

What do YOU think?

Thanks from Sober Grad

To the Editor:

So once again we have graduated another class. Once again our seniors have completed their required education. Once again they have gone through their graduation ceremonies. And once again they have celebrated together at the Sober Grad Party, and we have kept our grads safe.

Once again they celebrated with a variety of activities. They had a casino with Black Jack, Roulette and Texas Hold 'Em tables hosted by the Lions Club; they celebrated with DJ Ken Steely, who kept everything going from 9:30 pm until 4 am the next morning; they had a Sticky Wall where they put on Velcro suits, ran down an air-filled runway and launched themselves onto a Velcro-covered, air-filled wall; they had basketball, ping pong, air hockey, a movie room, air brush tattoos, beautiful henna tattoos by 2004 grad Hilary (Manning) Kocher, portraits by local artists Cynda Valle, Kat Emerson, Judy Hope and Diza Hope, and nearly \$25,000 in gifts and cash prizes!

And, of course, they had plenty of great food donated by parents, and pizza purchased from Pizze to Go, thanks to a generous donation from Sparetime Supply, and all of the water and soda they could drink. And don't forget the specialty drinks bar where grads and chaperones alike enjoyed delicious frothy blender concoctions. And, of course, a must-have was coffee – lots of coffee – with all of the fancy fixin's donated by Brewed Awakening.

And then as the night turned to morning, the four \$1,000 grand prize winners – two guys and two girls – were announced. Congratulations to Dylan Avila, Nicholas Yadon, Devina Cash and Erandy Alvarez.

And all of this was made possible because, together, we have done this as a community. And once again as a committee we have our thank yous to say.

Throughout the year after each of our fundraisers we have thanked the businesses and people who have helped make each one a success. Now we wish to thank the ones who donated gifts, money and/or time to ensure the party's success: Kathy Uppinghouse, Pat Wilson, Mike and Margie Smith/Willits Furniture, Greg Atherton and Metal Fx, the employees from Kohl's, Todd Hollifield, Tom Woodhouse, Diane Smalley, Maureen Moore, Gary Mann, David Edgar, Wayne Waters, Phil Roland, John Sundstrum and Olenik Fencing, Jacquie Morninglight, Mary and Randy McDonald, Cathy Sanders, JC England and the City of Willits, Tom Allman, Gerry Gonzalez, Annette and Dan Pinon, Mattie Pinon, Kira (Waters) Jcrelly, Miranda Magjinte, Linda Matz, Main Street Music & Video, Davina and Dave Sentak, Dorothy Dalske, Jeff Bergmann, Chad Gillis, Divora Stern, Doug Manning, Kelseigh Holder, Solid Waste of Willits, Wayne Bashore and the Willits Lions, Christina Hsieh, Debbie Carillo, Bill and crew from Willits Furniture, Mariposa Market, Dr. Tedd and Carol Dawson, Dr. William and Loyce Bowen, Dave and Jenny Watts/Sanhedrin Nursery, Valley Paving, Earth's Treasures, Willits Mini Storage/Cathy Ortiz, 101 Trailer & RV/The Schrages, DripWorks, Alfred Kerr, DDS, Realty World-Selzer Realty, Savings

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Joyce Waters, for the Willits Sober Grad Party Planning Committee

Thanks for Pet Adoption Day

To the Editor:

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County wishes to thank Bill Barksdale and Caldwell Banker Mendo Realty for hosting a mobile adoption event at their business in Willits on Saturday, June 21.

The event resulted ultimately in the adoption of three dogs and two kittens and encouraged individuals to visit our shelter in Redwood Valley. Bill and his partner Joe were incredible hosts.

We also want to thank you for the coverage Willits Weekly gave the event.

Leslie Dodds, HSIMC volunteer dog trainer

Thanks

To the Editor:

Save Our Little Lake Valley (SOLLV) and Redwood Nation Earth First! would like to thank Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez and Main Street business owners for their help in providing a safe and successful event for the American Indian Movement Spirit Runners down the sidewalks of Willits on Thursday, June 26.

A permit from Caltrans to run on Main Street, still under CHP jurisdiction as Highway 101, had earlier been refused, citing the late application as the reason.

Chief Gonzalez went the extra mile by going to businesses along the way from the Evergreen Shopping Center to the Willits City Park, letting them know about the Spirit Runners event and asking that they pull in their sandwich boards so the sidewalk would be unobstructed.

The sidewalks were cleared for about 150 supporters, some pushing strollers, who accompanied the runners to the rally and ceremony in the park. With appreciation,

Naomi Wagner, Willits

Don't hold up bypass construction!

To the Editor:

I was very disappointed to hear last week that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suspended Caltrans' Clean Water Act permit for construction of the Willits bypass – primarily over mitigation delays. It is difficult to understand how further delays caused by permit suspension will help.

keep the project on track, as well as keeping the costs under control.

Knowledge is power!

City staff (and private sector employees, in fact) are roughly divided into several categories, depending on the job that they perform – police officer, public works, water operator, etc. – but there is another general category that also applies: direct labor and indirect labor, sometimes considered to be "overhead." (There might be some disagreement on the correct terms used, but the principle remains the same).

Direct labor is fairly simple to explain: A Public Works employee, for example, might work on several projects in the course of a week – street repair, cutting grass in the city parks, etc. As he or she works on a particular project, the time spent will be entered on a time sheet or project reporting form of some sort, using an appropriate job number, so the cost can be properly allocated to the correct job. Sometimes, this same Public Works employee might perform work that's related to the water or the sewer departments, and that time spent will be charged to the appropriate department.

Indirect, or overhead employees are considered to be support personnel, and usually don't have a direct impact on the cost of the end product. Indirect employees don't ride around in police patrol cars, run the water or sewer plants, or repair streets, so their time and cost can't be directly or easily charged to particular jobs.

Instead, these employees provide support services to the entire organization. Examples of indirect employees include the finance director, the city clerk, human resources, and the city manager, as well as any staff that reports to them. The functions that they provide enable the organization as a whole to operate successfully and efficiently. And because the work that these employees do is spread out over the entire organization, it's appropriate and necessary to accurately allocate their time to the correct account.

One basic fact to remember is that it would be virtually impossible to run city operations if we didn't have city staff doing these "indirect" jobs. Even if these functions were not performed in-house, the city would still need to contract the work to outside companies or agencies. The work still needs to be done, the money still needs to be budgeted and spent, and it still needs to be properly and correctly recorded!

But, like with the direct employees, it's necessary to allocate where the time of the indirect staff is being utilized. The nature of their work generally means that a typical day is spent switching from one department/project/account number to another, and in order to accurately record the time spent on any one job/account, the employee would be constantly checking the clock and recording the start and stop times as they switch from job to job.

This is awkward and time consuming, and probably a bit too much information, that could prove to be hard to track, because when the finance department has to enter the information, they could wind up making entries of as little as 10 or 15 minutes. So in order to streamline the operation, and to make the accounting simpler and more cost efficient, the indirect/overhead allocations are determined on a percentage basis: what percent of the time does a particular overhead employee typically spend on a particular department account? The percentage won't be totally accurate, but experience would prove that it's close enough.

So this brings us back to the original statement made by Woodhouse in the news article: A city manager is needed to oversee

With this information, the financial department, in conjunction with department heads and the city manager can determine if too much, or not enough time and money is being used for a particular project, enabling them to make the necessary adjustments to

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The rest of Merchants

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Benz, Linda Matz and Greta Kanne, all Main Street business people, stood with Mann

last week at the meeting.

One of the next steps for the merchants' group is to continue talking with more like-minded business owners in town.

The group has been holding short and efficient meetings every Tuesday. A panel discussion about post-bypass Cloverdale earlier this year provided some inspiration for members.

"We are thankful and inspired by the presentation from the Chamber of Commerce by Cloverdale," Mann said.

Like Mann, Greta Kanne of the Book Juggler, cites inspiration from the Cloverdale forum.

"A couple merchants started meeting after the chamber's Cloverdale forum," said Kanne. "We are inspired and ready to get busy."

Main Street Merchants defines itself as Willits merchants with a brick and mortar presence within one block of Main Street or one block of Commercial Street.

The group has members from city limit to city limit and is excited about doing something.

