

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Brooktrails' obligation

To the Editor:

Recent articles in both local papers refer to resolutions passed by the Brooktrails Board of Directors concerning their wastewater contractual arrangements with the City of Willits. I would encourage the residents of Brooktrails to take an active interest in this dispute, as substantial amounts of their monies are being expended and liabilities may be mounting.

The City of Willits has spent in excess of \$600,000 defending itself in this dispute to date, and Brooktrails ratepayers should be asking how much their board has spent as well.

The lawsuit originated with a claim that the city purchased property for a plant remodel without prior notification to Brooktrails. The price of the property was \$750,000, and Brooktrails' obligation was about \$280,000. This property provides the needed space for the new footprint of the plant, as well as providing suitable "upland" mitigation acreage to offset impacts of the new construction. The city had a need to mitigate 35+/- acres of wetland impacts.

To put in perspective, Caltrans is being required to mitigate about 45 acres of wetland impacts, and their price tag is far in excess of \$50 million and counting. Brooktrails contends obligations of the contract were violated, and therefore they have no responsibility to pay and in fact have not paid a cent since the 2004 purchase.

The plant project has been completed, within budget, on time and with loans at 2 percent and \$3 million in grants. Brooktrails' obligations to contribute 37.69 percent of these capital costs were well-documented and supported by Brooktrails throughout the design and construction process, and were only brought into conflict far into the project. Additionally, both communities went through the necessary Proposition 218 rate-setting process, which allowed for fee increases to pay these obligations.

Needless to say, there are hundreds of pages of minute detail as this lawsuit enters its fourth year and, as with any contract, in the hand of an attorney, controversy can be manufactured. If it is the goal of Brooktrails residents to spend their taxes in this manner, I can assure you, you are being well-represented.

Over the course of this controversy, I and the City of Willits have remained essentially quiet on this issue, not resorting to the media to gather favor or foe; however the representations in these resolutions, and other published sources, requires that someone cast a response so the Brooktrails residents fairly understand the actions and consequences of their district.

One resolution states that Brooktrails paid Willits \$3.6 million. Brooktrails has agreed to make payments on a USDA note for that amount; they did not write a check. There is an \$8.3 million note (for phase 3 construction) which Brooktrails contends it has no obligation to pay because it did not sign the "fifth amendment," among other arguments, even though it is collecting monies which were to be used to pay that obligation. It appears, rather, that they

are using those monies in litigation. This item is a major stumbling block, as the city ratepayers are reluctant to backfill an obligation which Brooktrails repeatedly acknowledged over the course of many years, until the payments came due.

The subject of wastewater, or other daily services cities and districts provide, are not particularly engaging topics. Skate parks, trails and such are more interesting for most folks; however, if Brooktrails errs in their judgment of a court resolution in this manner, it will cost the ratepayers well in excess of a million dollars to get current on their existing obligations and then pay these notes and operations forward.

Just thought you might like to know.

Bruce Burton, Willits

Become a part of Grange Farm School

To the Editor:

This is a hopeful, clarion call to all local activists and communitarians who 1) care about the quality of the food they eat, 2) know that more of our food must be grown locally, and 3) lament that there are few places where would-be farmers can learn the organic farmers craft. Indeed, a recent U.N. report stipulates that more and more of our food supply must come from local, organic farms and gardens if we are to survive on this planet.

Enter the Grange Farm School. Deep citizens have wanted to create such a school of sustainable ag for decades. Suffice it to say, the first of perhaps many Grange Farm Schools across the country is about to open: but it needs your help. It's a wonderful story unfolding, one that you can become an integral part of.

Here's the way to tell. Check out two websites. First, see how we're reaching out into the Grange world...and beyond. Our exciting crowdfunding campaign can be found here: www.fundrazr.com/campaigns/fiod6.

Second, browse www.grangefarmschool.org. Pictures of what we're doing, our wonderful and enthusiastic staff, and our plans for the future can be found at both sites. (Hint: Seabiscuit.)

The spirit of the evolving revitalized Grange is at the heart of the Grange Farm School.

Love the land enough to care about who's growing healthy food from healthy soil. Consider donating to the Grange Farm School. And please, pass this appeal, in your own words, to your friends and colleagues. We can make this go viral.

I know you're busy. But please... I have a feeling it will touch your heart.

Many of you know that in an historic resolution the California State Grange members voted for start-up funding for the Farm School at the last convention. But the Farm School team also promised that we would raise a substantial part of what we need. That's what our fundraiser is all about. Without the California State Grange, this would still be a dream. Your support, and that of countless others, is key to our success.

Lanny Cotler, Willits

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Help the Grange Farm School

To the Editor:

Hello friends: Willits has become known as a gardener's paradise and known for its many well-known gardeners and their varied techniques. We now have the unique opportunity to draw students from all over the world to a first-class gardening school.

The Grange Farm School is directed by a highly qualified and hardworking local master gardener who has years of experience working with students through the WOOFFers program, school gardens, and teaching at Mendocino College.

Please open this link, www.fundrazr.com/campaigns/fiod6, see the video, note the perks offered with the donations and support our pioneering local farm school in its beautiful Ridgewood Ranch location. We really need your help right now in the next three weeks. No amount is too small or too large. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for considering and please pass this message on to others who might be of help.

A quote from John Jeavons, from his book "How to Grow More Vegetables...":

"We all have an opportunity now to become farming literate! The world has spent the last 30 years becoming computer literate. Why not spend the next 30 years becoming farming literate?"

Carlin Diamond, Willits

Thanks to Larry Desmond

To the Editor:

In the letter to Willits Weekly thanking our Haehl Creek Trail volunteers earlier this week, I forgot to include Larry Desmond! He was an excellent worker, and also very knowledgeable, both about trail building and botany.

I will not forget to invite Larry and his wife, Marisela, to our dedication ceremony, which will be sometime in October. Apologetically,

Larry Stropes, Willits

Behind closed doors

To the Editor:

This is a follow-up to Freddie Long's letter published last week.

A lot can happen in a week, and it did.

On June 20, ACE (the Army Corps of Engineers) issued a "Suspension of Caltrans' 404 permit," listing lots of violations and missed deadlines.

What happened next was behind closed doors:

Many negotiations took place between ACE and Caltrans. Some was publicized and a lot was not.

ACE held steady on their permit suspension until ...

Sometime between July 8 and July 10, Congressman Jared Huffman and his predecessor Mike Thompson (an avid supporter of the Caltrans bypass project) stepped in and, then, on July 10, ACE "lifted" the 404 permit suspension.

What happened? What deal was brokered when ACE, Caltrans, Huffman and Thompson had their non-public "conference call"?

Still no hard numbers.... We still have only Caltrans' regurgitation of the same old story. Can't downsize the northern interchange, no way, no how.... Costs too much and will take more time (to do less?), and so on

Topics to Talk About!

Here are just a few brainstormed topics aimed to help inspire you to send in a letter to the editor:

Main Street, post-bypass: what do you envision?

Extended pool hours: would you swim on summer evenings?

What would be a great new business to have in Willits?

How could we increase tourism in town?

In addition to fairs and festivals already planned, what new events would you like to attend?

How could merchants get more customers to shop locally?

What are the five things you like most about Willits, and what five need improvement?

What could we provide or create as a positive, motivating opportunity to the youth in the community?

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and so forth. When will they show us actual numbers to support these statements?

In their letter to ACE following the "lifting" of the permit 404 suspension Caltrans wrote: "Caltrans commits to completing another, current evaluation of the project design to see if there are any opportunities to reduce permanent fill of wetlands to reduce, to any extent possible, the permanent impacts to wetlands. We can commit to completing this evaluation by October 1, 2014."

We, the public, need to hold them to this and especially demand that no fill be added to the wetlands while they are completing their evaluation. How can they evaluate the need for more fill while concurrently filling the wetlands?

As Phil Dow of MCOG (the Mendocino Council of Governments) and Phil Frisbie, Caltrans' PR man, have publicly stated, the Willits bypass was never about Willits. It was never about solving our local traffic problems. If it had been it would have included an off-ramp to Highway 20. It has always been about interregional traffic, including big trucks moving big cargos from north to south and back.

We also know that Caltrans is attempting to widen Highway 101 through Richardson Grove, removing and damaging precious old growth redwoods, again to accommodate a few big trucks.

If you agree with that the northern Interchange should be downsized, please call or email the following parties: U.S Army Corps of Engineers, 415-503-6771, Jane Hicks: jane.m.hicks@usace.army.mil; Congressman Jared Huffman, 707-962-0933, Field Rep: heather.gurewitz@mail.house.gov. And if you still have time and energy contact: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 707-576-2220, Matthias St. John: matt.st.john@waterboards.ca.gov.

Tell them that no more fill should be dumped on our wetlands until after October 1, when Caltrans says their evaluation will be completed.

By downsizing the northern interchange, we will save acres of precious wetlands and preserve ancient Native American archeological sites. As the fine exhibit in the Willits museum is demonstrating, our Native cultural heritage attracts tourists and scholars to Willits.

