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## Air hearing board upholds Outlet Creek decision

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The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District Hearing Board upheld the decision of county Air Pollution Control Officer Robert Scaglione to issue a "permit to construct" to Grist Creek Aggregates last Friday.

The permit allows Grist Creek to build an asphalt plant on the site of an old rock processing plant next to Outlet Creek, just off Highway 162, about 16 miles north of Willits.

The hearing board met in response to an appeal by a citizens' group, Friends of Outlet Creek, asking the board to overturn Scaglione's decision.

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## Five out-of-staters arrested on pot charges

A two-day operation by Mendocino County sheriff's deputies and California Department of Fish and Wildlife officers ended with the arrests of four out-of-state residents on suspicion of cultivating and possessing marijuana for sale and manufacturing a controlled substance.

Law enforcement personnel served seven search warrants at several locations off Registered Guest Road in Laytonville beginning August 27, said sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney, seizing more than 800 plants ranging in size from 6 to 15 feet in height.

"Also seized was a butane honey oil extraction laboratory, as well as indicia of occupancy, under

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## 2015 Patriots' Day Ceremony

Roger Ham

Contributing Writer

Each year, American Legion Post 174 has conducted a "Remembrance" ceremony honoring local firefighters, law enforcement and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001.

This year, this will be a joint effort (Willits High School and the American Legion, Willits Post 174) in that the Post will conduct a brief (10 minutes maximum) ceremony on Friday, September 11 at 2:15 pm in the parking area in front of the main

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## An Anniversary Event

Mariposa Market celebrates 36 years in Willits

At top, left: The produce section of Mariposa Market always has an abundance of delicious fruits and vegetables in season. At top, right: Mary Anne Trevey, owner of Mariposa Market, poses with a very happy Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, who found just the bacon he was looking for. Below, from left: Baby Forest tries some goat milk. Gregory Suekoff of Ren Tao Roasting pours coffee samples. Deli workers brought out trays of chocolate and cream pastries.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Mariposa Market, Willits' natural and organic food store located at 500 South Main Street, celebrated its 36th anniversary Wednesday with a day of sales, freebies and fun. Vendors offering samples and information lined up outside and down some indoor aisles, including Vixen Kitchen, Roundman's Smokehouse, Ren Tao Roasting Coffee, Mary's Chicken, MegaFood, Mad Hippie, Revive Kombucha, Evanger's Pet Foods, and Redwood Hill Farm. Live music, including tunes from the High Five Band, kept the outdoor patio lively.

Shoppers were able to draw a tag for 15 to 36 percent off their anniversary day purchase, and there were raffles for a long list of gift baskets and other prizes, including a chance at a brand-new "beach cruiser" bicycle, a wooden garden wagon, and three pairs of San Francisco Giants tickets. Keep up with specials and more at Mariposa's Facebook page, on their website: [www.mariposamarket.com](http://www.mariposamarket.com), or reach them by calling 459-9630. Seniors over 60 get a 10 percent discount every day!



## Willits vets set to soar in WWII 'workhorse' B-17

Twenty-two area World War II veterans, including a dozen veterans from Willits, are set to take a flight on the historic B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" at the Ukiah airport on September 17.

Willits Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1027, host of the event, announced Tuesday another flight had been sponsored, so the growing list of WWII vets countywide who were on standby status will be able to participate, with a few spots still left on the list.

Any WW II vets who'd like to take a free flight on the

B-17 should contact former EAA Chapter 1027 president Jim Harden at 707-972-7355.

"We're really excited about this," Harden said. "We're going to make it a pretty grand event, to give the veterans the local recognition they deserve."

B-17 bombers, known as Flying Fortresses, are considered "one of the greatest military airplanes ever built and one of the best-known aircraft types of the WW II era," EAA Chapter 1027 President Paul Trexel says.

EAA's "Aluminum Overcast" was built in 1945, but was delivered to the Army Air Corps too late to see active service in World War II. It is one of about a dozen remaining airworthy B-17s: 12,732 of the bombers were built; some 4,735 were lost in combat, and many others were scrapped after the war.

Paul Krause, 94, is one of the Willits veterans looking forward to taking the flight. "It's going to be great," he said. "I rode in one of the B-17s a long time ago, when I lived in the Bay Area. 'Why not go,' I said,



The "Aluminum Overcast" B-17 bomber, during its last visit to Ukiah in 2013.

Photo by Peter Armstrong

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## Barton pleads guilty, will serve 71 years in prison

Nineteen-year-old Talen Clark Barton pled guilty in Mendocino County Superior Court Wednesday afternoon to two counts of first-degree murder.

The former Laytonville resident also pled guilty to two counts of attempted murder, and to falsely imprisoning two teenage girls. A special allegation that Barton used a knife in the commission of the crimes also was admitted as true, as well as a special allegation that he inflicted great bodily injury on 54-year-old Laytonville physician Cindy Norvell and her brother, Theodore Norvell, 52, who was visiting with his 15-year-old from their home in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

Read the rest of **Guilty**

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## City's wetland herbicide use halted for now

Damian Sebouhian

Reporter

A lengthy discussion on the use of herbicides on mitigated wetlands owned by the City of Willits took place at last week's city council meeting. Public Works Director Rod Wilburn stopped just short of promising there would be no future use of Garlon 3A and Roundup, stating: "At the end of the day, we are required to meet the mandates set forth by the mitigation plan. We may at some point in the future come back to council and talk about using herbicides once again."

For the time being, however, use of herbicides on the wetlands created to mitigate the construction of the city's new wastewater treatment plant has ceased and, as City Manager Adrienne Moore stated: "We're proposing a staff-level practice to utilize mechanical and manual methods wherever it's practical to do so."

Moore said it would be a challenge. "We're in year three of our five-year monitoring plan," she said, "so there are some concerns about going in a different direction that could compromise the monitoring plan and put us in the position to have to start over."

As declared in a report issued by Wilburn: "The mitigation and monitoring plan included the creation of 24 acres of wetlands and planting of approximately 557 riparian trees and shrubs to compensate for existing wetlands and trees lost due to the construction of the new treatment plant facility."

**Garden Club starts up for fall**

The Willits Garden Club will resume its monthly meetings on September 14, 2015. Orchardist Richard Jeske will talk about "Fruit Trees" on Monday, September 14.

