine, Haley, Calayan, Lilja, Emily, Vicki, Jan and Lori.

Photos by Maureen Moore

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Calayan (above), Emily (below left) and Haley (below right) model their vintage outfits in the fashion show portion of the contest.



Going for the Crown

Sweetheart Poise and Horsemanship Judging took place Sunday

Three girls are trying for the title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart this year, and all exhibited their equestrian and public speaking skills during the judging events held last Sunday.

Haley Schuck, Emily Leishman and Calayan Knight all showed off their arena skills atop their mounts for the horsemanship portion of the judging Sunday morning. The girls memorized and rode a prepared pattern, showing their understanding of gaits, maneuvers and overall control. They also did their "Queen Run," where they gallop around the arena track before coming to a halt to give their wave for the grandstands. The girls also must demonstrate their knowledge of horses, tack and more during the arena interview. They dismounted, unbridled, bridled and remounted their horses for the judges as well.

The second portion of the judging came that afternoon at the Veterans Hall, where all three gave speeches about

"Why Is Willits Frontier Days Important to Willits?" All the girls were eloquent and did a great job speaking to the gathered crowd of family, friends, and panel of judges. Willits City Mayor Holly Madrigal, business owner Gary Martin, and Marianna Smoot made up the group of judges for 2014. The girls also participated in a small fashion show, featuring only vintage Western wear, presented to the delight of the crowd.

Ticket sales are the last leg of the race for the contestants, and they have until 4 pm on Friday, June 27 to make as many sales as possible. Tickets count for 40 percent of the overall score for each girl. They also receive 15 percent of what they sell to keep for themselves. Many Sweetheart contestants use their funds to further their education.

The winner will be announced at the Sweetheart Dinner, held Saturday, June 28, and all contestants will ride in the parade and rodeos on and around July 4.



Left: The 2014 silver engraved tiara and spurs that will be given to the 2014 winner.




Left: Emily Leishman pivots her horse as part of the required horsemanship pattern.

Right: Calayan Knight speaks with the judges during the interview portion of the arena events.

Far right: Haley Schuck's hat flies as she makes her way around the arena during her Queen Run.

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Part 2 | Results from the Willits Junior Horsemen Gymkhana

Listed below are the second half of the results from the Junior Horsemen's annual Gymkhana event and Playday Weekend, held on May 31 at the Horsemen's Arena. The first half of the results were printed in the June 12 edition. See it online at willitsweekly.com/documents/WillitsWeekly_06122014_Pages.pdf

11 to 14:

Cloverleaf Barrels: first place went to Gracie Silva on Buckie with a time of 19.24 seconds; second place went to Jaden Doak on Goldie with a time of 21.86 seconds; and third place went to Alten Cooke on Boots with a time of 37.20 seconds.

Washington Poles: first place went to Gracie Silva on Buckie with a time of 31.36 seconds.

Single Stake: first place went to Jaden Doak on Goldie with a time of 9.69 seconds.

Birangle Poles: first place went to Jaden Doak on Goldie with a time of 19.78 seconds.

Big T: no qualifying times.

Streaking Poles: first place went to Jaden Doak on Goldie with a time of 8.24 seconds.

11 to 14, High Point: Jaden Doak

10 and under:

Cloverleaf Barrels: first place went to Clare Moyle on Jazz with a time of 21.34 seconds; second place went to Sierra Mayfield on Yellow with a time of 22.84 seconds; third place went to Samantha Arms on Callie with a time of 26.16 seconds; fourth place went to Hazel Cooke on Poppy with a time of 31.44 seconds; fifth place went to Kiera Dragness on Spanky with a time of 32.30 seconds; and sixth place went to Katelyn Germann on Rusty with a time of 33.91 seconds.

Washington Poles: first place went to Sierra Mayfield on Yellow with a time of 32.23 seconds; second place went to Samantha Arms on Callie with a time of 35.74 seconds; third place went to Hazel Cooke on Poppy with a time of 40.30 seconds; fourth place went to Katelyn Germann on Rusty with a time of 41.09 seconds; and fifth place went to Kiera Dragness on Spanky with a time of 44.19 seconds.

Single Stake: first place went to Clare Moyle on Jazz with a time of 9.52 seconds; second place went to Sierra Mayfield on Yellow with a time of 9.83 seconds; third place went to Samantha Arms on Callie with a time of 10.74 seconds; fourth place went to Kiera Dragness on Spanky with a time of 13.76 seconds; and fifth place went to Canella Coleman on Red with a time of 13.80 seconds.