Brian Weller, Willits



Above: One of the many varieties of cookies at Saturday's Relay For Life bake sale.

Below: Chocolate cupcakes with a garnish from the garden.

Right: From left to right: Janet Buys, Kiri Silva, Lyly, and Jennifer Caldwell.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



Relay For Life Bake Sale



ER Energy's Relay For Life team held a successful bake sale to raise money for Relay For Life Saturday outside their retail store at the Safeway plaza.

Shoppers were lining up for treats like blueberry lemon muffins, cranberry white chocolate chip cookies, and cupcakes with cream cheese frosting, garnished with edible flowers.

"We've had an amazing day," said Janet Buys who, like her co-sellers, was wearing gold Mardi Gras beads.

"Gold represents childhood cancer," explained ER Energy's Mary Fonsen. "Each team picks a cancer to represent. Most of our team members have children."

There are 12 members on ER Energy's Relay For Life team: this is the first year the store has had its own team, though Fonsen did Relay last year as part of the Geiger's team. "So many people end up with cancer," she said. "It's such a good thing to support the research, and support the survivors." Fonsen encouraged everybody to drop by the Relay event: "It's an open fundraiser all day," she said, "and it's kid-friendly, too."

Relay For Life is scheduled to start with an opening ceremony at 10 am on Saturday, July 26, and will continue for 24 hours, with a closing ceremony scheduled for 9:30 am Sunday morning. For more info about the Willits Relay, check: www.relayforlife.org/willitsca.

Congratulations Column

Happy Anniversary to the Durans



Congratulations go out to Arcelia and Martin Duran, who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on July 6.

The two are high school sweethearts and enjoy their lives in Willits with their three children: Martin "Tito," Stephanie and Steven ... and dog Rocky.

The family owns the local flower shop The Flower Lady of Willits, where the pair works together daily.

The Durans celebrated their anniversary with a trip to the coast, where they enjoyed spending time with each other ... and the kids. <3

Congrats, you two, and here's to many more anniversaries to come!

Photo by Maureen Moore



Local Relay For Life will 'Battle Cancer'

Above: Bobbi Lippmann poses with Kona and Cayman, who all walked in memory of Rick at the 2013 event

Photo by Maureen Moore

The 3rd annual 24-hour Relay for Life event in Willits is set to kick off at 10 am on Saturday, July 26, with the Opening Ceremony at Rec Grove Park. Relay For Life is a national fundraising event to benefit the American Cancer Society, which has raised nearly \$5 billion over the years. "Each year, more than 4 million people in over 20 countries raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer through the Relay For Life movement," ACS says.

"By raising money, we help our local folk get necessary services and help fund research and the finding of new cures," the "Third Annual Relay For Life of Willits, CA" Facebook event page says. The theme for this year's local event is "Battle Cancer: Ground Zero Willits."

The first Relay for Life was back in 1985, when a doctor in Tacoma, Washington, walked and ran for 24 hours around a track, raising \$27,000. These days, Relay is a team effort, and nobody has to be there the whole 24 hours, but the ACS writes: "It's so much fun, you'll find it hard to leave!" The goal for Relay teams is that at least one person from the team is on the track for the whole 24 hours.

The Willits page on the ACS website – www.relayforlife.org/willitsca – reports that, as of Wednesday morning this week, 29 teams of locals, with 187 participants have already raised \$36,212.89. The top three fundraising teams currently are Miracles in Motion (\$5,862.10); Geiger's Long Valley Market (\$4,777.61) and Willits Rotary Club (\$4,406.36). The top 3 individual fundraisers are Mike Tobin (\$2,169), Charlotte Oeding (\$1,351.60), and Annie O'Neill (\$1,134.90).

The Opening Ceremony is followed by the Survivors Lap, at 10:30 am: "Upbeat music plays as all cancer survivors at the event take the first lap around the track cheered on by the other participants who line the track, celebrating their victory over cancer."

Teams are encouraged to dress in costume, and offer more fundraising opportunities and fun (including kid-friendly activities) at decorated booths at the park Saturday (no charge for event admission). At 9 pm Saturday evening is the Luminaria Ceremony, featuring beautiful homemade "lanterns" to remember family and friends lost to cancer.

The Fight Back ceremony is set for 9 am Sunday morning, with the Closing Ceremony following at 9:30 am to finish the 24-hour event.

A Relay Meet and Greet is set for Friday, July 18, from 5 to 7 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Cancer survivors and the public are invited to come by and learn how they can participate in this year's Relay. Again, the Willits page on the Relay For Life website: www.relayforlife.org/willitsca.

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Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.

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Activities & fun for kids of all ages

In The Stars

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Be honest with yourself, Aries. Sometimes change can be a good thing, so take a few days to sort through all of your options. You will be glad you did.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may have to be clever to solve a particular problem this week. It will be challenging, but you are up to the task and your efforts will be their own reward.

GEMINI
May 22/Jan 21
Gemini, spend some time thinking about what you want rather than what others want for you. You may discover significant differences between the two, but do what makes you happy.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, it may take some time to get back on your feet after a stumble, but you will get there much faster if you ask a few friends for support. You know the people who have your back.



LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, very little can disappoint you or affect your mood. Enjoy the responsibility-free week with a free spirit. This is a great time for a vacation.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Think through all of your options before you act, Virgo. While something may seem like a good idea at first, careful thought may reveal some bumps in the road.

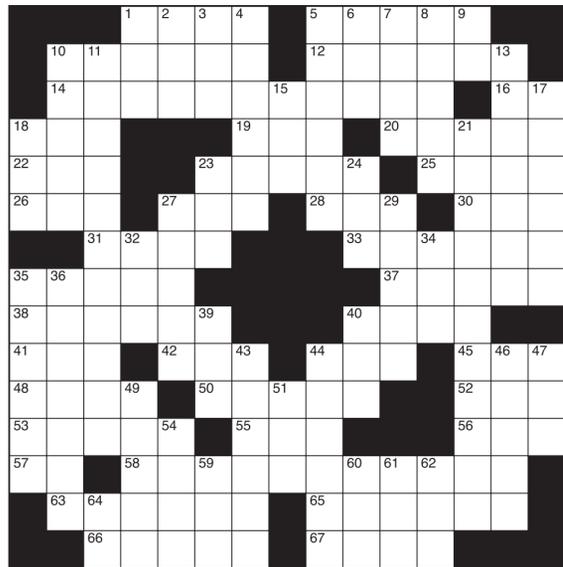
LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Work hard to earn a promotion at work, Libra. While you may need to take on more responsibility and work longer hours, the payoff will be well worth it.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if you feel you are at a crossroads, take your time to make the best possible decision. This is a significant moment for you, and it requires focus and forethought.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, supporting a family member who deserves it has you riding high this week. This support may be emotional in nature or even financial support if you can manage.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, family activities are getting in the way of business prospects, and vice versa. You may need to make a difficult decision in the near future.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Matakam
- "Cat in the Hat" doctor
- Norwegian sea inlets
- Last (Spanish)
- Ron Paul's party
- E. Canadian province
- Leg (slang)
- Fit out
- Czech Pres. Vaclav
- Poorly lit
- Satisfies
- 29th Greek letter
- Callaway on NYSE
- 1/1000 inch
- Chair position
- Women's ___ movement
- Roman = to Greek satyr
- Cause to be senseless
- Saudi peoples
- Jazzman James
- Coat of a mammal
- Mailed
- Complete
- Atomic #105
- Consume
- Macaws

CLUES DOWN

- Crowd together
- They ___
- 32nd President
- Stellar
- Rises rapidly
- ___ Lilly, drug company
- Where the Jazz play
- Egyptian desert
- Postgraduate engineering degree
- Thrash
- NBC late night host
- A singular occurrence
- Small island (British)
- Lacking firmness
- Haiti monetary unit (abbr.)
- Done willingly
- Moral transgression
- Kin relation
- Mulwi or Munjuk
- 4th Jewish month
- Camel or goat hair fabric
- Negation of a word
- Unemotionality
- Recharges
- East northeast
- Melancholy
- Scholarly compositions
- Ghostlier
- Kingdom
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Eurasian herb weed
- Raced on foot
- African antelope genus
- Main
- Nigerian instrument
- Fireplace warming shelf
- American coin society
- Indicates position