"We are just trying to integrate from city limit to city limit so it has a nice feel," Jeff Yokum at Yokum's Body Shop said.

Part of that integration could include trees, lights and pedestrian safety features, benches and shade. Committees have been formed for street design, signage, public relations and funding.

Plans for signage include signs in town and at freeway off-ramps, Yokum said.

The group sees the Willits bypass as a catalyst for renewal, according to a pamphlet distributed around town.

"We have a timeline," said Kapila Benz of Gavel Down Sales and the soon-to-open La Siciliana restaurant. "We have set milestones we are trying to accomplish and are working towards."

A brochure describing some of the projects and more about the group's vision can be found around town or by looking for "Main Street Merchants" on Facebook.

A few ideas from the Main Street Merchants brochure:

- Tree-planted boulevard with bike lanes.
- Planted sidewalk bulb-outs.
- A complete street, with two lanes, distinct crosswalks, bike lanes, light posts, landscaping and ample parking.

Our Mission (from Main Street Merchants): "To create a safe, attractive, welcoming Main Street – one that enhances the lives of all who live here and that expresses to visitors the pride and joy we take in calling Willits home."

Our Vision: "As major stakeholders in the future of Main Street, Main Street Merchants are an important voice in the planning and implementation of a Downtown Specific Plan. By viewing the Highway 101 bypass as a catalyst for renewal, our committee members are ready to take action to shape our Main Street into one that best serves our community and visitors."

The rest of Smoke

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The burn was 30 percent contained, the most up-to-date information from CalFire states. It threatens about 380 buildings; five have been claimed by flames already.

As of Wednesday morning, 1,000 firefighting personnel were battling the blaze, with the aid of 57 engines, 12 bulldozers, three water tenders and 10 fire crews, according to a CalFire report.

"Cooler temperatures and higher humidity reduced fire activity from what it had been earlier in the day, allowing crews to make good progress," a CalFire report says. "The fire continues to burn northeast into Lake County toward Snell Peak."

Little Lake Fire Protection District has not been asked to send firefighters or equipment to battle the fire.

To track major California fire incidents, including the Butts Fire, visit http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents_current

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last year, Financial Director Susie Holmes said.

Fire Chief Carl Magann represents other county fire chiefs on the county's drought committee.

"We are seeing phenomenal potential for fire outside the city limit," Magann warned. "The potential for losing our ground water is very significant."

In other water action, Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez is asking Willits residents to be on the lookout for water trucks hooking up to city fire hydrants.

Many of the water trucks do not have a backflow device, which compromises the safety of the water system, City Water Manager J.C. England noted. If there is a water truck hooked up, you may see brown water, he added.

"We need to be vigilant as a community with an eye on the water," Gonzalez added.

More of Bond

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and Patricia Johnson). It has just settled a lawsuit against Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc., the Emeryville-based firm that advised the district on the bond and crafted the architectural team which designed the many magnificent edifices never built and the few that were.

In that lawsuit, the district claimed CFW was over-billing the district for work it had done. The contract between the district and CFW stipulated CFW was to be paid at the rate of 2.5 percent of the value of the work that was done. Measure B authorized the district to sell \$43 million worth of bonds; however the first issuance of bonds was for \$18.8 million. Of that, \$4.9 million was in the form of a Bond Anticipation Note.

According to the district, the total amount of funding available as a base against which CFW should have been billing the district was \$14.5 million. From roughly February 2010 until roughly February 2011, CFW was billing the district at a rate proportionate to 2.5 percent of

The rest of Outages

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weekend, as Verizon did planned maintenance work in the area.

The AT&T outage affected businesses in town, too, during this Willits Frontier Days week. Old Mission Pizza reported phones and credit card machines were out Monday and part of Tuesday; Brewed Awakening coffee drive-through was also unable to process credit cards, but their phone was working.

Phone and internet services at Baechtel Creek Inn were down entirely on Monday and part of Tuesday; Best Western Inn reported no problems

The rest of Budget

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Manager Adrienne Moore said.

The city called a special council meeting Monday to discuss the budget and to vote on extending the old budget, set to expire at midnight.

Councilman Larry Stranske proposed adding a condition that the city balance its budget in two years.

"We must have a balanced budget by 15/16 and that gives us two years," Stranske said. "As a group, we really ought to think about that and have that as our criteria."

Moore said it would be more appropriate to include Stranske's suggestion when the council

\$43 million, not at 2.5 percent of the \$14.5 million.

The district stopped paying CFW in late 2010 or early 2011. CFW sued the district in April 2011, claiming the district owed it \$278,961. The district countersued in May, alleging a host of crimes, including self-dealing, breach of good faith, breach of contract, fraud and negligence. By virtue of the settlement, CFW agreed to pay Willits Unified \$150,000.

Even though Measure B demonstrably hurt the district and will place a heavy financial burden on area taxpayers for decades to come, it could have been worse. The way financial advisors at Caldwell Flores Winters arranged the bonds issued under Measure B, much of the money actually borrowed was interest-free for the school district. The State of California provided \$10.1 million worth of Qualified School Construction Bonds, interest for which was paid by the U.S. government. The district must pay back the principal, but only the principal, on that money. QSCBs were part of the economic stimulus package created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

of 2009.

The "hot" part of the bond package was a capital appreciation bond worth \$3.78 million. In the heady days of capital appreciation bond mania, it was not unusual for school districts to have to pay back 10 times the value of the bond. One Southern California school district, Poway Unified, sold capital appreciation bonds worth \$105 million in 2011 and now is faced with paying back \$971million – nearly a billion dollars – to bond holders.

An April 2013 article on the online website, The Bond Buyer, examined some of the practices CFW perpetrated against Willits Unified, including overcharging it for its services, almost doubling the actual amount of the bond over what it had estimated district taxpayers could afford, and tacking on an expensive capital appreciation bond onto the package. But even when the exorbitant CAB payback is included, overall the picture is not too hideous.

According to the article, for the

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with phone or internet service.

Safeway's phone and card processing machines did not go down; neither did services at the Little Lake Fire Department.

Rumors around town (and on Facebook) as to the cause of the outage included: the ferris wheel at the Frontier Days Carnival blocking the signal; the Pine Mountain substation being "blown up"; and Caltrans cutting the main cable.

The AT&T representative said: "We apologize for this inconvenience."

adopts the new budget.

There are some new hires or vacated jobs the city needs to fill. The police department, for example, has four job openings.

Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez said conditional employment offers have been made to two new officers.

"We do not know where we are going to get savings, and hiring is going to lock us in an area where we are going to have to go," Burton said.

Council members voted 3-2 to extend the old budget. It passed with support from Madge Strong, Ron Orenstein and Holly Madrigal.

At a budget workshop held earlier this month, council members discussed how they could best narrow the city's deficit.

Strong said Monday she is "OK" with some reserve spending. "I think it is too drastic to cut beyond bone this coming year," she said.

Moore said a new draft of the budget should be ready for the August 13 council meeting.

At the council's previous budget workshop, the general fund deficit had been reduced to about \$400,000; other possible savings were found in the water department.

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Truck Pull Results

As posted by MLM Motorsports

Friday night crowds gathered to watch locals and big boys try their hand at the sled and track, hoping their engines would be able to pull across the 300-foot finish line and earn them bragging rights and a coveted "full-pull."