Birangle Poles: first place went to Clare Moyle on Jazz with a time of 16.20 seconds; second place went to Sierra Mayfield on Yellow with a time of 19.34 seconds; third place went to Samantha Arms on Callie with a time of 21.24 seconds; fourth place went to Katelyn Germann on Rusty with a time of 24.47 seconds; and fifth place went to Kiera Dragness with a time of 25.23 seconds.

Big T: first place went to Katelyn Germann on Rusty with a time of 30.84 seconds; second place went to Samantha Arms on Callie with a time of 34.79 seconds; third place went to Canella Coleman on Red with a time of 39.38 seconds; and fourth place went to Maddie Kincade on Grady with a time of 45.94 seconds.

Streaking Poles: first place went to Sierra Mayfield on Yellow with a time of 8.80 seconds; second place went to Clare Moyle on Jazz with a time of 8.96 seconds; third place went to Samantha Arms on Callie with a time of 11.04 seconds, fourth place went to Canella Coleman on Red with a time of 13.11 seconds; and fifth place went to Kiera Dragness on Spanky with a time of 13.13 seconds.

10 and Under, High Point: Sierra Mayfield; Reserve: Samantha Arms

Leadline:

Cloverleaf Barrels: first place went to Brayden Gamble on Casey with a time of 21.27 seconds; second place went to Rylee Gamble on Smokey with a time of 23.29 seconds; third place went to Destiny Shoemaker with a time of 24.29 seconds; fourth place went to Tessa Simpson on Callie with a time of 35.51 seconds; fifth place went to Maycie Harbour on Coco with a time of 37.83 seconds; and sixth place went to Jenna Bean on Chip with a time of 41.54 seconds.

Washington Poles: first place went to Rylee Gamble on Smokey with a time of 18.44 seconds; second place went to Destiny Shoemaker with a time of 22.27 seconds; third place went to Maycie Harbour on Coco with a time of 33.96 seconds, fourth place went to Tessa Simpson on Callie with a time of 42.34 seconds; and fifth place went to Rylee McKenzie on Spanky with a time of 59.46 seconds.

Single Stake: first place went to Destiny Shoemaker with a time of 7.99 seconds; second place went to Rylee Gamble on Smokey with a time of 8.12 seconds; third place went to Jenna Bean on Chip with a time of 10.32 seconds; fourth place went to Maycie Harbour on Coco with a time of 12.01 seconds; and fifth place went to Bailey Mough on Sizzle with a time of 12.23 seconds.

Birangle Poles: first place went to Rylee Gamble on Smokey with a time of 14.55 seconds; second place went to Destiny Shoemaker with a time of 18.33 seconds; third place went to Bailey Mough on Sizzle with a time of 19.48 seconds; fourth place went to Maycie Harbour on Coco with a time of 21.05 seconds; and fifth place went to Tessa Simpson on Callie with a time of 22.77 seconds.

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"follow the path outlined by Lt. Col. Baker."

Hicks said Morrow has been briefed on the project and was present at the June 24 meeting with Caltrans.

Caltrans is out of compliance with the February 2012 permit granted by the Army Corps, the letter states, due to failure "to complete mitigation site preparation actions in a timely manner." Additionally, the letter says, "Corps staff is concerned that future required mitigation actions" will continue to be behind schedule.

"Due to the ongoing and serious nature of this noncompliance," the letter states, "Corps Permit 1991-194740N is conditionally suspended."

In addition, as a result of "the failure to implement the mitigation plan concurrently with impacts to waters of the U.S.," the Army Corps is now requiring Caltrans to provide additional compensatory mitigation of 5,727 acres of "wetland establishment" and "an additional 9.015 credits of wetland rehabilitation."

Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie confirmed construction is continuing on the bypass project in areas that don't impact streams or wetlands.

"The entire project was not shut down," Frisbie said. "We're still working on a new road on the south end of the project, which is going to eventually be the Highway 20 to southbound 101 connector ramp.... Work on at least two of the bridges is proceeding, and work on the viaduct is continuing."

Work on bridges where the falsework or raised platform has already been constructed can continue, Frisbie said, because it will not result in additional impacts to the stream beds. But adding any new falsework above wetlands, or moving around fill within wetlands, "that is not going to occur," Frisbie said.

"We're hoping to get the stay lifted as quickly as possible," he said. "We are working with Army Corps to clarify exactly what they need, and to find out what is the minimum they need from us, in order to at least get us to where we can be

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creation of a three-year plan, with a focus on grants to fund critical projects, identification and development of new resources, reduction of spending where possible, and an increase in rates when possible," reads a May 29 City Hall memorandum.