The Willits Garden Club meets at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Hwy 101, six miles south of Willits, on the west side of 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch. Social time starts at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshment. Guest speaker Richard Jeske will begin his presentation of information at 1 pm. Guests are welcome and there is no charge.

For additional information contact: Lucille Garcia 459-9995 or Gary Bodensteiner 459-2708.

Gary Bodensteiner, Willits

**Thank you, thank you!**

To the Editor:  
To our Willits friends and beyond, and to business friends in Willits, we so appreciate your help. Our team at the Relay For Life of Willits, "Miracles in Motion," collected \$9,300.25 for the American Cancer Society this year.

Each of you who donated had a part in our reaching that goal. The majority of that money will go to cancer research. We want to thank Kemmy's Pies for donating \$600. Imagine, a local family start-up business caring so much. Maybe we can help them by buying an extra pie next month! Other businesses that generously donated \$100 were: Solid Waste, Ardella's, Willits United Methodist Church, and East Hill Veterinary Clinic.

Also, many thanks to Brooktrails Lodge, Scoops, Diana Mann, Betty Lemmer, and Charlotte Oeding for their contributions.

All of you made a difference!!  
Thanks again, from the entire Miracles in Motion Team.

Betty Lemmer, Diana Blundell, Gayle Ann Holz, Catherine Hart, Joan McCracken, Rosemary Landry, Linda Abby, Kati Muhlhauer, Rick Williams; and Pat Moeller and Ginger Larson, co-captains

**Vandana Shiva in Willits**

To the Editor:  
I mentioned to a friend how amazing it was that Vandana Shiva was speaking in Willits, and he said he appreciated hearing more about her, because if you are not familiar with her, she may sound like a guru, which is not everyone's cup of tea.



Move to Amend's Margaret Koster, left and Milly Harmon, right, with state Senator Mike McGuire in Sacramento.

Vandana Shiva is a speaker of international renown. I last saw her speak at the Slow Food Nation event in San Francisco, where she shared the stage with Wendell Berry and Carlo Petrini (founder of Slow Food). She speaks on the topics of food security, access to land, farmers rights and globalization. She is an Indian scholar who is widely published and who speaks at many events across the globe. You should come hear her speak because she is eloquent and smart and fun. And she will be IN WILLITS!!

I highly recommend that everyone come hear her on Monday, September 7 (Labor Day) at 6 pm at the Little Lake Grange. If the event is sold out – and it could be – just be happy in the knowledge that we had such a literary activist visit our fair town.

Holly Madrigal, Willits

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

**Color run for the schools**

To the editor:  
For years the Willits elementary schools have been doing a walk-a-thon to raise money for their schools. This year we decided to vamp it up and make it a color run!! Brookside, Blosser and Baechtel Grove students will be collecting donations for the Color-A-Thon fundraiser, while the high school students will simply pay their registration fee for the day.

Of all the money raised 70 percent goes back to each school site to spend on things the district doesn't pay for, such as assemblies, school supplies, free book giveaways, and much much more!!

This event is not just for students: It is for the whole community! If you would like to join us on October 17, 2015 please register at <http://shop.schoolathon.org/181389>, where you can also see videos of other schools' Color-A-Thons.

The day of the event, registration will start at 9:30 am, and the race will begin at 11 am!! Registration is \$30, including a free T-shirt and a color dye pack.

Don't worry if you haven't been training: The run is either a 3K or 5K, whichever you choose, and you can walk, run or dance your way around the track!! Just be prepared to get colorful!

Windi Kvasnicka, Blosser Lane PTO

**Lobbying in Sacramento**

To the Editor:  
On Wednesday, August 19, 10 members of Move to Amend from Mendocino, Sonoma and Humboldt counties paid a visit to the Sacramento offices of State Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblyman Jim Wood.

Both McGuire and Wood made pre-election pledges to support amending the U.S. Constitution to make clear that corporations and other artificial entities do not have Constitutional rights and that money is not speech and political spending can be limited.

The delegation travelled to Sacramento to show the broad support for Move to Amend in the 2nd Assembly and State Senate districts and to remind our newly elected representatives of their pledge.

We also wanted to establish a dialog with our elected representatives about how to advance the amendment effort on the state level and how we can support their leadership in this effort.

Both legislators were tied up in meetings. We met with their staff, and had a quick meeting with Senator McGuire in the hall outside the committee meeting. We will be following up with them when they visit the district next month.

Move to Amend, Mendocino County, collected enough signatures to get Measure F on the ballot in November 2012,

showing county voters' support for amending the Constitution, and the measure passed with a 75 percent yes vote.

Margaret Koster, Willits

**A terrible mistake**

To the Editor:  
The Mendocino Air Quality Management District Hearing Board made a terrible mistake on August 28 when it rejected the Friends of Outlet Creek's appeal of the district's decision to allow Grist Creek Aggregates to open an asphalt plant in Longvale – without at full CEQA review and a new environmental impact report. As a consequence, Grist Creek will now begin to produce hundreds of thousands of tons of asphalt annually — a few feet from Outlet Creek.

Outlet Creek is our backyard, our inspiration, a place where we go with our friends, children and grandchildren to swim and enjoy the exquisite beauty of a unique riparian habitat.

We have seen others, heron, trout, turtles and eagles in and around the creek, said to be the longest salmon-spawning run in California.

We were shocked when the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors fast-tracked the project by a 5-0 vote in March of this year. Our appeal to the Air Quality Management board was our last, best hope of stopping the plant without having to engage in a lengthy and expensive lawsuit against the board of supervisors.

Because the asphalt plant is on the former river bed and current 100-year flood plain of Outlet Creek, its activities put at risk air quality in the narrow Longvale valley as well as the water purity of the creek, wildlife habitats, recreational uses and traffic safety on Highway 162.

Yes, there was an asphalt plant along the creek many years ago, although no one, not even the applicant's attorneys, can say exactly when it last produced asphalt. That old use of the site, wrong to begin with, should not be the basis for permitting a new, expanded plant to open under different ownership.

Marc Komer of Willits was the one Air Quality Management Board member who sided with Friends of Outlet Creek. Komer argued that the Air Quality District did not determine effectively or convincingly that there would be no significant effects on the environment. He called for more due diligence on the part of the Air Quality District and said important issues of water quality, fish habitat, and the cumulative effects of asphalt and aggregate crushing are all connected and relevant and have not been addressed.