8000 lb Tractor Class

Maxx Kakk, 347.3 feet; Git R Done, 340.1 feet

OMG Class

Chris Lamprich, 241.8 feet; Jim Smith, 229.6 feet; Oscar Fuentes, 183.4 feet

6200 lb Pro Modified Truck Class

Yellow Fever, 312.5 feet; Long Shot, 309.6 feet; Time Bandit, 307.8 feet

Street Diesel 8000

Ross Mulrooney, 301.7 feet; Jim Mulrooney, 294.1 feet; Tom Wallace, 267.8 feet; Marcus Smith, 256.9 feet; Oscar Fuentes, 254.4 feet; Jimm Hill, 236.9 feet

7200 lb Tractor Class

The Whip, 355.6 feet; Semper Fi, 342.6 feet; Poly Thunder, 290.6 feet; Mustang Fever, 246.9 feet

Super Stock 6000

Sam Ramsey, 274.1 feet; Nate Hussey, 265.5 feet; Chet Hammonds, 264.2 feet; Sam Ramsey, 262.2 feet

Stock Diesel

Kevin Soiland, 247.9 feet; Adam Seminoff, 240.4 feet; Garret Peterson, 234.9 feet; Mathew Miner, 231.4; Kevin Santos, 216.5 feet; Kevin Duncan, 208.7 feet; Shane Freudenberg, 206.6 feet; Brandi Miner, 202.7 feet; Phil Saye, 193.9 feet; Jason Soiland, 81.9 feet

5800 lb Tractor Class

Wild Thing, 295.7 feet; Bail Out, 269.1 feet; White Lightning, 250.9 feet

6500 lb Class

Kevin Walker, 223.20 feet; Kaleb Kumpula, 210.3 feet; Sage Basler, 209.5 feet; Reece Christiansen, 187.4 feet; Jay McNulty, 167.1 feet

5500 lb Class

Ray Rowles, 273.27 feet; Sage Basler, 248.87 feet; Kenny Kumpula, 234.43 feet; Brandon Powers, 229.49 feet; Matt Lovell, 224.55 feet; Jeff Whitby, 220.16 feet; Eric Jacinth, 213.73 feet; Kevin Bouthillier, 178.6 feet; Bill Rutler, 139.79 feet

Blown Mini Tractor Class

Sharecropper - Jesslyn Fagundes, 282.18 feet; EZ Money - Brent Bass, 249.46 feet; Might Mouse - Jeremy Bese, 231.27 feet; Flirtin with Disaster - Katherine Correia, 217.11 feet; Bank Roller - Chase Crawford, 186.84 feet

4500lb Class

Tiffany Powers, 250.18 feet; Tony Mondo, 204.48 feet

Top row from left: Billy Rutler helps flatten down the track between pulls.

Bail Out pulled 269.1 feet against the Terminator Sled.

Willits' Fred Barry was driving the Time Bandit and made a full pull with 307.8 feet.

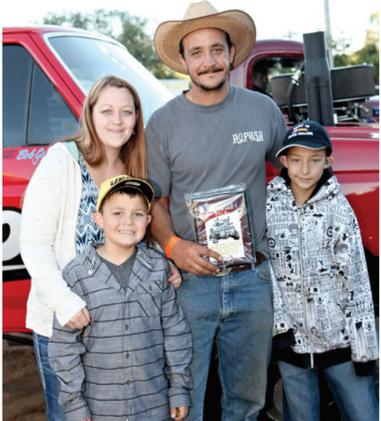
Left top: Nicole McLeod Basler, Connor and Hunter Basler stand with proud papa Sage Basler who holds his award.

At left: Chris Lamprich gets in line and ready to pull the Terminator sled in the OMG class.

Below: Eric Jacinth tries his turn for a full pull.

Photos by Maureen Moore

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Sweetheart Dinner 2014

Honoring Past Sweethearts, Event Sponsors and Crowning of 2014 Sweetheart

Last Saturday evening, family and friends of Willits Frontier Days gathered on the lawn at the rodeo grounds to witness the crowning of this year's Sweetheart, eat a tasty dinner, and support the many businesses and individuals who make the 4th of July events a success each year. For 2014, Haley Schuck took home the title of Sweetheart and helped contribute to the total of \$39,600 raised by all three contestants. Calayan Knight was the first runner-up, and Emily Leishman was the second runner-up.

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Clockwise from bottom left: Mike Griggs, Sr., of Sparetime Supply receives his sponsor awards from Willits Frontier Days President Marcy Barry and Willits Frontier Days Vice President Billy Rutler.

Second runner-up Emily Leishman, first runner-up Calayan Knight, 2014 Sweetheart Haley Schuck, and 2013 Sweetheart Lija Lamkin stand with Haley's new saddle.

Many of the returning past Sweethearts: from back row left: Sandi Short, Mattie Pinon, Ashton Bloomquist holding Aybrie, Tina Shull, and Olivia Grupp. Second row: Riata King, Tracy Moody, Lija Lamkin, Lane Lamkin holding Blighe, Melanie Uvila, Mary Fosen, Tammy Sharp, Kathy Graves, and Leslie Scaglione. Front row: Claire Robertson, Rachel Belvin, Courtney Figg-Hoblyn holding Champ, Georgeanne Croskey holding her daughter, and Lindsey Bowlds holding Archer.

Jack Tharp, Heritage Award winner Anita Tharp holding a little one, Candi Tharp, and Grand Marshal Carl Gallups sit at a table at the dinner last Saturday.

Three of the men preparing the meat for the dinner - turkey to go along with the Cowboy Winter Wonderland / Holiday Dinner theme: Fred Barry, Jeff Duncan and John Thomen.

The winning sweetheart receives many gifts, including a silver buckle, silver tiara and silver spurs.

Flowers for each of the Sweethearts were prepared by Annette Pinon of Flowers by Annette. Christmas greens and silver frosting gave the flowers and table decorations a festive feel.

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Children's Farmers Market: Thursdays from noon to 1 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, through August 16. Bring home-grown or home-made items to sell. Bring your own tables and set-up. Call the library, 459-5908, to reserve your spot or inquire about becoming an adult volunteer.



"Woven Worlds": this new permanent exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum celebrates the Native American heritage of Mendocino County. Today, the first Wednesday of the month, admission is free. See Ongoing listing and article on page 14 for more information about the new exhibit.

"See How They Run," closing weekend for this English comedy in three acts by Philip King, plays at Willits Community Theatre through Sunday, July 6. In this production directed by WCT veteran Joe Dowling, actress Gretchen Anderson is joined by Steve Marston, Kevin Klay, Lee Stipe, Kevin Moore, Mike A'Dair, Mary Burns, Tara Logan and Jason Edgington. Runs through Sunday, July 6, at the WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Thursday at 7 pm for \$10, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm for \$15, and Sunday matinee at 2 pm for \$10. There will be no performance on Friday, July 4. Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com/event/profile/709960; or phone the WCT office at 707-459-0895 for credit card orders.

Willits Frontier Days CCPRA Rodeo: California Cowboys Pro Rodeo Association Rodeo at 7 pm at the Jack Sharp Arena. \$15 box seats; \$12 adults; \$5 children.

Willits Frontier Days Western Dance: featuring live music by Chad Bushnell with his band, the Space Cowboys' a blend of new and old country style music with a little rock influence. 9 pm. Rodeo Grounds. Free.

Friday, July 4 Happy Independence Day!

Opening Day for Roland's Bakery & Bistro: Roland's Bakery's new retail store and bistro will be opening for its first day of business on Independence Day, from 6 am to 3 pm. At the Evergreen Shopping Center, located between Goodwill and Curves. Baked goods include: bagels, Danishes, muffins, scones, croissants, and breads. Coffee (espresso),



bagels with cream cheese spreads and lox, and egg sandwiches on croissants. Roland's Bakery & Bistro will be open Monday through Saturday, from 6 am to 3 pm, with a Grand Opening celebration planned later on. Info: 239-410-5877.

Willits Mile: 3rd annual footrace down Main Street will be held right before the parade. Registration is from 9 to 10:15 am in front of Main Street Music: \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids 16 and under. Medals are awarded to the top five men and women in six different age categories. The race starts at precisely 10:35 am and finishes by 10:50 am, so the parade can start at 11 am. Prior year results and pictures can be found at www.willitsmile.com. All proceeds go to benefit the Willits High Cross Country team.

Willits Frontier Days Parade: This year's theme "Cowboy Winter Wonderland." Parade stages on East Commercial Street, and starts at the corner of Commercial and Main.

4th of July Hot Dog Sale: Agape Bible Church Youth Group will be selling hot dogs and sodas during the Frontier Days parade, on the sidewalk in front of the church at 290 South Lenore Avenue. Proceeds to fund a Youth Group mission trip to Reno, NV, to help a Reno group with outreach to the homeless and needy.

2nd annual Horseshoe Contest: at the Recreation Grove. Free to attend. This is a fundraiser for the Willits High School baseball team. Registration is \$50 team/\$25 player. Sign-ups start at 10 am, games start at 11 am. Prizes for winners: \$150 for first prize, \$100 for second prize, and \$50 for third prize. Call Stephen Summers for more info: 367-2435.