~TENTATIVE~ 2014 LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 20, 2014		
8:00 AM	Horse Show	WILLITS HORSEMAN ARENA
Tuesday, July 29, 2014		
6:00 AM	Livestock arriving until Closing 8:00 PM	Barns
4:00 PM	Poultry Check in 4p.m. - 8p.m.	
6:00 PM	Rabbit Check in 6p.m. - 8p.m.	
Wednesday, July 30, 2014		
7:30 AM	Beef and Market Goat Weigh-In	Barns
8:15 AM	Mandatory All Exhibitor Orientation immediately followed by	Racine Pavilion
8:30 AM	Hog and Sheep Weigh-In	Livestock Barns
8:30 AM	Cavy and Rabbit Show	Willow Tree Stage
8:30 AM	Poultry Show	Junior Show Ring
10:00 AM	Dairy Goat Showmanship, Independent, 4H & FFA then Dairy Breeding Classes followed by Meat Goat Showmanship Independent, 4H & FFA then Market Goat Classes then Meat Breeding Classes	Racine Pavilion
1:30 PM	Dairy Cattle	Junior Show Ring
6:00 PM	Dog Show	
Thursday, July 31, 2014		
8:00 AM	Market and Breeding Sheep	Junior Show Ring
8:00 AM	Market and Breeding Swine	Racine Pavilion
2:00 PM	Market Beef, Showmanship, Breeding, Independent, 4H & FFA	Racine Pavilion
6:00 PM	Sheep Showmanship, Independent, 4H & FFA	Junior Show Ring
Friday, August 1, 2014		
8:00 AM	Swine Showmanship, Independent, 4H & FFA	Racine Pavilion
1:00 PM	Ultrasound Carcass Contest	Racine Pavilion
2:00 PM	Pygmy Goat Show Independent, 4H & FFA	Junior Show Ring
5:00 PM	Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship(Horse, Swine, Beef, Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Goats)	Racine Pavilion
7:00 PM	Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship (Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Dogs, Pygmy Goats)	Junior Show Ring
Saturday, August 2, 2014		
12:30 PM	Livestock Auction	Racine Pavilion
Sunday, August 3, 2014		
10:00 AM	4-H, FFA and Independent Award Program Exhibits Released (see schedule)	Willow Tree Stage

Redwood Empire Fair:

July 31 - August 3

It's time again for the Redwood Empire Fair, and while exhibit entry has passed, there are still some great ways to enjoy participating in the fair.

A rose is a rose: "A class where looks don't count!" Two entries per exhibitor will be allowed in this floriculture class that is judged only on a rose's scent. Entries are due on August 2 between 9 and 11 am. First place: \$30; second: \$20 and third: \$10. One stem per entry.

Business window decorating contest: Businesses in Mendocino County have until July 21 to decorate their windows for a chance to enter and win. First place takes home \$300; second place \$250 and third place \$200. The display must clearly showcase the fair name "Redwood Empire Fair," the theme "Ocean Adventure" and have the dates for the fair "July 31 - August 3" shown in lettering no smaller than 8 inches. Judges will come by and assess windows after the July 21 date, and a winner will be announced. Call 462-FAIR to alert the judges to your entry.

Baking contest: Participating in these two contests will grant you free entry into the fair! On Saturday, August 2, bring your favorite "Ocean Adventure Cookies" to the gate between 12 and 3 pm and on Sunday, August 3, bring your favorite "Ocean Adventure Cupcake" to the gate between 12 and 3 pm. Judging both days will begin at 3:30 pm.

Entry to fairgrounds pricing: adults, \$8; children (6 to 12 years of age), \$5; and seniors (65 over), \$5. Parking, \$7.

Carnival rides: Pay-one-price unlimited wristbands: \$22 presale; \$27 at fair. Presale books of 30 coupons: \$20. Presale bands and tickets available at fair office until Thursday, July 31 at 2:45 pm.

Thursday, July 31: Fair open from 3 pm to midnight
Kids & Seniors Day: children and seniors will receive free entry into the fair from 3 to 6 pm

Friday, August 1: Fair open from 3 pm to midnight

Saturday, August 2: Fair open from 12 pm to midnight
Junior Livestock Auction: 12:30 pm

Sunday, August 3: Fair open from 12 pm to 11 pm
Junior awards: 10 am

Keep up to date with all current info at www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com or 462-FAIR.



Across top, from left: Veggies from Rainbow Ranch Farm; golden and red beets; a plate of summer squash; walnut fudge oat bars and focaccia from Bolliver's.

At left, down: Fresh fruit preserves from Black Dog Farm; Rosemary, Matthew, Corinne and son from Lovin' Mama Farm; Jo Gowan with a bag of her apples; a younger marketer enjoys a honey stick; Caroline and Jason of Black Dog Farm.

Across bottom, from left: Local honey from Lovers Lane Farm; Valerie's "vegetable" hats; fresh sweet strawberries.

Below: a pile of fresh-picked carrots; dill next to bags of mixed broccoli and cauliflower from Rainbow Ranch Farm.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Farmers Market Fish Tacos

Editor's note: This recipe is from Robert Goleman, owner and executive chef of Bolliver's Fine Foods & Confections, who is at the Willits Farmers Market every week with his delicious sweet and savory baked goods. Spice of Life sells organically sourced spices every other week at the Willits Farmers Market; they will be in Willits on July 17 and July 31.

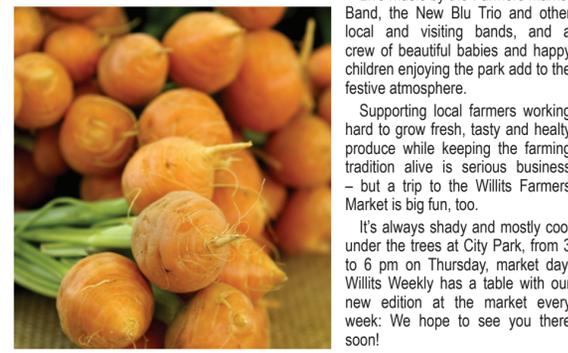
Fish: Zest one lime (reserve zest). Rub 1 pound of ling cod filets (or other firm yet flaky white fish) with 1 tablespoon Spice of Life's "Dancing Conchita" spice blend and the juice of the lime. Cover fish, and let stand for 1 to 2 hours in the refrigerator.

Rice: In a sauce pan, place 2 cups of water (or light stock), along with 1 cup brown rice, 1 teaspoon "Dancing Conchita" spice blend, 1/4 cup finely diced carrots, 1/4 cup fresh peas, 2 tablespoons corn, one diced small tomato, and one minced clove of fresh garlic. Follow the suggested cooking time for the rice you are using (generally 45 to 60 minutes). Remove from heat, and let rest for a few minutes before serving.

Beans: Put one 16 ounce can of your favorite black beans into a small sauce pan. Add 1/2 fresh jalapeno pepper, sliced into rings, along with the reserved lime zest. (For milder flavor, remove the seeds from the jalapeno.) Over medium-low heat, bring to a slow boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.

Grill the fish over medium-hot coals, until done to your liking. (Medium is ideal - the fish is best when flaky.)

To assemble: On 8 to 10 corn tortillas, place 2 tablespoons each Bolliver's "Chipotle Enchilada Sauce." Top with a scoop of rice, then beans and, finally, the fish. The tacos are now ready to garnish with a squeeze of fresh lime juice, some grated sharp white cheddar cheese, a few sprigs of fresh cilantro, and, of course, a dollop of sour cream.



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Thursday, July 17

"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: "Origami Animals": "Kathy Silva will be here to share stories and make all kinds of paws and animals using this incredible form of Japanese paper folding!" Info: 459-5908.

Free Water Conservation Workshop: "Home and Garden Strategies to Use Water More Efficiently," 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Sherwood Valley Rancheria Tribal Office, 1220 Blosser Lane, in the Community Room. Open to all. Includes info on: home water use assessment; drip irrigation; and landscaping water conservation myths and facts. Hosted by the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and Sherwood Valley Tribal Environmental Program. Info: www.mrcod.org.

Shanachie Pub: Steven Bates, guitar. 6 pm, No cover. Visit www.myspace.com/stevenbatesmusician or www.stevenbatesmusic.com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

"The Organic Life": A Grange Farm School Fundraiser. Now and Then Film Series presents "The Organic Life" 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.

Friday, July 18

"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: Dog Days! "Come for some great doggie stories and songs! Also hear from some local experts on adopting dogs and dog care. We'll have some fun dog crafts, as well, and a super dog treat recipe that Fido is sure to love!" Info: 983-6736.

Relay for Life Willits: Survivor Meet and Greet, at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 5 to 7 pm. Cancer survivors are encouraged to come by and learn how they can participate in this year's

What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

relay. The third annual Relay for Life, Willits will be held July 26 at Recreation Grove. Info: 272-2718 or 459-6826 (ask for Priscilla).

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: DJ Jacques.

Saturday, July 19

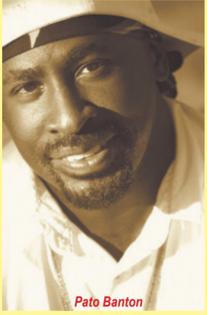
Willits Garden Club Scholarship Fundraiser: A golf, buffet lunch, and walking tour benefit for the Willits Garden Club's scholarship fund, set for Saturday, July 19 at Brooktrails Golf Course. Registration starts at 8 am; shotgun "scramble format" tournament starts around 9 am. Also: a raffle (drawing after lunch); guided walking tours of beautiful Brooktrails streams and forest (9 am to noon); Continental breakfast with juice and coffee (8 to 9:30 am); snacks and refreshments (9 am to noon); buffet lunch (beginning around noon). After golfers complete 18 holes of competition and eat lunch, the winners will receive awards. For info or to donate raffle prizes, or to give donations to the scholarship fund, call Gary Bodensteiner at 459-2708.