We agree with Komer, and we will fight on through the courts to try to stop this egregious environmental assault on one of Mendocino County's most precious riparian areas, considered so important that local wildlife and environmental agencies have already invested \$2 million on Outlet Creek restoration projects.

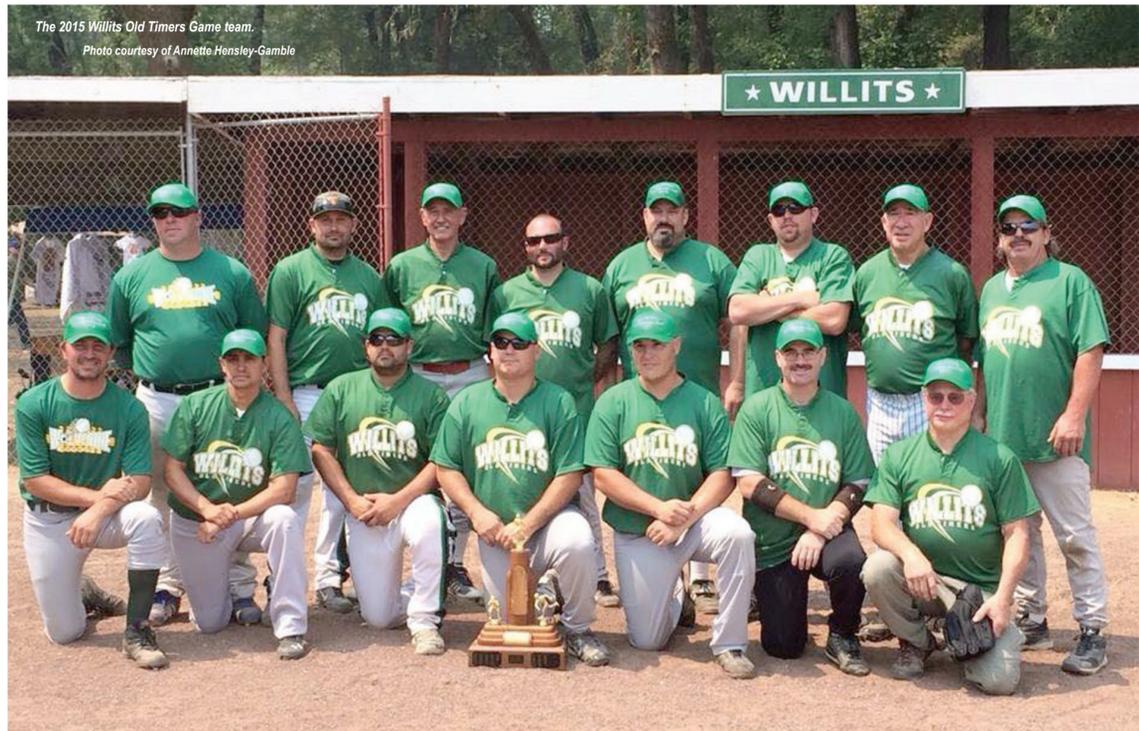
Outlet Creek belongs to the whole county and the state, and before that it belonged to the Pomo Nation. How can politicians and government agencies urge citizens to protect our precious water resources, then give the green light to projects that put those very resources at risk? Do they understand the toxicity of asphalt fires? Have they considered the effects of the predicted El Nino floods on asphalt operations a few feet from Outlet Creek? Haven't our elected officials promised to protect the environmental assets of our county?

We have put the inmates in charge of the asylum. That must change.

We welcome your support for our struggle. One way you can help is to send checks to Willits Environmental Center/ Friends of Outlet Creek, 650 South Main Street, Willits 95490. Or email your inquiries to [wece@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wece@sbcglobal.net), topic line: Outlet Creek.

If the county needs more asphalt, our planners and elected officials should work with the applicant to find a better home. The flood plain of one the Eel River's most important tributaries is the wrong place.

Jane Futcher and Erin Carney, Longvale



## Willits team wins Old Timers Game

The Willits team came home victorious after the 78th annual Old Timers Baseball Game on Saturday, August 15 at Harwood Park in Laytonville.

Final score was 9 to 7, with the game going into an extra inning.

"It was a good game," said Willits Coach Steve Spackman, proud possessor of the Boomer-Kelton Trophy for the year. "We ended up playing eight innings; we're usually only scheduled to play seven. Laytonville came back and tied it up in the seventh inning, and then we got a couple of runs to win the game in the top of the eighth."

Willits team players this year included: Coach Spackman, Phil Colvard, Josh Colvard, Wayne Bashore, Sonny Garza,

Tom Peterson, Casey Wilburn, Cody Sizemore, Tyler Sizemore, Tyler Aguilar, Kenny Knight, Travis Dockins, Jeremy Sneed, Jim Bobst, Roy Leon and Jody McGee.

Willits City Councilman Larry Stranske, owner of Kimberly's Jewelry, was honored with the Old Timer of the Year Award for 2015, presented by Willits Mayor Bruce Burton.

The Boomer-Kelton Trophy has been shared pretty evenly between the old time rivals, Willits and Laytonville, in recent years. "When I first started," Coach Spackman said, "Laytonville had won 13 times in a row, and since then, the last nine or 10 years, it's been pretty much even going back and forth. We won a couple years in a row, then Laytonville won a couple years.

"There's been some really good baseball being played right now," he said.

Spackman wanted to thank the fans for coming out and enjoying the game, a fundraiser for Laytonville's Harwood Park, and thanked the teams for participating, too.

"It's fun for the players who haven't played baseball since high school or college, to get back out there on the field," he said. "It's always fun."

The Old Timers Baseball game is always scheduled for the third Saturday of August, so the 2016 game will be held on Saturday, August 20 next year.

— Jennifer Poole

## Boonville Fair

In just a couple of weeks, the fairgrounds will be filled for the annual Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show, set for September 18, 19 and 20 in Boonville. Come see junior and senior livestock showmen, and check out produce and flowers, fine and home arts, junior exhibits and more. There's also the carnival, professional rodeos, sheep dog trials, wine and apple tastings, a classic car show and other family-friendly fun. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for kids aged 13-18, \$6 for kids aged 7-12, and kids under 6 are free. More information and a full schedule is available online: [www.mendocountyfair.com](http://www.mendocountyfair.com).