Roots of Motive Power 4th of July Event: Free diesel train rides and display of operating steam and diesel equipment, including the 1913 Willamette Yarder, and many other old and antique items. "Watch as one of the Roots operators attempts to use a 20 ton steam locomotive crane to carefully crush cans and gently crack an egg! And, don't forget to ask to blow a steam whistle! Come on over from 11 am to 3 pm, to take a step back in time, and see the machines that built this great nation on her birthday!" 420 East Commercial Street, right next to the Mendocino County Museum.

Western BBQ: noon at Rec Grove. \$15 adult; \$8 senior/child; \$40 family pack (2

adults, 2 children).

Black Bart Gun Fighters: performing at times throughout the day, Rec Grove, free.

2nd Annual Independence Day Celebration: 12:30 to 5 pm at Grace Community Church (behind Flyer's Gas Station). Free BBQ, games and lots of activities: Bounce House, Zip Line, Bullfrog Races, Cake Walk, Face Painting and lots more. All are welcome!

CCPRA Rodeo: California Cowboys Pro Rodeo Association Rodeo at 4 pm, Jack Sharp Arena, \$15 box seats, \$12 adults, \$5 children.

Shanachie Pub: A Funky Fourth Party with Funkacillin, playing old school and original Funk & Soul, 9 pm. \$7 cover. Visit: www.reverbnation.com/funkacillin. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Diggers Dancehall Fridays: Joey D Productions presents: Dancehall, Dubstep, Hip Hop, Reggae, Trance, Latin: Positive Music /Positive Vibes at Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street. 21+. 10 pm to close. Tonight: DJ Konnex.

Saturday, July 5

Willits Frontier Days Lions Club Breakfast: 7 to 11 am at the Rec Grove. Hotcakes, ham, eggs and hot coffee. \$8 adults, \$5 children.

Willits Frontier Days Jr. Rodeo: 10 am, Jack Sharp Arena. \$5 adults; children free.

Dance Party Fundraiser at Wowser: Cool off to the hot sounds of Tracorom, original Southern rock'n'soul/rhythm'n'blues/ Americana/singer-songwriter band from San Francisco. "Epic live shows and heartfelt original music are at the core of this soul-stirring, eclectic Bay Area talent." Wowser, 330 East Commercial Street, 5 to 10 pm. Dance: \$20 at the door; BBQ burgers and hot dogs, beverages available for purchase. Members showing badge, 1/2 off. Visit www.tracorom.com. Wowser is a 20,000 square foot, membership-based manufacturing facility that provides a unique working/learning experience where you can learn, build and teach. Visit: www.wowserllc.com or call 459-9697 for info.

"See How They Run": See Thursday, July 3 listing for details.



Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

Sunday, July 6

"See How They Run": 2 pm, closing matinee. See Thursday, July 3 listing for details.

Tuesday, July 8

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Transformers" (2D) and "22 Jump Street." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Wednesday, July 9

County Mental Health Services Forum: a Mendocino County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Forum for children and families, youth and transitional age youth, adults and older adults will be held in Willits today, Wednesday, July 9, from 12 to 1:30 pm, at Manzanita Services, 286 North School Street. Members of the public, consumers and family members, MHSA stakeholders and community agencies are encouraged to attend the meeting to provide suggestions, ideas and feedback on the MHSA programs. Lunch will be provided. Visit www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mhsa.htm for more info, or contact Robin Meloche, MHSA coordinator, at 707-472-2332.



Thursday, July 10

"Paws To Read" Willits: Summer Reading Program at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursdays and some Saturdays, 11 am to noon. Today's program: Dance Around the World: "Get moving with this awesome program put on by Nikola Clay. Explore the dances and music of many lands and cultures." Info: 459-5908.

Children's Farmers Market: Thursdays from noon to 1 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, through August 16. Bring home-grown or home-made items to sell. Bring your own tables and set-up. Call the library, 459-5908, to reserve your spot or inquire about becoming an adult volunteer.

Shanachie Pub: twice-monthly Jazz Night, featuring vocalist Sarah Ryan, Michael Cantwell on piano and keyboards, Aaron Bellomo on guitar, and Jesse Bessoni on drums. Jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world and free-form jamming. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Friday, July 11

"Paws to Read" Covelo: Kids Summer Reading Program at the Round Valley Public Library, 23925 Howard Street. Fridays from 2 to 3 pm. Today's program: Move Your Body!: "A local expert will share some cool moves to keep your body fit and healthy. Show your friends and family some great dance moves! Afterwards, we'll cool down and make some super cute finger print animals." Info: 983-6736.

Local Author Earlene Gleisner: 7 pm at the Willits Library. Gleisner, RN and Reiki Master, will talk about the creative process and read excerpts from her various stories. Gleisner will also offer a preview of her next novel in the Sacred Bundle series; her latest work, the first book of the Sacred Bundle series, is entitled "The Marriage Bundle" and begins the circular tale of intense relationships across time. "The series will offer universal teachings to us on Earth and urges all peoples to stand in balance during the coming changes." Earlene is an author of both non-fiction and fiction works, and, for 20 years, was a regular contributor of medical and news articles, as well as personal essays, to the Mendocino County Observer newspaper in Laytonville. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Willits Library (FOWL) and is free to the public.

Shanachie Pub: Soulevity, reggae-rock-ska-punk-metal-hip-hop band, featuring Tucker Morninglight (vocals), Shlanky (guitar), Tommy Garrison (drums), Zack "Tubesteak" Bloomquist (bass), Sumo (keyboards). And Self Fulfilling Prophecies, folk, rock, grunge, popping, featuring Buckminster West, Morgan Stocker and Bodhi Idarius. 9 pm. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Diggers Dancehall Fridays: Joey D Productions presents: Dancehall, Dubstep, Hip Hop, Reggae, Trance, Latin: Positive Music /Positive Vibes at Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street. 21+. 10 pm to close. No cover. Tonight: Selekt Lou.



Saturday, July 12

"Being with Flowers: Floral Art As Spiritual

Practice: workshop at the Brooktrails Community Garden, 9 am to 4 pm, led by master floral artist, Anthony Ward. Ward has been creating with flowers professionally since 1991, and has created personal floral pieces for the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hahn, Maya Angelou, Eckhart Tolle, Sally Field, Bobby McFerrin, Alice Walker, Jane Fonda, Michael Franti, Uma Thurman, Madonna, Deepak Chopra and many others. Ward says: "For me this work is floral art as a spiritual practice, but this is a chance for you to deepen your own experience and relationship with flowers and how you arrange them. It is also a great way to support the Brooktrails Community Garden: half the proceeds will go to benefit the garden. Register by emailing info@beingwithflowers.com. Visit www.beingwithflowers.com for more info.

"Paws To Read" Willits: Summer Reading Program at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursdays and some Saturdays, 11 am to noon. Today's program: Let's Make a Dance: "Join us in exploring some great movements! We will express, share, create and make new friends! The library's own Jenna Byrne will share her expertise and experience working with all types of movement activities for all ages." Info: 459-5908.

Shanachie Pub: The Slow Poisoner, 1 man rock band from San Francisco. 8 pm. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, July 13

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, and your choice of sausage, ham, or bacon. \$7 adults; \$6 members, and \$5 for kids.

Free meals for kids in Willits:

Starting Monday, July 14, kids under 18 years of age can go to the Blosser Lane Elementary School cafeteria for a free breakfast between 8 and 8:30 am and for a free lunch between 11 am and 12 noon. This program offered through August 8. Sponsored by the USDA as part of its "Summer Food Program." No income requirements or forms to fill out. Info: 459-7700.

ONGOING EVENTS

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market at City Park, every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Greens, onions, strawberries, summer squash and other early summer produce, cut flowers, garden starts, local meats and fish, dinner, crafts, live music, and more.

'Woven Worlds': new permanent exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum, celebrating the Native American heritage of Mendocino County. The exhibit has an interactive focus that features many hands-on and interactive activities. A language station houses an iPad with a specially designed app that allows visitors to listen to words in Central and Northern Pomo, Yuki and Nomlaki. At sculptural kiosks, visitors can play claspicks, try using a pump drill, learn basket-weaving techniques, find out how archaeologists date findings and play the Native American game of Staves. The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street. Open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-2736 or visit www.MendocinoMuseum.org. Admission: \$4 adults, \$1 for 6-20 years old; 5 and under are free. Open on July 4, from 12 noon to 4:30 pm. Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month: July 3 this month.