Jr. Horsemen Gymkhana: second of four events this summer, starts at 9 am at the Willits Horsemen's Arena, 850 East Valley Street. Starting with Jackpot Barrels, then Cloverleaf Barrels, Washington Poles, Single Stake Race, Birangle Poles, Speed Barrels, Dipper Race, then Relay Race. Pre-entries must be received by 6 pm July 18, after which entries will be subject to post-entry fee. Refreshments and lunch available. For info: call Kathryn at 489-6565 or willitsjrhorsemen@gmail.com.

Willits Youth Football Sign-ups: starts at 10 am at Les Schwab Tires, 565 South Main Street. Info: Matt Rountree at 707-841-7052.

2nd annual Mike Tobin Invitational: 10-bout boxing show with kids of all ages. 2 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Free and open to the public. Trophies and shirts for all competitors as well as music, food, silent auction, and 50/50 raffle. Sponsors needed, and items sought for silent auction/raffle. For more info about sponsorships or donations, call Coach Jeff at 707-841-6273.

Shanachie Pub: The Wild Mendocoules, New Orleans funk and R&B. Featuring John Abramson-guitar and lead vocals; Larry Hamilton-bass/



Pato Banton

back vocals; Mark Thies-drums/back vocals; Jeff Brakensiak-piano, trombone, back vocals; Mario Vela-percussion, plus (most likely) an array of local horn players sitting in! 9 pm, \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, July 20

Shanachie Pub: Pato Banton & The New Generation, live and direct in Willits! "Positive vibrations abound with a beat to keep you on your dancing feet, while Pato delivers a message that is food for the mind and soul." 6 pm, \$15 cover. Visit www.patobanton.com. Food will be available on the patio for an additional charge by Soul Sisters Freedom Café. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Monday July 21

Relay For Life Zumba Fundraiser: a Zumba Master Class fundraiser for Relay for Life, hosted by the Studio Joy Relay for Life team. 6 to 7:30 pm at Studio Joy, 1262 Blosser Lane. \$10; all proceeds go to Relay for Life. Info: 707-841-7499 www.studiojoywillits.com.

Willits Dances of Universal Peace: Monthly event at the Muse on July 21 this month. 7 to 9 pm. Sacred circle dances and chants drawn from cross cultural traditions. Joyful & heart opening. Easy to learn, live music. Info: 459-9085.

Tuesday, July 22

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: "Earth to Echo," "Jersey Boys," and "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Shanachie Pub: Ground Score Willie, folk rock duo. 6 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Thursday, July 24

"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: "Pet

Rocks!": "Hear some stories about unusual pets and make an unusual pet of your own! Bring a stuffed animal or leave your pet rock for a fun toy animal sleepover. We'll get photo evidence of our pets' partying in the library." Info: 459-5908.

"Scripted": A showcase of original short plays by local Mendocino County playwrights opens tonight at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. The six plays are a mix of comedy and drama with a range of contemporary themes. Future dates (no show on Friday, July 25): Saturday, July 26 at 8 pm, Thursday, July 31 at 7 pm, Friday, August 1 at 8 pm, Saturday, August 2 at 8 pm and Sunday, August 3 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at brownpapertickets.com, and via phone for credit card orders: call the WCT office at 459-0895. Tickets will also be available at the door. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more information about the plays.

Shanachie Pub: Jazz Night. 8 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, July 25

"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: "Lions, Tigers, and Bears!": "We'll have a fun animal storytime, make some great puppets, and put on some animal puppet shows of our own." Info: 983-6736.

Guitarist Dorian Michael: a mix of fingerstyle instrumentals and a big bunch of blues at the Willits Community Theater, 8 pm, tonight only; original tunes, traditional American roots music, a little Celtic and Brazilian, and maybe a spin on the ukulele. "For more than 40 years Michael has been playing his unique blend of blues, jazz, folk, and rock and roll. His playing is both exciting and lyrical as he travels with enormous ease through the possibilities of the guitar. With a love and reverence for the music, Michael shares his dry wit with some amazing music." Tickets are \$10 and available online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/766240, in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, and by phone at the WCT office with credit card: 459-0895. Tickets will also be available

at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane, Willits (behind Shanachie Pub).
Shanachie Pub: D-Madness Project. 9 pm. 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. No cover. Tonight: Red Rasta.

Saturday, July 26

WHS Alumni Soccer Tournament: Willits High School alumni relive their glory days with a co-ed tournament to benefit the current WHS soccer teams. Games begin at 9 am at Willits High School. This year's teams include: Wolverines (WHS players, white jersey); 2010 (red jersey); Stacked (blue jersey); Tastebuds (lime green jersey); Flying Squirrels (brown jersey); 99 Problems (forest green jersey). Teams must arrive at 8:30 am to register, sign waivers, get team picture, pay fee, pick up T-shirts, and warm up. Soccer fans are invited to enjoy the games and cheer on their favorites. All money raised will go directly to benefit the Willits High soccer programs. More info: call tournament director, Summer Manchester at 210-338-0633 or check the "Willits High School Alumni Soccer" page on Facebook.

Grass Volleyball Co-ed Tourney & BBQ: a fundraiser for Willits High School's volleyball program. 10 am at the WHS softball field. Teams of four players, including at least two female players. Ages 14+-. Entry fee: \$100 per team/\$25 per player. More info: Holli Walton at 707-354-0053 or hollivalton@hotmail.com.

"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: "Author Visit!": "Natasha Yim, a local children's book author, will share her book 'Goldy

Luck and the Three Pandas.' We'll learn about pandas and make a panda bear craft to take home." Info: 459-5908.

Pioneer Day Celebration: 6 to 8:30 pm. Willits LDS Church at 265 Margie Drive. "Each year in celebration of the pioneers who helped settle the West, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints commemorates the day the Saints arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley. This year, the Willits LDS Church would like to invite its neighbors to join in the celebration. We will have several outdoor Pioneer Games and activities for the whole family to enjoy. All of this will be centered around our first annual Chili Cook-Off. There will also be Dutch Oven Desserts. Come join us and help us celebrate the spirit of those amazing pioneers who helped to settle the great Western frontier." More info: Sister Becker at 707-758-8709.

"Scripted": See Thursday, July 24 listing for details.
Shanachie Pub: DJ Night with House of Love. 9 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, July 27

"Ten Friends": closing reception for the Willits Center for the Arts July show, noon to 3 pm today. 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726.



Handcar Races

entry deadline

Entry is still open for handcars in the 3rd annual Kinetic Carnival Handcar Races, to be held Sunday, August 10, 11 am to 1 pm, at the Skunk Train Depot on East Commercial Street.

Official deadline for entries is August 1, but late entries will be accepted through August 4. "We invite one and all with their creative and cantankerous contraptions to join us," says Kinetic Carnival.

Race entry fee is \$25 per operator/owner. The Contraption/ Handcar Operator receives: the opportunity to compete for Classic Prizes for Speed, Beauty, and Creative Engineering; Participation Prizes for the entire team; 2 day tickets for both Saturday and Sunday for each crew member; 1 group portrait; 2 Grand Ball tickets for Saturday night; and a camping or parking site near tracks. Download the entry form and guidelines here: www.kineticcarnivale.com/hand-car-registration.html.

"Engineering Tips for Your Rail Contraption," by Andy Graham of the former Handcar Regatta of Santa Rosa are available here: www.kineticcarnivale.com/engineering-tips-for-your-rail-contraption.html.

Free Meals

Free meals for kids in Willits: Kids under 18 years of age can go to the Blosser Lane Elementary School cafeteria, 1275 Blosser Lane, Monday through Friday 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.

Our future heroes are your neighbors & friends!
Come see us July 19th!
Willits Community Center Bouts start @ 2 pm

'Scripted'

Short plays by Mendocino County playwrights

A showcase of original short plays by local Mendocino County playwrights opens at Willits Community Theatre on Thursday, July 24. The six plays are a mix of comedy and drama with a range of contemporary themes.

In sitcom comedic style, two best friends watching Sunday football argue over the confusion one feels about his sexual identity in "The Truth About Frank Gore," written and directed by Steve Hellman. "Putting the Ass in Assassin" by Corinna Rogers, directed by Gloriann Lucero, shows a rookie assassin vying with her veteran counterpart over who has the right to kill a man. When a paranoid schizophrenic overhears a conversation between two people, he thinks a murder has been committed and wonders if he's next in "Offing the Witness," written by Natasha Yim and directed by Mitchell Robertson.

A similar theme of imagined reality appears in "A Love's Betrayal" by Gloriann Lucero, directed by Jason Edington. "Sisters Are Forever," written by Andrea J. Onstad and directed by Jason Edington, reveals two sisters in a major sibling rivalry over one suitor. "This is the End," written by Frank Barry and directed by Frank Barry, shows an old married couple finally coming to terms with it all.