Above: Karen Smith of Willits' Wingwood Farms is a veteran showman in the open dairy goat show.

At right, top: The giant pumpkins are a big attraction each year.

At right: Hundreds of apples are on display each year at the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show. Some delicious apple pie is also available!

Photos by Maureen Moore



MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIR & APPLE SHOW  
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'you haven't done it for 50 years!'

Krause was in the Marines during WW II. "I was in the Pacific, for Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands. They had to take the two islands the Japanese were holding: Bougainville and Guadalcanal."

Krause was among the first group of Marines to land on Bougainville, using Higgins boats to take the beaches: "When we landed on Bougainville," he said, "we had the pick of the beach ourselves. It was nice. They thought they had everything cleared out, but there will still quite a few pillboxes going off, so we had to dig in for a couple of days."

"I got my leg blown apart on Bougainville," Krause said. He was wounded on December 21, 1943, "72 years ago this December. It kind of affected my golf game a little bit. But I'm still here, still hanging in here. I came through, that's the main thing. About half the Marines never came back."

Krause said all the Marines appreciated the sacrifices also made by the pilots, gunners and bombardiers of the Flying Fortresses. "Oh yes, you can say that again: They got blown out of the air. I had a cousin – we were like brothers – he was commander of one of those fleets, he was making one of his last runs, and he never came back. They lost a lot of people, but they tore up Germany completely."

Willits WW II nurse Betty Cudney, 93, is also set to take the veterans' flight. She was stationed in England for 13 months, straight out of nursing school. She'd wanted to become a nurse since she was a child, and retired 27 years ago from nursing at Howard Hospital.

"Almost all of our class went into the Army or the Navy," she said. "The Navy was more prestigious, but there



Above, left: World War II veteran Chris Keifer of Hopland served in the Pacific with the Merchant Marines. Above, right: Mark Franz holds a photo of his father, John Franz, with his B-17 bomber crew in Bovington, England. John Franz was a master sergeant and crew chief of the plane "Devil May Care." After the war, John Franz returned to Ukiah and eventually was the first principal at Calpella Elementary.

weren't a lot of hospital ships. One of my special friends from nursing school – we were both from Ohio – ended up serving in the same hospital in England, which was a great relief to both our mothers: If one mother got a letter, she shared it with the other mother."

The Army was much different back then, Cudney said: "The training the guys got was very, very good, and we got a lot of benefits when we got out, help to go to college, help with housing.... It's sad today the way the boys are treated."

Cudney has ridden in a B-17 before, too: "After VE day, when the patients were moved out, we still didn't know whether we were going to Japan, where the war was still on, or going home. Some of us went up to Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and we bummed a ride back on a B-17."

Cudney remembers her time as an Army nurse as "a good time. We had a good chief nurse, who treated us well. The patients were so happy to be out of the war, and they were wonderful to take care of. I was the baby of the family, and my mother wasn't too sure about me joining up, but my dad was. It all worked out beautifully."

The "Aluminum Overcast" will fly in to Ukiah on Wednesday, September 16. Veterans, sponsors and media fly on Thursday, and the B-17 tour will be open to the general public for flights and ground tours on Friday, September 18, Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20.

The veterans will be honored by a color guard coordinated by the Willits American Legion and the Ukiah and Fort Bragg American Legion and VFW posts. The Harrah Senior Center is providing transportation for the Willits vets to Ukiah and back.

Sponsors who have made the free veterans flights possible include: Comfort Inn & Suites, K-Wine 94.5 & Max 93.5, Ukiah Municipal Airport, Ken Fowler Auto, Seebass Family Vineyard, and Ukiah businessman John Mayfield, whose efforts in gathering support made the extra veterans' flight possible.

Willits EAA Chapter 1027 is also sponsoring free ground tours for Willits grade school kids ages 8 through 15 in groups of 10 or more, starting at 2 pm each day. Public ground tour tickets are \$10; \$20 for a family of 4 (immediate family members); and free for children under 8, when accompanied by a paying adult. Group flight rates (10 seats for the price of nine tickets) are available too.

Special pre-booked rates on flights for EAA members are \$409 (\$435 for non-members), which includes one year's membership in EAA. On-site ticket pricing is \$435 for EAA members and \$475 for non-members.

For more information on flights and ground tours, visit [www.B17.org](http://www.B17.org) or contact EAA's B-17 Tour Office at 800-359-6217.



Aluminum Overcast flying over Ukiah Airport. Photos by Peter Armstrong

## The gift of alms

Buddhist monk makes alms round in Willits

Ajahn Nyaniko, resident monk at Abhayagiri Monastery in Redwood Valley, made his regular alms rounds in Willits this past Saturday. As a 14-year practitioner of the Thai Forest Tradition of Theravada Buddhism, Ajahn Nyaniko eats only food that is freely given to him. As explained on the monastery's web page: "This training is a means of living reflectively and is a guide to keeping one's needs to a minimum: a set of robes, an alms bowl, one meal a day, medicine when ill, and a sheltered place for meditation and rest."

"The alms bowl is traditional," Nyaniko explained. "There's whole villages in Thailand that only make alms bowls. They make them by hand, not machine."

The alms rounds began 12 years ago, when the monks would walk down State Street in Ukiah. Today, they make their rounds in Ukiah, Willits and Redwood Valley. Participating businesses in Willits include Mariposa Market, Al's Redwood Room, Brickhouse Coffee, and It's Time. The purpose of the alms rounds is to uphold the tradition of interacting with the public, to exchange teachings for food.

"We are dependent on people for material support, and they're dependent upon us for teaching and inspiration," Nyaniko said. "We discuss issues in their lives. We can give perspective, we can tell them the Buddhist teaching about how to suffer less, how to practice meditation in order to live a better life."

This interdependent relationship doesn't end with the alms rounds. Abhayagiri Monastery is open 24 hours a day to all visitors. As Nyaniko put it, "The monastery doesn't have a gate."

The exchange is strictly for food, as the monks are, by rule, not allowed to handle money. "We can't touch or use money in any way, or command the use of money."

When asked about the challenges of such a rule, especially in the backdrop of widespread materialism, Nyaniko said: "There are a lot of benefits. Like not having to think about money, not having to worry about money, not having to go to the bank."