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. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

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

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the 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 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.

They're Back! Fireworks in Ukiah on July 4

"Blast from the Past" Fireworks: 4th of July fireworks return to the Ukiah Speedway at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds. \$17,000 worth of fireworks! Racing starts at 5 pm. Fireworks at dusk. Everyone is encouraged to come watch from inside the Speedway! Ukiah Speedway Admission: \$14 adults; students/seniors \$12; children 6 to 11, \$8; kids 5 and under free.



Closing week of 'See How They Run'

The current production of "See How They Run" at Willits Community Theatre begins its final week this Thursday, July 3.

When Joe Dowling, the director, recently had a heart attack and was hospitalized briefly, cast and crew stepped forward and took over until Dowling was well enough to come back. The present show is a triumph of everyone's cooperative efforts. Dowling not only found the work of cast and crew admirable, he has been very touched with how faithful they remained to his original visions for the show.

"I wanted them to treat the characters and situation realistically and not just try to get laughs, and they've really done that," Dowling says.

After directing shows for some 15 years, Dowling feels he is now reaping the rich harvest of working with people he knows well and whose talents he very much appreciates. He especially enjoys the young people he has worked with both at Willits High School and in the theatre. He says, "The work reinforces the idea for them that acting as a profession is not just a pipe dream but can be a real possibility." He cites young actors who have gone from WCT to acting on stage in Los Angeles and New York.

Dowling himself wasn't always an actor or director. He came into theater through the technical end of sound production: "the happy accident" of being around productions where he learned to watch and observe and eventually to direct. By the time he came to Willits and taught theater arts at the high school, he estimates that he'd been part of 250 shows. See Thursday, July 3 listing for schedule and ticket information.

— submitted by Annie Samson for WCT

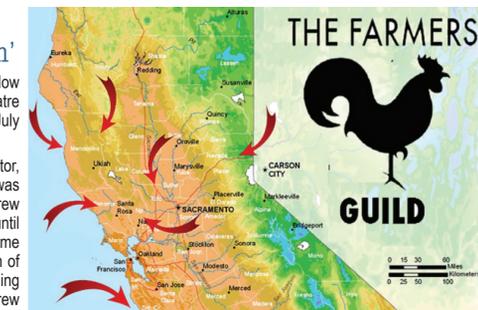
'The Organic Life'

A Grange Farm School Fundraiser

Now and Then Film Series presents "The Organic Life," on Thursday, July 17 at 7 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. A film by Casey Beck about young Sonoma County farmer Austin Blair (Beck's boyfriend) which chronicles the couple's steps towards building a more organic life. Won Best Documentary Feature, at the Santa Cruz Film Festival.

"The quest to earn a living from one's passion is not unique to farming, but striving to survive from a traditional lifestyle in modern-day America is both poignant and revealing, as the film opens a window into the truth behind increasingly popular quixotic ideals." Info: www.createspace.com/394630.

Suggested Donation of \$5 to \$100 helps the Grange Farm School go forward into their first season. Organic popcorn and chocolate, refreshments for sale by the Grange. Info: 459-6362.



Mendocino Farmers Guild

Mendocino Farmers Guild meets at 7 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on Tuesday, July 15 (third Tuesday of every month).

"What Is a Farmers Guild? A Farmers Guild is a monthly gathering of farmers, ranchers and agriculture advocates who come together to socialize, share resources, build lasting relationships, and celebrate our local food communities."

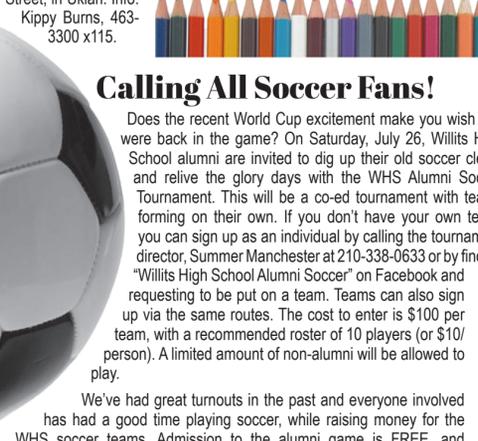
Other Farmers Guild groups include North Coast (Sebastopol), Nevada County (Grass Valley), Sonoma Valley (Sonoma), Yolo (Davis), Central Coast (Santa Cruz), Mendocino Coast (Caspas). Visit www.farmersguild.org for info.

Free Parenting Classes in Willits

The Willits Family Resource Center offers a summer program of free classes and other resources for families. Come and enhance your parenting skills, learn new techniques, and meet instructors and parents that will enrich your life. The Willits Family Resource Center is located at the Willits Integrated Services Center (WISC) located at 221 South Lenore Avenue in Building B.

Another class offered this summer is "Toddling Toddlers," an ongoing 8-week class on Thursdays for parents and children aged 15 months to 2.5 years old. This is an educational and activities-based class, focusing on developmental issues facing our toddlers today: independence, language and physical and emotion developmental stages. Topics such as the infamous "NO" stage, temper tantrums, potty training and engaging play time are covered.

Consistent attendance is highly encouraged for both of these ongoing classes, but drop-ins are welcome. For more information about these classes, or other Willits Family Resource Center activities, please call 456-3700.



Calling All Soccer Fans!

Does the recent World Cup excitement make you wish you were back in the game? On Saturday, July 26, Willits High School alumni are invited to dig up their old soccer cleats and relive the glory days with the WHS Alumni Soccer Tournament. This will be a co-ed tournament with teams forming on their own. If you don't have your own team, you can sign up as an individual by calling the tournament director, Summer Manchester at 210-338-0633 or by finding "Willits High School Alumni Soccer" on Facebook and requesting to be put on a team. Teams can also sign up via the same routes. The cost to enter is \$100 per team, with a recommended roster of 10 players (or \$10/ person). A limited amount of non-alumni will be allowed to play.

We've had great turnouts in the past and everyone involved has had a good time playing soccer, while raising money for the WHS soccer teams. Admission to the alumni game is FREE, and donations are happily accepted. Each player must arrive equipped with soccer cleats, shin guards, soccer socks, and must sign a waiver. All money raised will go directly to benefit the Willits High soccer programs. Thank you for your support!



Haehl Creek Trail now open to the public

Haehl Creek Trail is now open to the public: walkers, runners, bicyclists and even equestrians are encouraged to come by and enjoy the new, shady 3,300-foot-long trail.

The best place to park, for those arriving in cars, Stropes said, is at the south end of the trail, on the Haehl Creek Court cul de sac.

From East Hill Road, "turn on to Haehl Creek Drive," he said. "You go through two stop signs; take a right onto Haehl Creek Court at the last stop sign, keep going until you see the big gateway, and park on the cul de sac. You'll be within 50 feet of the trailhead there."

The trail winds along, on the east side of Haehl Creek, up to the north end which comes out on East Hill Road, right before the turnout to the new hospital.

A stalwart group of volunteers worked last Thursday, Friday and Saturday to finish the work to get the trail open. "We scraped the trail down to the earth," said Larry Stropes, "and put the wonderful weed resistant cloth on top."

"On top of that we put aggregate from Northern Aggregates, and crushed concrete from NorCal Recycled Rock & Aggregates," Stropes said. "The rock was then watered, and rolled to compact it to a "nice hard surface without a lot of little rocks to stumble on."

Clockwise from left: A shady bend in the Haehl Creek Trail (photo by Carolyn Wyatt). A view of the new Howard Hospital under construction from the trail (photo by Bonnie Madrigal). The weed-resistant fabric laid first (photo by Bonnie Madrigal). Tory Lawrence worked this truck from Northern Aggregates which dumped gravel, then smoothed it out with the blade. (photo by Carolyn Wyatt)

Stropes thanked Willits attorney Randi Covin, who brought home-prepared lunch and beverages for the workers all three days: "Mariposa and Safeway donated about half the food," Covin said, "which was very much appreciated. Great work on the trail!"