Performances will be held on Thursday, July 24 at 7 pm, Saturday, July 26 at 8 pm, Thursday, July 31 at 7 pm, Friday, August 1 at 8 pm, Saturday, August 2 at 8 pm and Sunday, August 3 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at brownpapertickets.com, and via phone for credit card orders: call the WCT office at 459-0895. Tickets will also be available at the door at the playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

— submitted by Steve Hellman for WCT

Willits Library Food For Fines: "Bring in cans of people/cat/dog food, and we will waive \$2 per can in overdue fines. Dog or cat food can be wet or dry, but cannot be opened or expired."

Willits Jr. Giants!

Summer is here, that means it's time to sign up for Willits Jr. Giants! You can go online and sign up at sports signups.com: It's free. Or stop by Body Works Gym in Willits from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday; ask for Keith: 459-0594 Willits Jr. Giants kick-off day will be Monday, June 16 at 6:30 pm at the Kids Club. We are also looking for assistant coaches and parent volunteers to help with kids and fun stuff!

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.

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.

Free meals for kid in Willits: Starting Monday, July 14, kids under 18 years of age can go to the Blosser Lane Elementary School cafeteria Monday through Friday 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.

"Ten Friends": July exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts features work by Carolyn Carpenter, Dorothy Ashbury, Julie Byers, Robert Yelland, Joey Sala, Lynn Robertson, Charlotte Tefft, Tonia Silverstein, Mya Byers and Celina Price. Runs through July 27. Closing reception Saturday, July 27, noon to 3 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 pm Thursdays and Fridays, and noon to 3 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Info: 459-1726.

"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: visitors can play clapsticks, try using a pump drill, learn basket-weaving techniques, find out how archaeologists date findings and play the Native American game of Slaves. 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. Free admission on the first Wednesday of every month: August 6 next 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 7 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.



2014 City Pool Schedule

- 6 to 8 am – Lap Swim
- 7 to 9 am – Otters Swim Practice
- 9 to 10 am – Adult Lap Swim
- 10 am to 12 pm – Swim Lessons
- 12 to 1 pm – Aqua Aerobics (M-W-F)
- 1 to 4 pm – Open Swim
- 4 to 6 pm – Swim Lessons
- 6 to 7 pm – Otters Swim Practice

Calling All Quilters!

The annual quilt show in Laytonville (organized by the Long Valley Quilters - Girls Gone Stitchin' Quilt Guild) is fast approaching, so it is time to look through your quilted art works and decide what to enter this summer. The show is set for Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31. Applications can be picked up at The Fat Quail shop in Laytonville, and will also soon be online at www.thefatquail.com. All forms are due Friday, August 15, and quilted items must be dropped off at the shop by Friday August, 22. Please check the website or call 707-984-6966 for further details.

This year we also have an exciting Community Quilt Challenge: the theme is "Nature," and the size can be no larger than 18 inches x 24 inches (or smaller if you are so inspired). Do let Nature inspire your creative side, and we look forward to hanging your art in the show this August.

— submitted by Jody McGeen, Laytonville

The Willits City Pool will have the above schedule Monday through Friday; swim lessons will be Monday through Thursday. On Saturday, there will only be open swim, aqua workshops, and private parties. Open swim is \$4/person; 20-swim passes available for \$70. On Sunday, the pool will be closed to the public, but will be available for private rentals/parties. To contact the City Pool about pool parties or anything else, please call 459-5778 between 8 am and 6 pm.

Quilt Raffle

Brooktrails Women's Club is selling raffle tickets for "Shoofly Ties," a quilt make by two members of the club, Amy Elliott and Betty Lemmer, to benefit the club's scholarship fund. This queen-size quilt is made with men's ties! Look for it around town at various events. Drawing for the winner will be in early December. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5. Info: Amy at 456-0601 or Betty at 459-6342.





13 riders, 11 horses: one fun week

Horse Camp

"It was the best camp ever!" reminisced Elaine Mancini, instructor of Equestrian Arts and coordinator of horse camp.

This time, 13 riders and 11 horses participated in the week-long event at San Vicente Ranch out in the Willits valley. There were many returning campers, and a few first-timers, too, including newbies Lily, Roxy, Sky and Sam.

The days were filled with learning the basics and good strong safety skills, making the experience safe, fun and pleasant for the rider, and, of course, for the horses, too.

Guiding the campers through the exercises are camp alumni and past Equestrian Arts students, including Liya Lamkin, the 2013 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart, Thais Reed, and Keely her and mother, Heidi Ahders.

The helpers assisted Mancini with teaching the necessary techniques, including tack, grooming, handling, riding and overall care.

Lunging is one of the main staples of camp: it's a process where the horse is controlled by a helper who stands in the center of a small arena, usually called a round pen. The helper holds the end of a long line that is connected to the horse's head and bridle. A long lunge whip helps the assistant start and stop the horse so the rider can concentrate only on their own motions, without worrying about steering or maneuvering

Top: Campers and helpers stand in line for a photo: horses and riders from left: Flower, Katelny, Heidi, Lily, Count, Hayden, Ella, Pixie, Lily, Roxy, Princess, Kiera, Aidyn, Mariah, Ruby, Zoe, Jill, Keeley, Sky, Callie, Samantha, Ben, Susan, Buster, Porter, Elaine and Noah.

Above, left: Heidi Ahders leads Katelny Germann on Flower.

Above, right: Noah rides Buster through the maze, as Sam on Callie follows behind.

Photos by Maureen Moore

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WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS



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Breast Health Class Sheri Nelsen and Michelle Cummins, L.Ac. will empower you with practical and simple ways to support healthy breasts with massage, flower essences, and knowledge of surrounding tissues. Thursday, July 24, 6 to 8 pm at Cultivate Wellness Studio in the Little Lake Grange building 291 School Street, #4. \$15 to \$25. 707-972-1601. Also, on Saturday the 26, we will offer private massage sessions.	The Fruit Group Lug boxes of pesticide-free fruit. Freestone Peaches, Yellow or White & Freestone Nectarines, Yellow or White: 23-lb. field lug: \$25. Vine-ripened tomatoes: 30-lb. field lug: \$26.
Community Hu Song In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song. Thursday, July 24, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E Commercial Street. HU (pronounced hue) is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Info? Call 972-2475 or visit miraclesinyourlife.org	Willits: Brenda: 459-9335 Ukiah: Deanna: 391-7736 Potter & RV: Deanna: 391-7736 Ft. Bragg: Karen: 937-4664 Laytonville: Heather: 984-7430 Lakeport: Linda: 279-8840 Brooktrails: Linda: 841-1151
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For Rent 2 bedroom, 1 bath, close to downtown. No pets. No smoking. Water/garbage paid. \$770/month. Armc: 459-9601.	Help Wanted Estimators and body technicians Busy body shop now hiring/with benefits. Send resume to: contact@yokumbodysshop.com .
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For Rent, Office Space 250 sq ft downtown office space plus 105 sq ft waiting room area; shared bath; electricity and garbage included; \$395/month rent and \$395 security deposit. Call Matt for info: 459-4599.	Rummage Sale Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at 1st Baptist Church, 145 Wood Street. Rain or shine. We accept rummage donations, and have an ever-changing selection of goods!
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OBITUARY | Louise B. Brosamle

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Louise B. Brosamle of Willits passed away on June 30, 2014 at the age of 64. The loving wife of Bill Brosamle, Louise is now free of the long illness she endured. Per her wishes, no services are planned.

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OBITUARY | Janice L. Oney

Janice L. Oney

Janice L. Oney, formerly of Willits, passed away in Clayton, New Mexico, on July 10, 2014 at the age of 69. Born April 7, 1945, in Ft. Bragg, California, to Chester & Tressie "Otwell" Dunn, Janice lived most of her life in California.

After graduating from Fresno State University, she worked in Monterey County as a child support manager for the county. She married Lewis Oney on November 23, 1984 in Reno.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Lewis Oney of Clayton; step-sons: Charley Nathan Oney of Monet, Missouri, and Chad Lewis Oney of Salinas; several step-nieces and step-nephews; numerous cousins in Mississippi and Louisiana; brothers-in-law: Charley (Marilyn) Oney and Bob (Kay) Oney, and a sister-in-law, Betty Self.

Janice returns to Willits for her final rest.

OBITUARY | Elsie Mae Whipple

Elsie Mae Whipple

Elsie Mae Whipple of Covelo passed away July 11, 2014 at the age of 85.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, August 23 at 2 pm at the old Masonic Hall in Covelo.

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OBITUARY | Margaret Ann Hatton

Margaret Ann Hatton

Margaret Ann Hatton of Willits passed away at the age of 90 on June 6, 2014 in Santa Rosa. A native of Mississippi and a former resident of Salinas, she had lived in the Willits community for 33 years. A nurse's aide for 30 years, Margaret enjoyed bingo and Texas hold 'em, and loved watching Giants baseball.

Margaret is survived by her children: Georgia Jones, Larry Hatton, Judy Massoth and Cheryl Wilder; 8 grandkids and 11 great-grandkids; and 1 brother, Ben White of King City.

Private services will be presided over by Leonard Wheaton.

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FURRY FRIENDS Hoping for a Home | Stunning Tiberon

Stunning Tiberon

Tiberon is a handsome, neutered 7-year-old Pitbull. He lived in a multi-dog household in his last home. He is easygoing and one of the most stunning dogs at the Ukiah Shelter. A change in family circumstances was the only reason this gem came to the shelter to find a new home.