Above: A traditional alms bowl made in a Thai village.

At right: Ajahn Nyaniko, resident monk at Abhayagiri Monastery in Redwood Valley.



Drew Miller, left, a Brickhouse Coffee patron, sat in on the interview with monk Ajahn Nyaniko.

With money comes temptation to use it on other temptations that would only get in the way of practicing Buddhism to its fullest. "There's a lot of benefits in terms of simplifying our minds. The Buddha was a real genius in regards to the money rule, because it frees us up in many ways, it inspires people by showing them another way of living. If people gave us money, we could potentially go buy meth with it, but if people can only give us food, all we can do is eat it."

Before becoming a monk at age 20, Nyaniko was making a living as a waiter in Hawaii, when he injured himself while surfing. The injury laid him out for some time and during that period, he fell into a depression.

"I was holed up in my room not really able to do that much," he explained. "I started wondering what to do with my life. That's when I started reading more books on Buddhism." He broke through his depression with a profound insight: "That happiness really comes from the mind, not from anything outside, like playing music or surfing. Meditation became important to me [for happiness] as well as self-reflection."

Ironically, Nyaniko explained, "it was the suffering I was experiencing that pushed me into looking deeply into things." His

father, concerned about Nyaniko's psyche, sent his son a book, "A Still Forest Pool," by Ajahn Chah, who is viewed by many Thai practitioners as the Dalai Lama of Thailand. "As it turns out, the monastery here is an Ajahn Chah branch."

After reading the book, Nyaniko explained, he knew the best way to go deeper with his insight that the mind creates happiness was to become a monk. He soon discovered the Abhayagiri Monastery and entered into what is called Bhikkhu ordination. Two years of training later, Nyaniko was ordained. His first name, Ajahn, is actually a title, one all monks earn after their 10th year. It means "teacher." Nyaniko is a Pali word meaning "one who is wise."

Being a monk isn't necessarily a lifelong commitment. As Nyaniko said: "Being a monk, it's hard to join, and easy to leave." Nyaniko himself was convinced, during his first five-year commitment, that he would leave when that time was up, but "something shifted in me during the sixth year, so I decided to stay."

Read the rest of **Alms** | Over on Page 11

## 10th Annual Harvest Dinner

Saturday, September 19

An emerging generation of food producers is being equipped with skills right here in Willits at the Grange Farm School. This community is ripe with agrarian elders, creative thinkers, and intelligent consumers, and we hope that you will join us on, Saturday, September 19 at 6 pm, in the great hall of the Little Lake Grange, for the 10th Annual Harvest Dinner.

Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner, all to benefit the Grange Farm School's important mission. The evening will include a rustic farm-fresh meal primarily grown, sourced and prepared by the Farm School team. Savory farm fresh pies, both vegetable and with pasture-raised chicken, will be main courses, accompanied by many delicious side dishes to be shared with

friends and community.

Each table will be sponsored by a local farm, and centerpiece baskets from each farm will be auctioned off. Please consider bringing a home-baked pie for the homemade pie auction. Join us for entertainment, music, laughter and food. Celebrate the incredible achievements of the Grange Farm School in its first year of running educational programming!

Tickets are \$35 and are for sale at J.D. Redhouse and the Willits Farmers Market. Tickets sell out every year, so get them early! More info: 841-1588.

— Grange Farm School

Above right: Grange Farm School director Ruthie King, back row, second from right, and Grange Farm School students.



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# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

**PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 11**

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Level: Beginner

## How To Sudoku:

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

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## CLUES ACROSS

- Actor Damon
- Resort
- Low continuous tones
- Cape Verde capital
- Abbreviation for clean
- Shoe retailer
- Dashery
- Head covering
- Canadian flyers
- A plant fiber used for making rope
- Prime Minister \_\_\_ Hirobumi
- Hani
- Nonexistences
- Mexican victory holiday
- Avowed
- Ref
- 2013 Philip. volcano eruption
- Beard lichen genus
- Tennis player organization
- More saline
- New York City
- A ship's cheapest fare
- A winglike part
- At the stern
- Oral polio vaccine

## CLUES DOWN

- Speedometer rate
- Turkish/Iranian river
- Japanese socks
- Drawstrings
- Formal separation over doctrine
- Tableland
- Word with opposite meaning
- Cabs
- 45th state
- Matakam
- Macaws
- Scottish hillside
- Load for shipment
- Sleeping place
- Linking verb
- Br. University
- punting river
- Marsh elder
- Horse noise
- Contract research organization (abbr.)
- Excessively ornamented
- Engine additive
- Small bite
- Snakelike fish
- They \_\_\_
- Performance arena
- Enact before an audience
- Special interest group
- Grows old
- Conductor's implements
- A heavy cavalry sword
- Tropical ship's wood
- A domed or vaulted recess
- Lascivious look
- Mentally quick and resourceful
- La \_\_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Unstressed-stressed
- Celery cabbage
- Wrong prefix

## It's time for another round of Willits Weekly's 'Phrase Find'

Match the phrases below to their specific advertisement in this edition for a chance at a prize!

Every month, a random week – or multiple weeks – will be chosen for Willits Weekly to run our Phrase Find contest. The contest will feature five phrases that can each be found in an ad in the current edition. Each phrase will match only one advertisement. The first person to EMAIL the correct answers to willitsweekly@gmail.com will win a prize.

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Answers will only count as correct if they include the COMPLETE NAME OF THE BUSINESS, as shown on the ad where the phrase is found. Winners will be replied to via email and will receive instructions on how to get their prize at that time. Winners will also be publicly announced in the next round of Phrase Find. Phrase Find will be run on random weeks at random intervals, so make sure to check often to see if the current edition contains the contest. Phrases will only be pulled from regular display advertisements:

not from classifieds, news stories, letters to the editor, Calendar or other editorial content. Facebook posts, messages, texts, phone calls, personal conversations or any other form of communication will not be counted as entries. All entries must be emailed to: willitsweekly@gmail.com only. Email time stamps/order in inbox will indicate the winner in the event of a tie.

- Who will be "CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY"?
- Who's got a "FAN CAVE" giveaway?
- Where are "Summer Days"?
- Who is looking for "UNUSUAL CARS"?
- Who is having a "Grand Open House"?