The trail crew (those who did construction work) included Mike Aplet, Keith and Lotus Baker, Paula Day, Larry Desmond, Alan Falleri, Dave Madrigal, Val Nordeman, Linc North, and Larry Stropes.

Trail construction assistance was provided by DeSilva Gates Construction (donated aggregates, made cash donation, and paid for aggregates delivery); Keith Johnson (donated tractor and labor over many days to construct trail); Tory Lawrence (donated equipment, time and labor); MCS Construction (loaned equipment and donated trucking); Ed Mitchell (donated land, trucking and loaned equipment); Northern Aggregates (donated aggregates and trucking); Donna Stropes, Carolyn Wyatt and Bonnie Madrigal (took photos).

"We're excited, we're enthusiastic, we're pumped," Stropes said. "People who've used the trail so far are very enthusiastic about it and raving about it." The group will be putting in tables, benches and paving stones, to honor donors, and some signage before the "Thank You" party for sponsors, donors and volunteers sometime in October.

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Puzzle Page & More

Activities & fun for kids of all ages

In The Stars

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Your impulsive nature is apparent this week, Aries. While this nature has often served you well, it's still a smart move to carefully consider all angles before making any big decisions.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, share your emotions with a friend, especially if the friendship does not seem to be going in the direction you had hoped. Keep the lines of communication open at all times.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you are on a quest for a deep connection. You will not be content with mere friendship, but desire something that is more intimate and meaningful.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, the goal this week is to find a happy medium where you can help others but remain true to yourself. It may take a little juggling, but you can handle it.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may think your intentions are obvious to others, but sometimes you send mixed signals. You may have to be more concise to achieve your desired results.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

You are in high demand this week, Capricorn. You have the ability to get things done when others struggle with similar tasks. Keep up the good work.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, although you are initially willing to go along with the group's plans, in the long run you want to set off in your own direction. A few stragglers may join you.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Take the high road, Libra. Leading by example has always been your forte, and taking the high road now is a great example to set for those around you.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you just may find yourself on shaky ground while juggling multiple responsibilities this week. Don't let the stress of this juggling act get the better of you.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, professional obligations may prevent you from spending time with loved ones, but only if you let them. Let higher-ups know where your priorities lie.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

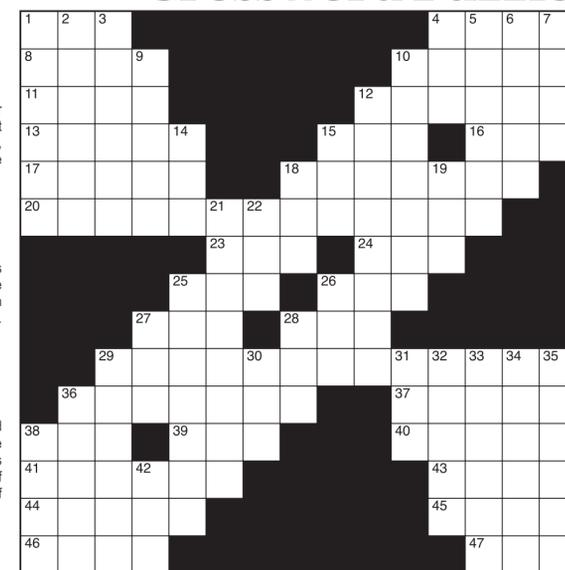
It can be quite difficult to keep your cool when you are feeling emotional, Scorpio. Channel any nervous energy you have into a productive project this week.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you find yourself face-to-face with your biggest fears this week. Draw on your inner strength and you will conquer any obstacle.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Sanford, FL school
- Indicates outer
- Container counterbalance
- Domestic cat genus
- Cools down
- Intolerant people
- Take hold of
- Corner bar
- By way of
- Microwave amplifier
- Take up again
- "Hawaii Five-O" star
- A sphere
- 007's creator
- Downton Abbey network
- Rapper ___ Lo
- Taxi
- Romaine
- Mum of China
- From Haiti
- Fatuous

- Make fun of
- A doctrine
- African plant species
- Dry red wine
- Korean monetary unit
- US airbase in Krygzstan
- Do work
- Czech capital (alt. sp.)
- Crafty
- Favorable argument
- Wooden plug
- Stroke
- Fukien dialect
- Special interest influencer
- Many not ands
- Political organizations
- Bunco game
- 22nd Greek letter
- Metal container
- Beach shelter
- Detective Spade
- Strike
- Establish by law
- Massive compact halo objects
- Unwind
- In a base manner
- ___ mass: abnormal growth
- Canadian law enforcers
- Scrap of cloth

CLUES DOWN

- Mark of infamy
- Of the lower back
- Crimp
- Brain wave test
- Pulled apart
- Leatherwoods
- Thessaly mountain
- R. Devereux, 1st Earl of
- Leg bones
- Most brachy



Sudoku

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How To Sudoku:

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

Level: Intermediate

COLUMN | Resendez Reads!



America in 1927

This is the week we gear up to celebrate the 4th of July. Since I enjoy reading even more than grilling and making potato salad, the holiday brings to mind a book I recently read, Bill Bryson's "One Summer, America 1927."

During that time, my Dad was a paper boy in San Francisco, working both a morning route and an evening one. He was delivering the newspapers whose daily headlines form Bryson's narrative, and that connection made the reading

more meaningful for me. The book focuses on the people and events that captured the attention and stimulated the imagination of the public. This was the very beginning of tabloid-style journalism, and people just couldn't get enough of it.

They were hooked on Charles Lindbergh and his solitary flight across the Atlantic, even though there were plenty of other aviators from various countries who were making historic breakthroughs.

There were major boxing matches that summer, the epic baseball player Babe Ruth was earning his title as the "Sultan of Swat," Al Capone was ruling his kingdom in Chicago, silent movies were giving way to the talkies, and everyone was riding around in Henry Ford's Model T. Bryson provides fascinating detail on the invention of television and the golden days of radio.

But, there was the darker side as well, epitomized by the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi connections of Charles Lindbergh and his wife, the well-known author, Anne Morrow

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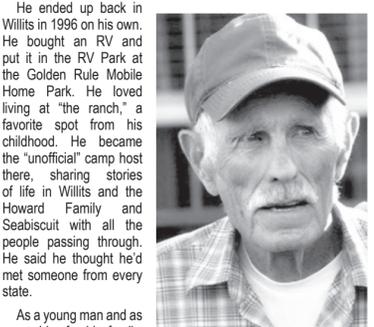
Willis Minton Fales was born on January 7, 1930 to Minton "Mac" and Beulah Fales in Klamath Falls, Oregon. His father was born in Redwood Valley and worked in sawmills for most of his life in Northern California and Oregon. They went where the work was and eventually "stayed put" in Willits where Willis and his three sisters, Shirley (Wagner), Carol (Crouch) and Arlene (Hamilton) grew up and attended school.

Willis attended Pine Street School and Willits High and worked at various odd jobs as a boy, eventually going into the USAF at the young age of 16, with his mother's help in changing his birthdate by one year. He was proud to have served as a Fireman (Crash-man) at Westover Field in Massachusetts and was honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1949.

He met Betty Gagnon while in the service and they were married after his discharge. They had one child, Nancy (Stipe). He lost the "love of his life" in 1956, when Nancy was 6 years old. In 1959 he met and married another wonderful woman, Ann Landry, who had a young son, David. Willis and Ann married in Massachusetts and had a daughter Sally (Schnitzius) and a son, John. They headed back to California in 1960 to settle back in Willits with his family. In the '80s, his marriage to Ann ended in divorce, and he eventually married Markie Flint and helped raise her children, Don and Micheline.

Willis worked at several places during his lifetime, the longest being Seaside (Little Lake Industries). He talked of loading thousands of board feet of redwood into boxcars for 50 cents per thousand bf. He eventually became a foreman there and enjoyed the people he worked with very much. At the end of his career he was designing redwood furniture for Little Lake and Leisure Time Products in Nevada.

In 1986 Willis broke his neck in a fall at Little Lake, and that ended his career. Willis and Markie moved to Portola, California for a few years, where he enjoyed many hours in his shop creating things out of redwood. He made hundreds of redwood "fiddle clocks" to give to friends and family.