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.

Photo by Rod Coats



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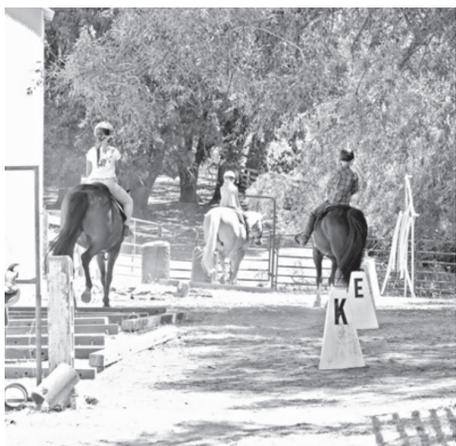


Above: Zoe Alvarado takes Ruby through the noodle forest.

Right: Porter Garman sits on Ben and smiles for the camera.

Below: Riders take their horses through the obstacle course at San Vicente Ranch.

Photos by Maureen Moore



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the moving horse. The horse moves around the circumference of the circle, with the handler remaining stationary in the center. Many speeds, or gaits, can be used, depending on the experience of the rider.

Allowing the rider not to handle the reins and just focus on balancing frees up the rider to do motions atop the horse like "hands on hips" or "hands over head" or "chicken wings." This builds huge amounts of confidence for the rider, as they realize their balance is in no way connected to hanging on to the horse's mouth and bit.

This is also the way that many students learn to canter, which is one of the quicker gaits of a horse. Keeping riders in a safe, controlled environment atop a reliable horse can drastically improve the situation, creating a positive experience for all.

Kiera Dragness and Ella Garman both enjoyed being lunged at the canter on First Class Encounter, "Count" for short, who belongs to Lamkin. Once a fiery young gelding, the now 20-plus-year-old palomino has settled well into his life as an equestrian ambassador to new and returning campers, with his mellow gait and soft ride.

Along with lunging, campers are also encouraged to go out and ride the obstacle course, where they learn steering and maneuvering of the animals, either on horseback or leading them in hand. The maze, wooden bridge, crinkly can sand trap, cone weave, and noodle forest all provide opportunities to add to the skill set of rider and horse.

Arena work is also a focus: groups of students ride together and learn polite arena behavior, whether it be passing, circling back, proximity, emergency dismounting, finding lost stirrups or dealing with distractions.

Another big hit on the hot summer days is the apple bobbing contests, where riders compete with other riders ... and horses get to try their noses at it, too!

"I really want to thank all the helpers who did an amazing job this year," said Mancini. "And of course a big thank you goes out to all the campers who came and made the whole week so wonderful!"

Mancini teaches lessons for English and Western disciplines and has camps each year. To find out more or to schedule a lesson, contact her at 459-6704.

— Maureen Moore

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But for Native American tribes involved in monitoring bypass construction to protect archeological sites located within the project area, the cost of an accelerated mitigation and construction schedule could mean the loss of further irreplaceable ancestral artifacts, cultural resources, and historic data.

"Sherwood Valley is very concerned about the accelerated mitigation schedule because Caltrans still hasn't done its due diligence regarding cultural sites," says Sherwood Valley Rancheria consultant Lee Rains Claus, discussing current archeological work on the project, which includes identification of sites and creating plans to protect, manage and mitigate impacts to them.

"We're worried the archeology will be shortchanged due to pressures from within the agency's administration to be less thorough and professional ... because someone made promises to accelerate mitigation without clear understanding of the archeological needs," Claus says. "Historic properties continue to bear the brunt of Caltrans' prior bad planning and mismanagement."

For the tribal councils of SVR and the Coyote Valley and Round Valley Bands of Pomo, the task of monitoring Caltrans to ensure responsible management of affected archeological sites within the Little Lake Valley has been an ongoing struggle, increasing in urgency over the last 15 months. The tribes have sought consultation and provided recommendations to Caltrans regarding a growing number of identified sites and proposals to protect them.

However, frustrations have grown as the tribes have worked to reach agreement with the agency over a range of cultural resources mitigation issues, including site mitigation and artifact management, programmatic agreements, and damage to several historic sites in the last year. Tribes have primarily been notified of site damages after they have occurred; impacts have been caused by lack of adequate surveying, no monitors on site, poor internal communications protocols, and unclear site mapping.

Contracting crews began conducting ongoing "Phase 1" archeological surveying within the mitigation parcels in April and have uncovered an additional 10 – potentially 11 – sites, a number Claus calls "significant." This work, which she says "should have been completed decades ago," brings the total number of identified archeological sites in the valley to at least 26, though surveying was only 46 percent complete as of June 26.

The State Office of Historic Preservation has characterized the Little Lake Valley as a potential "archeological district," though the soil ecology of the wetlands and lack of extensive research in the area means that adequate archaeological surveying is particularly important.

"There's a lot going on all over the valley," says Claus, but "due to wet and dry years, you still find things where you don't think you would."

Previous surveying has often not included "shovel tests," which Claus says are important due to the geologic characteristics of the area, and because visual surveys through ground vegetation often miss artifacts.

The crews are currently surveying ahead of the waterline trenching, using field protocols developed in consultation with the tribes to create Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs), defined as the boundary of a site that meets an agreed-upon threshold for archaeological significance.

"This has been working pretty well," Claus says, "but it's important that there's time for the archeological contractors to go first," so sites can be identified and delineated prior to construction.

Previously known sites also require more research: the protective boundaries of two were considerably extended just last week. Caltrans has said waterline trenching will be completed August 2.

"The tribes' biggest concern since December," says Claus, has been ensuring adequate protections for at least one site of major significance, a Historic Register-eligible "ethnographic village" known as Post Review Site 4 (PR4), located in the current plan for the northern interchange area. This site is in an area slated for "lots of ground-disturbing work," including riparian mitigation and fish passage construction.

"The tribe had made it known many years ago," says Claus, that the site was very culturally significant – a place where "half the people of the valley came to live and fish." SVR had been "waiting on alert" for an opportunity to negotiate its protection.

The Coyote Valley Tribal Council also expressed explicit concern over this site and the removal of materials from it to Caltrans, in a letter to the Army Corps, and with a unanimous tribal resolution in April requesting a downsized northern interchange.

Claus feels Caltrans has "a responsibility to assess adverse effects and avoidance alternatives" to the site, a "mandate to attempt to avoid or minimize impact," and to adequately demonstrate and document this assessment under federal and state laws.

Downsized version of the northern interchange is one alternative that would minimize this impact, and SVR Chairman Michael Fitzgerald has requested Caltrans consider this alternative "at every single consultation and two field visits in the last seven months," says Claus.

When SVR was told mitigation recommendations by Fish & Wildlife were preventing alternative designs, SVR contacted F&W, and two weeks later were able to present Caltrans with "a proposed alternative plan related to fish passage which cut in half the adverse impact." However, Caltrans formally rejected the plan and other recommended PR4 site protections on July 3, citing lack of time, money and restrictions from other agencies.

"Caltrans refuses to do what the tribe is asking because it would take time and cost money," summarized Claus. "But they aren't talking about how mitigation to adversely affected cultural resources costs money, too. If they've done a cost-benefit analysis, I would like to see it."

Due to these concerns with the PR4 site and more, the tribal council of SVR has recently sent letters to the State Office of Historic Preservation, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and, on July 11, to the Army Corps outlining the history of – and requesting a review of the debate over – management of PR4.

The tribe is requesting Caltrans complete an assessment of alternatives and a project modification review, and that all archeological work be completed prior to construction as part of permitting requirements.

The Advisory Council has responded saying it is currently reviewing the debate over the site and hopes to respond by the week of July 21. At press time, the Army Corps had not responded to the letter sent last Friday.

"Even if they go ahead as planned, they are required to consult with the tribe over data recovery and management for the site, as well as a mitigation plan," says Claus, which could result in time-consuming negotiations and potentially serious costs to the agency to resolve conflicting views over research, artifact handling, and mitigation needs.

When asked about Caltrans' position concerning SVR's recommendations for PR4, agency spokesman Phil Frisbie said Caltrans had explained to the tribe "doing it the way we had planned involves the least impacts."

Frisbie did not respond directly to questions over whether Caltrans plans to formally reply to SVR's response to the agency's refusal to consider alternative environmental or construction options for the PR4 site.

"We believe we've addressed their concerns," said Frisbie.

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Howard Dashiell, head of the Mendocino County Transportation Department, said. There has been money for the county to fund chip seal work this year.

"We save money on not having to patch pot holes," Dashiell said.

The chip seal technique can be described as a "life-preserving treatment." Dashiell estimated it costs about \$40,000 to chip seal one mile of road.

Chip sealing helps seal cracks and keep water out. It can extend the life of a road by about five to seven years, he said.

The busy county-maintained Della Avenue, used by many as part of a locals' bypass to get around Highway 101 traffic, will be getting some attention soon.