Willits Weekly's Phrase Find – September 3, 2015  
EMAIL answers to willitsweekly@gmail.com

Previous Contest Winner:

Holly Madrigal

## OBITUARY |

### James Holmes

James Baker Holmes passed away on August 26, 2015 at the age of 64. Born May 18, 1951, he was a truck driver who had worked for Shuster's Logging, followed by self-employment.

He is survived by his mother, Marie Opal Holmes; brother, Gerald Holmes; sister, Carla Price; sons, James and Fred Barry; daughters, Nannette Paulson and Nicole Watson; eight grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Per his request, there will be no services at this time. A barbecue will be planned for a later date here in Willits, and all will be welcomed.



## OBITUARY |

### Roger Milliken

Roger Kenneth Milliken, son of Otis and Mary Marie (Large) Milliken, was born July 20, 1938 in Iowa and passed from this life on August 12, 2015 in Ukiah, California at the age of 77.

Roger grew up in Des Moines, Iowa. He was united in marriage to Wilma Jean (Ward) Milliken on December 8, 1957 in Des Moines, then moved to California and was blessed with one daughter, Miracle Ann Vallalobos.

Roger was a good provider who loved working on vending machines, loved people, and never met a stranger. He also loved golfing and watching Nascar, and Roger loved his little dog, Tasha.

Roger's memory will be cherished by his wife, Wilma, of Willits; daughter, Miracle; his grandchildren: Emilee Ann Vega, Maggie May Freyre, Jennifer Jean Koon, and James Matthew Vallalobos, and his five great-grandchildren; one brother, Dwaine Milliken; sister, Bernie (Wall) Milliken; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mary and Otis Milliken, brothers: Gene and Dwight Milliken, and sister, Charlotte (Lewellen) Milliken.

Memorial services were on August 29, 2015 at the Willits Harrah Senior Center.

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## OBITUARY |

### William Davenport

William Earl Davenport passed away at his home in Willits on August 21, 2015 at the age of 51. Born on August 30, 1963 to William J. and Ruth Davenport, he was a native of Versailles, Missouri, and moved to Willits in the early 1980s, attending Willits High School.

"Billie" and his father worked in the timber/logging industry for several years, then as co-owner/operators of "Davenports Firewood." He liked to build and ride his own 3- and 4-wheelers; he liked to draw and paint, and he loved his music, gardening, cooking, and making pickles and his famous "Billy's Chili."

He was preceded in death by his parents and wonderfully sweet little nephew, Christopher Thatcher.

He is survived by his sisters: Shelly Grivette, Kathi (Roger Henry) Davenport, Rita (Junior) Newton, Dana Watson; brother, Jonathan Watson; nephews: Jess (Nikkie Horn) Davenport, Jacob Grivette, Hank (Tabitha) Phillip, Sam Newton; and great-nieces: Kodie and Korie Davenport, and Lyssa Oliver.

Davenport leaves the love of his life, Jan McVarish, and children, Erin (Jim) Bishop, Evan McVarish Sharpe; grandchildren: Katrina, Bruce and Raina Hamilton; great-grandchildren: Alen and Jack; many cousins, and special friends Vern, Katrina and family.

A casual family and close friends potluck memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2015 from 2 to 4 pm at Oh! Grove Park, Brooktrails (off Clover Road). Memorial contributions may be made through Shelly Grivette to assist the family.

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## Willits High School Fall Sports 2015 Home Game Schedule

### Football

Varsity head coach Sean Leslie  
JV head coach Dean Verdoto

Friday, September 4 against Hoopa at the Willits High School field. JV at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:30 pm.

Friday, October 2 against Middletown at the Willits High School field. JV at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:30 pm.

Friday, October 23 against Fort Bragg at the Willits High School field. JV at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:30 pm.

Friday, November 6 against St. Helena at the Willits High School field. JV at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, October 8 against St. Helena at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 5 pm.

Tuesday, October 13 against Kelseyville at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 20 against Clear Lake at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 27 against Fort Bragg at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.

Thursday, October 29 against Lower Lake at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 5 pm.

### Cross Country

Head coach Dave Smith

Wednesday, October 7 against Cloverdale, Middletown and Lower Lake in Willits. Meet starts at 3:30 pm.

Wednesday, October 28 against Fort Bragg, Lower Lake and Cloverdale in Brooktrails. Meet starts at 3:30 pm.

### Volleyball

Head coach Hollie Walton  
JV coach Jani Wright

Tuesday, September 22 against St. Helena at the Willits High School gym. JV starts at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm.

Thursday, September 24 against Kelseyville at the Willits High School gym. JV starts at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm.

Thursday, October 1 against Clear Lake at the Willits High School gym. JV starts at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm.

Friday, October 9 against Eureka at the Willits High School gym. Game times TBA.

Tuesday, October 13 against Lower Lake at the Willits High School gym. JV starts at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm.

Thursday, October 22 against Middletown at the Willits High School gym. JV starts at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm.

Thursday, October 29 against Cloverdale at the Willits High School gym. JV starts at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm.

Tuesday, November 11 against Fort Bragg at the Willits High School gym. JV starts at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm.

### Boys Soccer

Head coach Noel Woodhouse  
JV coach Daniel Haley

Tuesday, September 22 against Middletown at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm

Saturday, September 26 against International at the Willits High School field. JV starts at 1 pm and Varsity at 4 pm

Tuesday, September 29 against Cloverdale at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.

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## Two Wolverine Wins at first game of season

The first football game of the 2015 season had Willits Wolverines facing off against the El Molino Lions down in Sonoma County. The Willits JV and varsity teams both brought home wins last Friday night.

The varsity's final score of 30 to 6 was a great indicator of how this season may continue: Head coach Sean Leslie said this group is one of the best he's seen in recent years.

"This is a great group of players," said Leslie. "They have the size and the speed and, after reviewing the game footage over the weekend, it really looks like we're going to have an amazing season."

The Wolverines started official game training on the first of August, so the teams have had only a few weeks to work together and practice for the first game. "We've been working on strength and

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On the field during the first game of the season.

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**Thursday, September 3**

**Library Card Sign-Up Month:** September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. "Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school. This month, local public libraries around nationwide join with the American Library Association "to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card." For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, in person or visit the Mendocino County Library website at [www.mendocinolib.org](http://www.mendocinolib.org), to find out more about online resources, including free audio books and movies for kids and adults, sign up for the library's email newsletter, or learn about special events.