Willis Minton Fales

He ended up back in Willits in 1996 on his own. He bought an RV and put it in the RV Park at the Golden Rule Mobile Home Park. He loved living at "the ranch," a favorite spot from his childhood. He became the "unofficial" camp host there, sharing stories of life in Willits and the Howard Family and Seabiscuit with all the people passing through. He said he thought he'd met someone from every state.

As a young man and as a provider for his family, he was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent many hours driving up and down our coastline looking for surf fish and rock picking for abalone, but in his later years he became a true lover of nature. He was known on the ranch as "Will, the man who had feeds the deer." The deer would press their noses to his screen door looking for him. Will was able to remain in his beloved home on the ranch until two days before he passed peacefully at his daughter's home on June 20, 2014.

Willis was preceded in death by his wives, Betty and Ann, his parents, his three sisters, two half-brothers, Earl and Ray, and his grandson Christopher Schnitzius. He is survived by his children Nancy (Roger Stipe) and John (Lynn) of Willits, Sally (Raul Madrid) of Maryland and David (Leslie) of Washington, Don (Kim) Flint of Marysville and Micheline Flint of Lincoln, and brother-in-law, Bud Crouch of Bodega Bay. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, and his two good friends at Golden Rule, Rick and Mark.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Stipe home at a later date. Donations may be made in Will's name to Ridgewood TRAIL Riders, 16200 North Highway 101, Willits CA 95490.

Wilma Hoaglen Phillips

Wilma H. Hoaglen Phillips entered into the arms of Jesus on June 24, 2014 in Lakeport, California. She was 70 years young. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Duval D. Phillips, Sr., and her parents Acie and Pearl Hoaglen. She was born June 28, 1943 in Covelo, California, where she was a long-time resident.

Wilma is survived by her eight children: Duval (Sam) Phillips of Potter Valley; Delilah (DeeDee) Phillips of Glendale, Arizona; Veronica (Roxanne) Hanover of Potter Valley; Eugenia (Tiny) Phillips of Covelo; Audrina (Aud) Phillips of Covelo; Rosalee (Sunshine) Cook of Rosebud, South Dakota; Shirley Phillips of Covelo; and Marianne Phillips of Covelo. She is also survived by three step-children: Sandy Phillips of Ukiah, Douglas Phillips of Laytonville, and Eileen Phillips of Laytonville, CA. She was blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wilma seemed to always have a smile on her face for you, and enjoyed talking to whoever would talk to her. In earlier years she liked to play softball, and she thoroughly enjoyed attending her children's sports events. Those who knew her knew that she was always one of the loudest ones cheering on her children in whatever event it was. She will have left a legacy of strength in each one of her children. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Services were held Wednesday July 2, 2014 at the Round Valley Methodist Church; burial followed at Pinegrove Cemetery. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

Ron Orenstein, Willits

Kitten Extravaganza

To help the many kittens at the Ukiah Animal Shelter find a home, adoption fees have been lowered to \$50 for one kitten and \$75 for two adopted at the same time!

Kittens of all colors are waiting at the Ukiah Shelter for their new families to come and take them home. They are playful and full of joy!

All kittens have been spayed or neutered, and have received age-appropriate vaccinations. The kittens have been tested for feline leukemia virus (FeLV/FIV), and are microchipped.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. For more information about adoptions please call 463-4654.



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bonds associated with Measure B, district taxpayers will pay back \$21.9 million on the capital appreciation bond, a debt-to-bond ratio of about 6 to 1. However, on the entire \$18.8 million package, thanks to the interest-free QSCBs, property owners will pay \$38.6 million over 30 years. That's a payback ratio of just over 2 to 1.

Vicki Todd, director of financial services for the Mendocino County Office of Education, was careful with her words. "Because the federal government paid \$8 million in interest, the debt ratio was really reasonable," Todd said. "It wasn't anything like circumstances that we've seen in other parts of the state."

So what did we get for Measure B? The district sold \$18.8 million worth of bonds and added to that another \$811,000 in developer fees. Altogether it had \$19.2 million to spend and spent \$14 million on district projects.

At Willits High School, the district spent a total of \$5.11 million. Of that, \$928,000 was spent on two solar installations. In addition, the district upgraded the vocational training area of the campus. It converted the old auto shop into a welding and small engine repair shop, and added a new wood shop. For the wood shop it got new table saws and new sanders. For both shops new "guts" were put in, including new lighting, new electrical, new heating and gas and particle evacuation hoods.

A new media center was built, which serves as the school's library, computer center and meeting room. Some 60 new computers were purchased and installed, and a modern, efficient heating and cooling system was installed. Bookcases were purchased and installed around the perimeter of the room and at a few islands situated in the center of the room. However, the feeling this reporter



Left top: Katherine Houghtby poses in Kinetic Carnivale attire to promote the upcoming August 9 and 10 event.

Above top from left: Sushi samples at It's Time were a big hit; Patricia Baumann holds up one of her giveaways for her home design business, Design Cafe.

Above, bottom from left: Hot dogs and Asian salad were a popular purchase from Delish; Wine from Barra Vineyards.

Left: Teresa Robertson poses with Roxanne, one of her beloved Bull Terriers.

Below: Julia and Johnnieann Johnstone pose with Claveiru (branch manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car) and Dorothy Roediger of Yokum's Body Shop.

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Having Fun at Hometown



Above left: Alice, Mike A'Dair and Jace smile for the camera; right: Gigi makes her way skillfully across the Boy Scouts' Monkey Bridge. Below right: Jennisons Dane, Todd, Xander, Matt and Gracie enjoyed face painting and fun at the Hometown Celebration. Below left: Healing Central Chiropractic's Izzy Parry and Shawna Handschug smile with a not-so-sure-about-this-picture-thing-yet 3-month-old River.



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Agape Bible Church Youth Group feeding the hungry

Agape Bible Church has a group of teenagers from middle and high schools on fire to help their community! They had a vision to help feed those in need and are making this dream come true. They helped build a large food pantry at the church and filled it with canned and packaged food donated by friends of ABC, by offering a free pancake breakfast to any donor.

But they are not stopping there. Next stop is Reno, Nevada, to hit the streets with food for those in need and to share their personal testimony of how Jesus Christ has changed their lives. They will be attending Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, which is an outreach to the homeless and needy serving hot meals, distributing clothing and reaching out to those with addictions.

If you are interested in donating supplies to the pantry, non-perishable goods, coats, blankets, toiletries and diapers are accepted at the church, 290 South Lenore Avenue, during normal work week hours. The Agape Youth Group meets at the church every Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 pm. Sixth- to twelfth-graders are welcome. Info: 459-1905.

— submitted by Agape Bible Church



Agape Youth Group members, clockwise from lower left: Keola Wilson, Bailey Ferguson, Isabelle Fuentes, Faith VanPelt, Wade Faherty, Troy Cole, Caelan Creekmur, Cera Bacci, Tristian Adams, Sharlene Caldwell, Merwin Nikad, Aisha Shoemaker and Alana Smith.

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Round Valley Sweetheart Contestant

Claire Moyle



Willits' Claire Moyle, 10, is running for Round Valley Community Sweetheart. She is going to be a sixth-grader next year and plans to try out for basketball and volleyball. She can be seen riding her horse Jazz at many local rodeo and gymkhana events.

Claire will be selling tickets to many upcoming events, including raffle and rodeo tickets to the Covelo Rodeo held on Labor Day weekend - August 29 through August 31 - as well as tickets for the Blackberry Festival on August 16.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each, and prizes include hay, wood, knickknacks, riding lessons, quilts and much more. Blackberry Festival and bull riding tickets are \$5 each, and rodeo tickets are \$8 each.

The rodeo's schedule includes bull riding on Friday, August 29 at 7 pm, the CCPRA rodeo on Saturday, August 30 at 6 pm, and the Junior Rodeo on Sunday, August 31, at 1 pm.

Claire can be reached at 707-513-3843 for tickets, and also plans to be out and about during the Willits Frontier Days festivities selling tickets as well.



American Indian Spirit Run in Willits

"We are following the medicine that is already here," American Indian Movement spiritual leader Fred Short said to the marathon runners and supporters who met at Evergreen Shopping Center before beginning their run on Highway 101/Main Street through downtown Willits.