The city's general fund is down, thanks to an \$88,000 loss in property tax revenue and a loss of \$35,000 in REMCO settlement reimbursements, a report from City Hall stated.

General fund coffers faced a deficit of about \$400,000 after the workshop. When the fiscal year ends July 1, the city's general fund working capital is estimated to be about \$1.8 million.

"We are in the red," City Manager Adrienne Moore concedes. "Our revenue has been significantly reduced."

Budget calculations estimate about \$1.3 million in general fund working capital will exist next year.

Water conservation measures enacted by the city this winter cost the city about \$88,000 in water bills, a report stated.

Councilman Ron Orenstein developed a line-by-line list of proposed cuts. "We are trying to get rid of a half-million-dollar deficit in the budget," he said.

Council members did reduce an approximately \$500,000 shortfall in the general fund to about \$400,000, and a few thousand dollars was found for possible cuts in the water budget.

Tom Woodhouse suggested no longer using water and sewer money to pay part of the city manager's position.

But council members differed on how the city should pursue a balanced budget.

Councilwoman Madge Strong said she favors a systematic approach to fixing the budget. Orenstein proposed line item cuts. Burton contended city staff with management expertise could do the job.

"We need to take more powerful steps sooner rather than later," Mayor Holly Madrigal said, adding the community expects the city to provide services.

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Equestrians

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Andrade; and fifth to Gracie Silva.

Hunter Hack (riders jump over fences): First place went to Leta Garman; second to Lilah Garman; and third to Emma Garman.

Trail, English/Western (obstacle course on horseback): First place went to Ashlynn Rose; second to Gracie Silva; third to Robert Fischer; fourth to Bobbi Lippmann on Lee Kay; and fifth place to Rachel Belvin on Annie.

Pleasure, Western (based on the horse): Walk/Jog, Maiden/Open: first place went to Jessica Cronin; second to Tracy Thornberry; third to Bobbi Lippmann; fourth to Noah Willoughby; and fifth to Samantha Arms. 12 and under: first place went to Gracie Silva; second to Samantha Arms; third to Lilah Garman; fourth to Amy Andrade; and fifth to Noah Willoughby. 13 to 17: first place went to Jessica Cronin; second to Ashlynn Rose; and third to Haley Reed on Twilight. 18 and over: first place went to Tracy Thornberry; second to Nicole Sichlinger; third to Robert Fischer; fourth to Caleb Briggs on Blackbells; and fifth to Bobbi Lippmann. Local 17 and under / Goss Family Perpetual trophy sponsored by Doug and Kathy Goss: first place went to Ashlynn Rose; second to Gracie Silva; third to Jessica Cronin; fourth to Lilah Garman; and fifth to Samantha Arms.

Equitation, Western (based on the rider): Walk/Jog, Novice/Open: first place went to Rachel Belvin; second to Tracy Thornberry; third to Amy Andrade; fourth to Ashlynn Dudley on Judd; and fifth to Noah Willoughby. 12 and under: first place went to Lilah Garman; second to Ashlynn Dudley; third to Gracie Silva; fourth to Noah Willoughby; and fifth to Samantha Arms. 13 to 17: first place went to Ashlynn Rose; second to Jessica Cronin; third to Haley Reed; and fourth to Thais Reed. 18 and over: first place went to Robert Fischer; second to Nicole Sichlinger; third to Tracy Thornberry; fourth to Bobbi Lippmann; and fifth to Rachel Belvin. Local 17 and under Randy Clark Memorial - Mill Iron Ranch perpetual trophy: first place went to Ashlynn Rose; second to Gracie Silva; third to Lilah Garman; fourth to Jessica Cronin; and fifth to Thais Reed.

Horsemanship (riders compete in advanced skills): First place went to Rachel Belvin; second to Tracy Thornberry; third to Jessica Cronin; fourth to Bobbi Lippmann; and fifth to Gracie Silva.

Red, White & Blue (costume class in patriotic theme): First place went to Noah Willoughby; second to Keely Adhers; third to Thais Reed; fourth to Lilah Garman; and fifth to Gracie Silva.

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performing more of the work."

Frisbie estimated that the conditional suspension was costing \$30,000 a day in direct costs (having "idle equipment and idle crews," Frisbie said). "If we can't get back to major work happening within the next few weeks," he said, "it's likely that we will have a full year delay" in completing the project.