**Saturday, September 5**

**Willits Photography Club 14th Annual Show:** featuring photos by members of the Willits Photography Club. Opens tonight with an artists' reception from 7 to 9 pm. Show runs through September 27. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm. Info: 459-1732.

**Claws for a Cause:** The Willits Rotary and South Ukiah Rotary Clubs – with the Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. Riders Association – are combining efforts to plan a fundraiser with live Maine lobster and filet mignon dinner at the Charles Howard House lawn at Ridgewood Ranch, benefiting T.R.A.I.L. (Teaching Riding as an Access to Independence and Learning). The evening also features live music by "The Basics," appetizers, local wines, beer, live and silent auctions, site tours and a heartwarming video. Tickets for this exceptional event are \$80 per person and are limited. Tickets are available at Willits Furniture Center, 775 Central Avenue in Willits, 707-459-4224, and at The Mendocino Book Company, 102 South School Street in Ukiah, 707-468-5940. More info: Willits Rotarian Mike Smith, 707-972-2471 or South Ukiah Rotarian Beth Schwarz, 707-391-7049.

**Shanachie Pub:** Jacob Green, one man band. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Sunday, September 6**

**Shanachie Pub:** Shake Well, rock'n'BBQ. 4 pm. No

cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Monday, September 7  
Happy Labor Day!**

**Vandana Shiva speaking at the Willits Grange:** World-renowned anti-GMO crusader Dr. Vandana Shiva will speak at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on Monday, September 7, at 6 pm as a benefit for the Charter Project of Mendocino County. "Her fiery opposition to globalization and the 'food totalitarianism' that Monsanto is trying to impose on the world has made her a hero to anti-GMO activists. Good food and wine available for purchase." Tickets \$15, at Brown Paper tickets and local outlets.

**Shanachie Pub:** Josephine Johnson. 5 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

# What's Happening Around Town

Vandana Shiva



Avenue, Laytonville. The Mobile Story Board Tour Schedule will be published at: [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mhsa.htm](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mhsa.htm). For info: Robin Meloche, MHSA coordinator at 707-472-2332.

**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: "Shaun the Sheep," "American Ultra" and "No Escape." For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

**Wednesday, September 9**

**Suicide Prevention Mobile Story Board Tour:** See Tuesday, September 8 listing for more details. The public is invited to attend this special event today in Willits and Covelo. Wednesday, September 9, 10:30 am to 11:30 am at Manzanita Services, 286 North School Street, and Wednesday, September 9, 1:30 to 2:30 pm in Covelo at the Yuki Trails Human Services Program, 23000 Henderson Road. The Mobile Story Board Tour Schedule will be published at: [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mhsa.htm](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mhsa.htm). For info: Robin Meloche, MHSA coordinator at 707-472-2332.

**Tuesday, September 8**

**Flu Shot Clinic:** Harrah Senior Center hosts a Rite Aid Flu Shot Clinic, Tuesday, September 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Free for seniors when they show their Medicare card; \$32.50 for non-seniors. "If you are considered 'at risk' and will need a high-dose flu shot, please call the Senior Center at 459-6826 so we can get a head count."

**Suicide Prevention Mobile Story Board Tour:** This year Suicide Prevention Week is September 7 through 13, and the theme is "Suicide Prevention: Reaching Out and Saving Lives." Mendocino County's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services' third annual Suicide Prevention Mobile Story Board Tour features a collection of stories and art work submitted from those who have had personal experiences with severe depression or suicide. Plus a short suicide prevention presentation. September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day. The public is invited to attend this special event today in Laytonville, and tomorrow in Willits and Covelo. Tuesday, September 8, 10:30 to 11:30 am at Healthy Start Family Resource Center, 44400 Willits

**Thursday, September 10**

**WHS Boosters Club Meeting:** The monthly WHS Boosters Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, September 10 at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS!

**Friday, September 11**

**Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Dinner:** The Harrah Senior Center will host a drive-thru BBQ Chicken Dinner to Go on Friday, September 11 at 1501 Baechtel Road, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. "The Lions Club will be BBQing for us, and the tickets come

with two gift certificates for \$5: one courtesy of Dr Chana of East Hill Vet and one for our Thrift Store." Tickets are \$25 for dinner for two. Info: 459-6826.

**Saturday, September 12**

**Roots of Motive Power Steam-Up:** Roots of Motive Power's big annual steam-up at the Roots yard at 420 East Commercial Street, next to the Mendocino County Museum, is set for Saturday, September 12 (starting at 9 am) and Sunday, September 13 (ending at 4 pm). "If you come to only one of our events, this one is it!! We will have every one of our operating machines fired up and in action! Come see the Bucyrus 50B dig, the steam cranes lift, and the Willamette Steam donkey and stationary steam engines operating." Free admission, and free steam train rides around the Roots loop, pulled by the 1916 Heisler Bluestone Mining & Smelting Co. #1 locomotive; The Cowan Trio will be providing musical entertainment for train passengers. Featuring street steam printing by the Buffalo Springfield steam roller, too. The Roots Appreciation BBQ, with fundraising raffles and auction, is set for 5 pm Saturday at the Rec Grove. "Fun for the whole family from children to grandparents! Witness history at the Roots of Motive Power yard!"

**HHM Grand Open House:** The Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital invites the entire community to a Grand Open House on Sunday, September 13, of their brand-new hospital at 1 Marcela Drive, off East Hill Road. From 1 to 4 pm, featuring a 1:30 pm dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Behind-the-scenes tours of the new facility, which features private rooms with bathrooms, state-of-the-art operating rooms, a spacious emergency department with trauma bays, a helipad, a gift shop and Roots – an organic farm-to-fork restaurant, will be offered from 2 to 4 pm. For more info, including a time-lapse video of hospital construction, check the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital page on Facebook.

**Shanachie Pub:** "Come celebrate with Willits local metal band Embryonic Devourment for their singer Austin Spence's birthday bash! Saturday, September 12 at the Shanachie Pub,

featuring two sets of live music from the band. With nearly 15 years of existence, four full-length albums, and numerous tour dates nationwide, the band is well-equipped to bring a dynamic performance to the Willits community and local metal enthusiasts. Visit [www.embryonicdevourment.com](http://www.embryonicdevourment.com) for more info. Show starts at 9 pm, 21 and over, and only \$5 at the door.