Kent Standley is deputy director of Transportation Maintenance Services with Mendocino County. "Currently what we are going to be doing is some dig outs and base repairs – repairing base failures on that road in preparation for, hopefully, an asphalt overlay," Standley said.

Nothing is scheduled on Della for an asphalt overlay in the near future, but the county knows the roadway needs work.

"We are going to just work with our own crews.... Della gets so much traffic, we felt a chip seal was not going to do it," said Dashiell.

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food providers "may not sell, hand out, give away, distribute or otherwise make available for public or customer use prepared food in disposable food service ware that contains polystyrene foam." Polystyrene is commonly known by the trademark "Styrofoam."

The ordinance also states food providers working in county establishments, such as the jail or in county workplaces, may not provide prepared food in containers that contain polystyrene foam, nor may county departments buy, acquire or use food containers that contain polystyrene foam. County contractors or lessees also may not use the material as food containers while working under a county contract or lease.

The ordinance becomes effective March 1, 2015.

While the ordinance does not apply to restaurants or food providers located in the four incorporated cities within the county, Supervisor Dan Gjerde said Ukiah and Fort Bragg are set to introduce similar ordinances as well.

According to information provided to the board and public from the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority, polystyrene foam has negative impacts on both human health and the environment.

According to a recent letter from MSWMA General Manager Mike Sweeney, a Caltrans study done between 1998 and 2000 concluded 15 percent of the litter found in storm drains was polystyrene.

A white paper written by Clean Water Action, which was appended to Sweeney's letter, noted numerous impacts of polystyrene foam products. "Some researchers feel the composition of conventional petroleum-based plastics as durable polymers means they will degrade to increasingly smaller sizes but never disappear.... Plastics compose 90 percent of floating marine debris ... styrene residues are found in 100 percent of all samples of human fat tissue."

The Clean Water Action white paper also noted that workers in the manufacturing process of polystyrene foam feel the health impacts of working with the product. "High rates of neurotoxicological effects have been reported in workers, including slowed reaction time, effects on balance and spatial orientation, hearing problems, concentration problems and decreased color discrimination."

During board discussion, Supervisor Pinches pointed out the ordinance was unclear in a couple of places. Pinches wondered if any provision would be made to grant waivers to people who would suffer financially from obeying the provisions of the ordinance. He also sought clarification on who exactly would be forced to pay any fine that might result from continuing to sell or give away food in polystyrene containers.

Pinches seemed to want to rewrite the ordinance so no one would have to pay the fine.

"I don't see how you can make an owner pay – when he might not even be working that night – for the mistake of an employee who might not even know about it," Pinches said. But the other board members worked with acting-County Counsel Doug Losak to take care of the two points.

Language was put into the ordinance stipulating that the director of the Division of Environmental Health will have the authority to grant a waiver on any fine for a food provider who can demonstrate that an unusual financial hardship would result from following the provisions of the ordinance. Board members also clarified that the responsible party – i.e., the one who would have to pay the fine resulting from an infraction – would be "food providers" – business owners or permit holders, not ordinary employees.

After those points were clarified, Pinches asked a final vote on the ordinance be postponed for two weeks.

"I just think a two-week delay is not out of line, especially given all the changes that we've seen here today," Pinches said.

But Pinches' arguments fell on deaf ears; the rest of the board approved the ordinance, in spite of Pinches' vote.

More WW distribution boxes now out!

In addition to our first eight slick black distribution boxes, Willits Weekly is now excited to have three additional boxes out on the streets, and we plan to add even more in the near future! We've done some shuffling around with different sized boxes at different locations in hope of keeping papers available where they are needed.

One of the new boxes can be seen right in front of The Country Skillet restaurant. Its cute stacking-size makes it right at eye level and perfect for even our tiniest readers to grab a copy! The bold white "WW" stands out proudly to those passing by on Main Street.

A second new location is at Village Market, the convenience store just north of the Post Office. It's been just shy of impossible to keep papers stocked at this centrally located store, so they were an obvious choice to receive a large stand-alone box.

The Post Office itself is our most popular distribution spot, with several refill trips being required each week. Now, a new larger box is located right by the parking lot for readers' convenience, and we are happy to have a truly local paper be the cornerstone of the walkway.

Another box has been set for a trial run in a new location at the Willits Library. Easily located by the book depository and front doors, the box allows patrons to quickly grab a paper on their way in or out of the library. The box located at Old Mission Pizza also received a quick facelift, with a repeated "Willits Weekly" decal on the plexiglass. The third new box, also a stacking-sized one, will also be out soon, with the official location still yet to be determined.

To make sure our boxes reflect the quality and style of our publication, we wanted to work with local professionals to ensure their sleek and graphic design. The boxes were

painted by Jeff Spence of Kustoms by Spence, crisp plexiglass was custom cut and installed by Round Tree Glass, and bright white vinyl decals were created by the Ramming family at Printing Plus and placed by Willits Weekly's Maureen Moore.

The original locations include: Old Mission Pizza, Brewed Awakening, Ace Copy and Shipping, The Country Skillet, Willits Post Office, J.D. Redhouse, Ardella's Downtown Diner and Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli. New locations include: Village Market, Willits Library and ???.

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\$928,000 for solar at Willits High School, and \$235,000 for solar at the Willits Charter School, some \$4.4 million was spent on solar at five campuses.

The dollar benefit of the solar installations, however, remains unknown.

The state promised to pay the district \$100,000 a year for five years as an energy rebate incentive, and has made good on that promise. However, new district Financial Officer Cynthia Brown said she doesn't yet know how much money has been saved in deferred energy costs.

According to Brown, PG&E has promised an energy report on the solar installations this fall.

Beyond the solar installations, the biggest improvement at district schools, other than the work done at Willits High School, has been the band building at Baechtel Grove Middle School. The new building has a footprint of 2,552 square feet – just over 50 feet by 50 feet – with 16-foot high sound-cushioned ceilings. There are two sound-proofed practice rooms and an instrument storage room.

Once again, as with the tables in the high school's media center, the wooden furnishings for the facility – the storage cubicles for the instruments and the hive-like pedestal for the sheet music – were built by high school wood shop students.

According to former Facility Project Director Wayne Bashore, the biggest impact of the new band building is the fact jazz musician and teacher George Husuruk has continued to teach at Baechtel Grove, an outcome not certain when Husuruk was teaching in a portable building.

Husuruk's music program is popular at the school. As of June 1, of Baechtel Grove's 300 students, 122 were enrolled in one of Husuruk's music classes.

Baechtel's library was converted into a media center, and 34 new computers were purchased and installed. The school got a resurfaced drop-off circle at its main entrance. Before the bond project, the district's buses would drop off kids at the school's circular driveway, and parents would dodge about on streets surrounding the school. Now the arrangement is reversed, and parents get to use the circle while the buses drop off kids on the street.

"It's safer, and there's less wear and tear on the pavement," Bashore said of the new arrangement.

In addition, the playground at Baechtel Grove was resurfaced. Before the

improvement, there was a lot of pavement cracking; each summer weeds would grow in the cracks, making the playground surface look like an experimental agricultural project. The new surface is smooth and un-cracked.

Beyond these larger projects, \$378,855 was spent on 26 smaller repair and replacement projects throughout the district. Blosser Lane was fully painted by a local painting contractor for less than \$50,000. The playground surfaces at Blosser and Brookside were "slurry-sealed" – covered with a thin veneer of asphalt mixed with sand. The heating and cooling system at Blosser Lane, famous for not working properly, was repaired. Sherwood School got a new heating and air-conditioning system, and a new generator. Nearly \$50,000 was spent to replace doorknobs throughout the district's campuses. Leaking roofs and rotting flooring were repaired or replaced at Brookside School. The cafeteria and kitchen at Baechtel Grove were re-roofed.

Most of these smaller projects were completed by November 2012. That was when "it came to light" for interim Superintendent Debra Pearson that the Bond Anticipation Note was scheduled to be repaid by July 2014, and no arrangement had been made to repay it.

At the same time, the district and the public learned that property taxes on Measure B would be higher than advertised.

These discoveries prompted the district to stop work on the bond project. Bashore spent the next five months cleaning up and closing out projects that had already been started. The hallmark projects of Phase 2, including the science buildings at Willits High School and Baechtel Grove, did not happen. In addition, 44 smaller projects – at an estimated cost of half a million dollars – were not begun.

The district was fortunate, many observers agree, that Bashore was hired as project director. Not only did he save the district a lot of money that would otherwise have been spent on spurious cost overruns and corporate contractor double-dipping, he persuaded the school board to break the bond project down into two phases.

Phase 1, which lasted throughout 2012, was an introductory period when Bashore and the school board were to have learned how they and the contractors would work together. Phase 2 was to have included the science buildings at the high school and at Baechtel Grove.

As it turned out, it was fortunate Bashore suggested, and the district board accepted, breaking the project down into two phases. Doing so meant that when the surprise bill for the BAN repayment came due, there was

money left to pay it off.

"I think about what would have happened if I hadn't been there," Bashore said. "I'd say the board gave every indication it was ready to spend every penny, sign those contracts as proposed, and spend the BAN. That would have meant, when the BAN came due to be repaid, we wouldn't have had any money left over to pay it off."