One big reason for that potential delay is that the permit suspension prevents contractors from moving any more fill onto the northern interchange area of the bypass route. Moving the required 900,000 cubic yards of fill is estimated to take between 4.5 and 6 months, and after it's moved, it needs to sit "at least a full six months," Frisbie said, "in order to reach full compaction so that we can then do the pile driving next season, and construct the bridges."

Frisbie also said Caltrans had asked for an exception to the permit suspension in order to continue work in Haehl Creek. "We just started a project to accelerate some work to restore a section of Haehl Creek in order to make sure this is completed during this construction season, so it would have permanent erosion control this winter," he said.

"Right now," Frisbie said, "that creek bed is torn apart. If there's rain down there, we'll have some issues. We'd really like to get a crew in there today [Wednesday] to put down emergency measures, so we will not have another water quality violation."

Army Corps' Hicks told Willits Weekly: "We have no plans to grant the request for an exception at this time."

Hicks said no date had yet been set for a subsequent meeting, but that the Army Corps would be contacting Caltrans "to set a date" soon.

The Army Corps also stated in the letter: "Construction may continue on the compensatory mitigation as long as it is itemized and approved by the Corps in writing." But Hicks said no such areas have been "itemized and approved" in writing as of yet.

The letter states that the Army Corps considers this non-compliance "a serious breach of permit conditions." "Over the past two years, Corps staff has repeatedly met and worked with Caltrans staff to bring the permit into compliance," the letter continues. "These efforts have largely been unsuccessful in ensuring that Caltrans provides compensatory mitigation required concurrent with wetland fill and impacts."

One major concern is financial assurances: "Specifically allocation of a long-term endowment for transfer to a non-profit conservation investment organization and full funding of all tasks ... related to mitigation compliance." The letter asks: "How does Caltrans intend to complete the MMP [Mitigation and Monitoring Plan] with less funds than anticipated?"

The letter sets a July 15 deadline for additional actions by Caltrans, including providing a revised mitigation implementation schedule and a signed contract for native seed collection for the mitigation project.

Caltrans' Frisbie told Willits Weekly the seed collection contract has just been signed, with Pacific Coast Seed, and two other contracts for providers of native plants are expected to be signed by mid-July.

The letter also requires Caltrans to "provide a proposal for the additional compensatory mitigation or a proposal for a reduction in fill in waters of the U.S., including wetlands, by July 15, 2014."

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the county administration is charging illegitimate costs to the library for indirect support," Ford is quoted as saying. "Interviewing the county auditor would seem to be the most logical first step for a report like this, and I was not interviewed.

"The library's costs of doing business are legitimate incurred expenses, like any other non-general fund department," Ford said. "Even after reading the entirety of this report, I am still mystified as to why they would be deemed illegitimate."

The grand jury report, issued June 9, claims the county is improperly charging the library for support. "The bad news is that the county administration, hungry for money, immediately started charging the library for indirect support," the report says. "Some of these charges are legitimate; some are not.

"All expenditures of the library are carried on the county's books as coming from the general fund, when in fact many of these expenditures are paid by dedicated revenue. Dedicated revenue is property tax and Measure A sales tax. The county does not properly account for the library's dedicated pro-rata share of the property tax," the report claims.

The press release from the office of County CEO Carmel Angelo acknowledges the county has 60 days to issue a full response to the grand jury report. "We will address the claims made in this report," said Angelo.

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The gathering then moved inside, where young and old alike lined up to partake in the feast. The meal, organized by museum advisory board member Mary Kelly, featured dishes inspired by traditional recipes, such as venison roasted in bay leaves, rabbit livers with watercress, salmon jerky, roasted bay nuts, and seasonal fruits.

Within the exhibit, adults tried to balance taking in all the new interpretive history displays while chatting with their friends and neighbors from the community. Kids raced around: filling out activity sheets, playing with interactive panels showing different tribal homelands and languages, and enjoying sculptural kiosks demonstrating basket-weaving techniques, pole-drilling, and traditional games.

The exhibit also features an extensive timeline of Native American history, a beautiful seasonal wheel detailing traditional activities throughout the year, modern art, and several video displays. The museum will continue adding to the displays with increased multi-media, including language stations, ancient artifacts, and more.

"This is not the end of finishing an exhibit," said Glassey. "It's the beginning of what the museum sees as a relationship with the community. We want this to be the start of a conversation ongoing far into the future."



From left:
one of the
unique
bikes
displayed
at the bike
show on
Saturday
afternoon.
The
darlings
of the
Redwood
Run, Rich
Venturi and
Kim Chin.
One of
the many
contestants
in the
Weenie Bite
contest.