The marathon runners - in blue T-shirts - arrived last Thursday for the culmination of the 36th annual 500-mile run through California, beginning five days prior in Pit River near Mt. Shasta. The running team of about 30 members chose Willits as the final destination in their journey in order to show their support for local tribes that have been organizing against current plans for the Willits bypass construction in the Little Lake Valley.

The marathon runners, who traced a route around sacred mountains and rivers under the banner "All Life Is Sacred," were joined by more than 40 additional walkers as the team crossed town to reach Willits City Park for a ceremony with local tribal elders, activists, and community members. "To all the runners, the people that believe in struggle and resistance - keep on," AIM activist and Round Valley resident Ron Lincoln told the crowd.

Young runner Miguel Vivaldo was also one of the speakers at City Park. Vivaldo, who at 14 is the team's youngest member to run 100 miles without stopping, dedicated his run to his deceased brother.

The California 500 Mile Spiritual Marathon was begun by AIM members as an activity for Native American youth. It consists of teams from different parts of the state who "are dedicated to preserving the tradition of spiritual running" and who "pray for the preservation of sacred Native American sites and Mother Earth."

— Kate Maxwell

Above: American Indian Movement Spirit Run runners and local supporters during a ceremony at City Park Thursday.

At left: The AIM runners head south through Willits on their way to the park.

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Carl Gallups

2014 Willits Frontier Days Grand Marshal



Carl Gallups moved to Willits when he was just 8 or 9 years old and, now at age 74, Carl fondly calls Willits his hometown.

"It's such a great place, everyone knows you and you know everyone!" laughed Carl.

He first became "hooked up" with Willits Frontier Days when his brother-in-law, Jack Tharp, was named Heritage Award winner. Now also honored with that award, Carl is happy to carry on the family tradition.

"I was surprised to hear I had gotten the nomination," said Carl. "I am honored to carry the title this year, and am proud to have been nominated!"

Another family tradition is also underway: Carl's grandson Thomas is now working at Carl & Kenny's Barber Shop, a shop Carl first opened more than 50 years ago.

Carl also noted he spent some 50 years volunteering with the Willits Kiwanis Club, including serving as the club's president three times and even being a past lieutenant governor.

One of the things Carl loves about the Willits Frontier Days festivities is how it brings together old friends.

"You get to see all the people you went to grammar school and high school with, and everyone gets to come together and celebrate," he said.

Carl attended grammar school at the Little Lake Grange building and attended Willits High School back when there were only a few buildings on campus.

Willits Frontier Days 2014 Heritage Award Winner is Anita Tharp. See both honorees at the Fourth of July Parade.

Barber Thomas Gallups:

following in his grandfather's footsteps

Thomas Gallups is continuing in the family tradition: working as a barber at his grandfather Carl Gallups' barber shop. Now known as Carl & Kenny's Barber Shop, with barber Kenny Keith, it's located at 1569 South Main Street.

"I wanted to be a barber since high school," Thomas said; he graduated from Willits High School in 2007. "But it took me a little while. I had a daughter and got another job, so I couldn't go to barber school. But when they opened up the barber college in Ukiah, I started school down there." Thomas graduated from the Ukiah Beauty College on February 20, 2014 and got his state certificate as a barber the day after Easter.

Carl's Barber Shop was located in the old Country Mall (now J.D. Redhouse) for many years; Carl says his shop was the last store in the mall before it closed.

Thomas is working Wednesdays and Thursdays at Carl & Kenny's, and will take over the shop when barber Keith retires - after a big retirement party.

"I wanted to carry on the business," Thomas said. "I didn't want to let it die out."

Carl Gallups always cut his grandson's hair when Thomas was growing up, and now Thomas returns the favor. He also offers what he calls "Carl's Classics" haircuts to his clientele today. Thomas has been entrusted with a lot of Carl's barbering equipment, gathered from 51 years in the business.

"He's a well-respected guy, my grandfather," Thomas said. "He's done a lot for the community. I'd like to see the rest of my family do things to try to equal up to what the



Thomas and Carl Gallups at Carl & Kenny's Barber Shop. Photo by Jennifer Poole

people before us did. It makes me proud."

When Carl started out as a barber - he got his barber's license from the Modern Barber College in San Francisco in 1959 - haircuts were \$2. Current prices at Carl & Kenny's Barber Shop are \$15 for haircuts, and \$10 for a beard trim. Call 456-1174 for more information.

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Creating 'Woven Worlds':

Weaving the Past into the Future

In 2009, the United States Senate passed legislation, signed by President Obama, formally apologizing for offenses committed against Native Americans. This historic moment serves as the conclusion of the timeline displayed at the Mendocino County Museum in honor of its new exhibit of Native American history. The exhibit, titled "Woven Worlds," is the first permanent addition to the museum in many years and opened with a well-attended traditional ceremony and feast on June 21.

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"I wanted to show that Native Americans are not just victims, but active participants in changing their circumstances," explained curator Dr. Victoria Patterson, of her choice to conclude the timeline display with the Senate apology. The timeline includes seven panels covering Native history from 8000 BCE, entitled "Woven Worlds: First Communities," to 1960-2009, under the heading "Self-Determination." Patterson describes it as a "testimony to incredible survival in the face of terrible odds."

The display includes information covering local events and tribes in Mendocino County, alongside developments on a national scale. Each panel includes archival photographs and video, oral histories and letters, ethnographic accounts, excerpts of legislation and more, allowing primary source materials to reveal the story of historical change.

"So many exhibits put [Native Americans] in the past, just baskets in glass cases," says Patterson, who has worked as a research linguist and ethnohistorian with several local tribes in the county for the past 40 years. Patterson first joined with Museum Director Alison Glassey three years ago: Glassey had been looking for ways to expand and improve the museum's Native American exhibit since she took the position in 2009.

Glassey undertook efforts to fundraise and find adequate physical space in the museum, while Patterson held meetings reaching out to local tribes to focus the exhibit on what the communities felt was important. "They wanted people to know that 'we have a long history, but we're still here,'" Patterson explained. "All these things, these dances

and culture, are still done today."

The exhibit reflects this intent via dynamic and interactive exhibits combining many types of artifacts and multi-media displays into interpretive kiosks developed by Patterson and a team of designers including Kiersten Hannah Frey, Addison Moore, and Janet Rayner. Displays are geared towards a range of ages, including several educational activities designed just for kids.

Visitors can explore the kiosks to learn to use a pole drill, to practice basket weaving, archaeological techniques and mathematics using Native counting systems, to play traditional games and learn about different dances, and to see a facsimile of a native dwelling. Other displays reveal the many tribal homelands and villages within the county, demonstrate native uses of natural resources, and allow visitors to learn different tribal languages.

For Patterson, the exhibit is "a labor of love" and the "culmination of a lifetime of work." Both she and Glassey emphasize the important contributions from native advisors, community members, other museums, and the creative team. "The result is more than any one person could create," says Glassey of the extensive collaboration efforts in the exhibit. "It is on a level we just haven't done before."

The attention to graphics and visual detail is evident throughout the exhibit, creating a lively and colorful atmosphere. A large spinning wooden wheel details seasonal activities by five different tribes, researched by Patterson and fabricated by longtime volunteer Steve Prochter, who also assisted in digitizing the museum's inventory, enabling the selection of exhibit objects.

A composite landscape photograph of different ecological habitats found within the county emphasizes the important relationship between the tribes and the local environment. There is also a display of contemporary art, currently featuring Snow Dove of Laytonville, which will



At top, left: Dolls loaned from a private collection are displayed in a glass case in front of the timeline wall. At top, right: A kiosk exploring Native games like the Grass Game and the Game of Staves.

Above: Some of the Pomo baskets on display.

Below: The "Clamshell Money" kiosk.

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rotate regularly to show work by a range of local native artists.

The museum plans to keep expanding the exhibit in other ways, creating additional historical resources and glossaries to supplement the information already included. One such project is the continuation of the Native American History project, "to make sure people had a chance to participate," in which portraits of local Native Americans by Frey are displayed at the exhibit's entrance. Other resources include an app to learn Native languages (available soon), as well as the development of a curriculum guide for local schools and field trips for 2015.

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