"I think about what the district would have done then. Let's see: you owe \$4.9 million and there's no money to pay it. What would they have done?"

In January 2014, district Superintendent Patricia Johnson created a committee to look at pressing maintenance and repair needs throughout the district. That committee found 29 such issues at a cost of \$1 million.

In a sense then, in addition to straining the district's resiliency nearly to the breaking point, and greatly eroding the public's trust in the district board and administration, the district got one new building (the band room at Baechtel Grove), three converted rooms (the wood shop, the metal shop and the media center at the high school), a water tank, five solar installations, and 26 completed repair projects in exchange for 30 years of higher property taxes.

That was how Measure B transformed the district.

Willits resident Bill Barksdale, who opposed the district's April 2014 plans to issue a second bond in order to pay off the BAN and who penned a notable letter on that topic ("Two big stink bombs about to blow in our community," Willits Weekly April 17, 2014) was asked for his thoughts on the bond and its aftermath.

"I voted for the bond because I trusted the people who put it together," Barksdale said. "And I still think they are good-hearted people, well-intentioned people. But I do not think they did their fiduciary duty to the taxpayers."

"Where was the attorney for the City of Willits? Where was the school district attorney? Where was the Brooktrails attorney in all of this? Because they do have a fiduciary duty; they represent taxpayers. These are people we pay to look at these things, to protect us, because they are the ones who have legal knowledge. And in my opinion they haven't done their jobs."

"I personally would never vote for a bond again unless I knew exactly what the payback plan was, exactly how the bond was packaged, and exactly what the bond was going for – and I had that in writing," Barksdale said.

residents Jose Licea, 40; Darrel Owens, 47; Immanuel Nemethy, 32; and William Healy, 36. Dennis Quinliven, 35, of Ukiah, was also arrested, according to a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

The series of raids included eight search warrants for properties in the area of Black Hawk Drive and Walker Lake Road, said Sheriff's Sgt. Bruce Smith.

"We fly by and get tired of seeing it," Smith said.

Smith noted commercial grows raided that day were outdoors using greenhouses.

Also involved in the multi-agency effort were the Mendocino Sheriff's Office Detective Unit and the Mendocino County Probation Department. A warden from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is assigned for the summer.

"We provided assistance to them," DEA spokeswoman Casey Rettig said.

Police also seized one firearm, a report from the Sheriff's Office stated.

Four of the five men arrested were booked on charges of cultivation of marijuana and possession of marijuana for sale. Owens, who is currently on probation in Mendocino County, according to the press release, was booked on those two charges, plus violation of probation, and being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The Sheriff's Office says more suspects have been identified. Leads in the case are being followed up on, Smith said.

Willits Weekly heard from a couple of people following the busts that at least one small garden with a medical marijuana prescription had been raided as well that day.

Smith said law enforcement does not go looking for these grows, but will raid them if they see them. No documents were posted – no doctors recommendations – "nothing was posted," said Smith.

Sheriff's reports: Three Willits arrests, meth, weed and money seized

A 46-year-old Willits man was booked at county jail on several drug charges after sheriff's deputies stopped his vehicle on Highway 101 near the Covelo Road last week.

The Sheriff's Office booked Joseph Yadon on suspicion of felony possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a license, and violating the terms of his probation, a report from Sheriff's Sgt. Darren Brewster said.

Deputies learned from their dispatch center there was a misdemeanor warrant in Yadon's name when he was pulled over.

Brewster's press release says there was a methamphetamine pipe and less than 1 gram of methamphetamine in a bag, in plain view on the driver's side floor.

Yadon was booked at county jail. His bail was set at \$10,000.

In another press release, sheriff's deputies say they could smell the scent of fresh marijuana when they pulled over 29-year-old Michael Soave on Highway 101.

A report from the Sheriff's Office says it was about 11:10 pm on July 9 when deputy sheriffs stopped Soave, of Sacramento, on a vehicle code violation north of Willits at Appliance Lane and Highway 101.

Deputies stood outside the vehicle, and they could smell the odor of fresh marijuana, the report stated. The report says Soave admitted there was marijuana inside the vehicle.

Inside the vehicle, deputies found four 1 pound bags of high-grade marijuana behind the passenger seat of the vehicle.

Soave's passenger, 29-year-old Carlos De La Ossa of Cutler Bay, Florida, was found to have \$7,972 dollars in his pants pocket. Police seized the money from De La Ossa's pocket under asset forfeiture laws.

Soave and De La Ossa were arrested and then booked at Mendocino County Jail on suspicion of felony possession of marijuana for sale, with bail of \$15,000 each.



Kinetic Carnivale Volunteer Open House

Thursday, July 17

Ever wanted to be a volunteer at the Kinetic Carnivale, but weren't sure how to get involved in this amazing and fantastically fun event? We are making it easier for you to become a volunteer, by having an open house on Thursday evening, July 17, from 6 to 7 pm at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits.

We want you and your enthusiasm, and no skills are necessary. We would love to have you involved, and we always say, "the more the merrier!" There are perks for helping out as well – and this is a great time to get started on putting in your hours to get free tickets to this fun event.

Specific volunteer positions include:

- Services: Greeters, tickets, information, beverage sales, volunteer hospitality and floaters.
- Logistics: Pre-event construction and decoration, site logistics, vendor set-up, event installation and event tear-down and de-construction.
- Exhibitions/Programs: Time Traveler's Hall, kinetic sculptures, interactive "art car," the Grand Ball, and the children's Whimsy Circus.

We will have the committee chairpersons available to tell you more about the volunteer needs, and we will also have sign-ups for volunteer shifts. Please tell a friend! If you've volunteered before, you are welcome also, of course!

If you are not available this Thursday evening, please stop by the museum on Saturdays and Sundays, and we will have volunteer sign-ups in the lobby as well. The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street, across from the Recreation Grove Park.

We have ongoing volunteer work parties for decoration and construction, held at the west side of the museum in the workshop: Thursdays from 5 to 8 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. We will provide water and refreshments. Please wear your work clothes.

For more information about the Kinetic Carnivale, please visit: www.kineticcarnivale.com.

– submitted by Katherine Houghtby for the Kinetic Carnivale

Top: Kinetic Carnivale revelers pose at the Engine House before last year's event. From left: Genevieve Bonnet, Aarne Bielefeldt, Jeremy Workman, Lara Eventide and Chad Eventide.

Photo by Maureen Moore

Above, left: Caleb Briggs uses a sander; right: Diana Peart works on decorations.

At left: Lucy Shido, painting a Kinetic Carnivale "gear."

Below: Members of the 2013 Kinetic Carnivale volunteer crew: Lucy Shido, Jennifer Higbee, Caleb Briggs, Harry Kaufmann, Royce Peart, and Amber Grimm.

Photos by Janet Rayner



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Moises 'Muscles' Leon

takes home two trophies at bodybuilding competition

On Saturday, July 12, Willits' Moises Leon, 43, showed off his muscles and toning at the World Natural Body Building Federations' California Natural Muscle Mayhem competition in Sacramento, and he proudly returned home with two trophies.

Leon placed second in the Men's Masters, 40 and over class, and took first place in the Men's Novice Lightweight division, the last of which qualified him to compete for the overall novice title as well.

While this was Leon's first competition of this year, he is a veteran of the bodybuilding stage and has spent the last 10 years training with the help and guidance of Body Works Gym and Martial Arts Center's trainer Angela Noonan.

"Angie is the best coach," explained Leon. "She is my main motivation! She looks so strong and she really inspired me to get into training and competing. I really thank her for all of her help and encourage anyone who wants to learn how to do bodybuilding to get guidance from her; she's amazing." Leon also expressed his thanks to gym co-owners Mike Tobin and Joey DeMarco for their support over the years.

Leon also gets the benefit of working his muscles during his day job, too: he works as a carpenter and construction worker during the day, then heads to the gym at night.

"Moises is so active!" praised Noonan. "He doesn't have to worry about what he eats or any dieting, just enjoys six small meals a day, just the way to do it! He really works hard and it shows – but he's a real natural, too!"

Leon and Noonan meet once a week to practice posing and work on his routines, tweaking the positions to ensure he looks as good as possible while on stage. His most favorite pose is the "Most Muscular," shown below left.

Next on the docket is the California Natural Bodybuilding Championships in Petaluma on August 9 at 5 pm at the Petaluma Veterans Building located at 1094 Petaluma Blvd. Fellow Body Works Gym bodybuilder Keith Schiessl will be joining Leon at the competition, and the public is welcome to come cheer on the Willits athletes.

Until then, Leon will continue to prepare for the show and support his wife, Rosa, who is working towards running a marathon in two weeks. Their two children Rene, 13, and Hector, 10, enjoy cheering both parents on and supporting the family's activities.

Clockwise from top: Moises Leon holds his two new trophies, smiles for the camera, and shows a side pose.

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At the Sacramento competition, Leon, in center, poses for the judges.

Photo by Angela Noonan

Leon shows off his favorite "Most Muscular" pose.

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