Photos
provided
by Rich
Venturi

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After a 30 minute sound check, Marshall Tucker hit the stage and played many favorites like “Fire on the Mountain” and “Heard It In a Love Song.” The show lasted non-stop for about an hour and a half. The crowd was singing right along with the band on all the songs, so you know it was a great choice by the Garberville Kiwanis Club to have Marshall Tucker on the schedule.

The Saturday event schedule was complete with music and biker games. The music started at 9 am, and the biker games started at 11:30 am. Biker games are a combination of riding skill and rider/passenger cooperation and coordination. The first game was the Slow Race. Unlike other races, the last bike to cross the finish line wins. Two bikes are pitted against each other in each heat. Two lanes are marked out on the ground, and when the flag drops, each biker rides his, or her, bike as slow as they can without putting down a foot. The slowest bike wins. If a foot hits the ground ... you lose!

Next game: the Water Balloon Toss. A rope is suspended above a lane, and the object is for the rider to maneuver the motorcycle down the lane and for the passenger to throw a water balloon over the rope and catch it without it breaking, usually over the head of the rider. Akin to a reverse limbo dance, the rope is raised each time until only one balloon remains unbroken and one rider remains dry.

The Keg Roll is always a crowd pleaser. A keg is placed in front of two competing motorcycles, and the rider must push the keg with the front tire down the length of the lane painted on the ground. Think it's easy? Give it a try.

One biker game that is definitely a crowd favorite is

the Weenie Bite contest. Suspended from a rope over the lane is a nice, all beef, organic hot dog, drenched in mustard. The object: as the rider maneuvers the bike down the lane, the passenger rises up and takes a bite of the wiener without using their hands. The biggest bite wins! The young lady who won this contest took about half the weenie in one bite. What talent!

Saturday afternoons at 3:30 pm at the Redwood Run are reserved for the best contest of all, the Wet T-Shirt contest. Prior to the contest, bidding is opened for the privilege of participating in the contest in the most important role – the guy that gets to pour the ice water on the T-shirts. Also positions of judge and stage sweeper are also bid on. In recent years the Wet T-Shirt contest has become a “wet T-shirt contest” in name only.

In the past, each contestant was given a white T-shirt and a few minutes to prepare herself and her wardrobe. Once the music started, the contestants would begin dancing on stage and water would be applied to the girls' T-shirts, revealing their, um, talent. But recently the concept of the wet T-shirt has been lost and is pretty much no longer a part of the festivities. This year, as is becoming tradition, there were no T-shirts, and all the contestants were topless before the end of the second song. “Bob,” the high bidder of \$500 for the water pouring position, was doing his job in keeping the water flowing.

As the contest progressed contestants were eliminated until there were only three. Before the last song ended, all three were completely nude leaving nothing to the imagination of the crowd. Oh what this correspondent has to endure to bring you the news of the day! The winner of the contest took home \$500; second place, \$300; and third place \$100. This year over \$3,000 was raised for the kids

just from this contest. The winner of this year's contest was definitely the deserving contestant, in this correspondent's humble opinion.

Saturday night brought another headliner to the stage: Sebastian Bach, who rocked the house and the crowd. After Sebastian came Beatnik and the Fryeds, who took the stage around midnight and played into the wee hours of Sunday morning.

The music during the weekend was varied from blues to rap to rock to folk. Many folks did not realize that some of the musicians were former band members of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Blackfoot, The Cult, Dio, and Montrose.

Danielle, the event coordinator and member of Garberville Kiwanis, told us that ticket sales this year were a total of 2,544 tickets. This is the most tickets sold since Kiwanis took back the coordination of The Run in 2011. Taking into account the volunteers, vendors, musicians and guests, the estimated attendance was pushing 3,000 folks!

The Kiwanis Club asked us to give a special thank you to their sponsors: Cyclefish, Kirby Kirby Motorcycle Attorneys, Lagunitas, Thunder Roads Nor Cal magazine, MMA of California, HPC in Garberville and Gunnink Harley-Davidson out of Ukiah.

I hope the good attendance is a sign that the Redwood Run is growing back into its former glory, when tickets sold out and the attendance was 5,000+. My congratulations to Danielle, the Garberville Kiwanis Club members, and all the volunteers who bring us the Redwood Run. You guys did a great job this year, and I look forward to seeing you all again next year! For more information and more pictures of this year's run, you can visit www.kiwanisrwr.com.

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