**Sunday, September 13**

**Roots of Motive Power Steam-Up:** See Saturday, September 12 listing for details.

**Willits Airport Day & Heroes Fly-In:** 2015 Willits Airport Day & Heroes Fly-In is set for Sunday, September 13, with opening ceremonies at 10 am, at the Willits Municipal Airport, honoring all emergency response heroes who make our lives safer. Open House hosted by REACH Air Medical Services Base #18 of their new facilities and H135 helicopter.

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**ADOPTION FEE ONLY \$25 OR \$50!**

**The Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown**  
Saturday, September 26

The Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown at Emandal will take place on Saturday, September 26. The last chance to win a coveted engraved rolling pin for: The Perfect Crust, Best All-Around Apple Pie, Most Delectable Crust, Most Creative Apple Pie, Most Aesthetically Pleasing, and the People's Choice Award. A food critic from KQED will be on hand as one of the judges. No entry fee. The first 25 people to bring a pie to the show will get into the concert free! "In conjunction, of course, and NOT for the final time, with Dave Stamey, singer songwriter extraordinaire, and Western Entertainer of the Year, many times over." For more information, check out [www.emandal.com](http://www.emandal.com).



**WCA Benefit Plant Sale**

continues on weekends  
Gardener Devi Chase has raised (as of last week) \$740 for the Willits Art Center, and is still selling "perennials and sedums and unusual things" weekends at 363 Boscabelle Avenue, between San Francisco and East Valley.

**Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show**

September 18, 19 and 20 at the Mendocino County Fairgrounds in Boonville

CCPRA Rodeos, Classic Car Show, Sheep Dog Trials, Entertainment, Carnival and Apple Tasting. Fun for the whole family. Visit [www.mendocountyfair.com](http://www.mendocountyfair.com) for full details.

**"Awareness – in Body, Mind, Soul"**

Sunday, September 20

"Awareness – in Body, Mind, Soul" is a free event set for Sunday, September 20 at The Muse, 30 San Francisco Avenue, from 10 am to 12 noon. Featuring presentations by local natural health practitioners from Laytonville, Willits and Ukiah: counselors, acupuncturists, naturopaths, massage therapists, consultants, herbalists, Reiki masters, energy therapists, movement therapists, family counselors, relationship counselors and more.

"These professionals will share their expertise and the tools and techniques they can provide to assist in raising awareness

about physical, mental and emotional issues. It is a free demonstration, fun and energetic, interactive and reflective, focusing on services that help to achieve or regain vital physical health and to live in vital balance, mentally and emotionally."

There will be free food offerings, and all practitioners are available for one-on-one Q&A time after the presentation. Special session discount offers will be given to all attendees; these special prices are valid through December 31, 2015. Presented by QLC (Quantum Level Consulting). Info: 707-485-2610.

**The Delbert Anderson Trio**

Sunday, September 20

A unique Native American jazz trio will perform at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, September 20 at 2 pm. The Delbert Anderson Trio includes Navajo horn player Delbert Anderson, Mike McCluhan on stand-up bass, and drummer Nicholas Lucero. The group formed in the deserts of the Southwest, has performed at concerts throughout the United States, and counts as its influences many greats from the jazz world.

The three jazzmen serve up a unique cutting edge form of modern funk and jazz combined with ancient indigenous melodies. Their first live album Manitou was released in March 2015 and includes the songs "Groove Warrior," "New York Navajo," and signature tracks like "Iron Horse Gallup."

Anderson began his jazz studies at Eastern New Mexico University, where he apprenticed with saxophonist Christopher Beaty and trumpeter John Kennedy. He found further influences in Lee Morgan, Clifford Brown, Sonny Rollins and Joshua Redman. Anderson says of his playing jazz, "We need to keep this true American art form alive."



The Delbert Anderson Trio

McCluhan has a long career playing bass with many other jazz artists. He draws heavily from a variety of musical influences, from The Grateful Dead to Charlie Mingus. The bassist is known for his versatility at playing a variety of musical forms and providing a lot of the groove for the trio.

Lucero on drums was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and has played music since the age of 5. After experimenting with saxophone, piano and marimba, Lucero found his true calling in drums. His primary influences have included Chick Corea and John Coltrane, and he has performed widely across the United States and parts of Europe. The appearance of this jazz trio at WCT promises to be a very special event.

Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

– Steve Hellman, for WCT

**Laytonville Art Walk**

Saturday, September 26

The Fourth Annual Laytonville Art Walk is set for Saturday, September 26 from 10 am to 5 pm. "More than 50 fine artists and artisans will be showing their work in various media, throughout the town of Laytonville. There will be an incredible raffle including art from every participating artist. All of the proceeds will be used to support the arts for Laytonville youth! As always, there will be Live Music and Dance, a fabulous Kidz Zone with crafts for all ages, face painting by Jade, and so much more! The Laytonville Art Walk is fun for the whole family & a great time to do some early holiday shopping."

Social time starts at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshment. Guest speaker Richard Jeske will begin his presentation of information at 1 pm. Guests are welcome, and there is no charge.

For additional information contact: Lucille Garcia 459-9995 or Gary Bodensteiner 459-2708.

**Willits Garden Club**

Monday, September 13

The Willits Garden Club will resume its monthly meetings after a summer break on Monday, September 14, with orchardist Richard Jeske, who will talk about "Fruit Trees." The Willits Garden Club meets at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Hwy 101, six miles south of Willits, on the west side of 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch.

Monday: Labor Day: Closed  
Tuesday: Beef Tips & Noodles  
Wednesday: Baked Chicken w/Will Rice  
Thursday: Meat Loaf/Gravy  
Friday: Baked Sole

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55 \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**HARVEST DINNER**

GRANGE FARM SCHOOL DINNER  
4:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2015, LITTLE LAKE GRANGE

Meal Cost: \$35  
Get your meal tickets early, we expect to sell out!  
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This year's Harvest Dinner will be an exciting dinner showing off the next level of down home on the ranch. Featuring Grange Farm School corn, beans, squash, apples and pasture raised chickens!  
Live music, pie auction, wine and beer sales, all to benefit the Grange Farm School's important mission. [www.grangefarmschool.org](http://www.grangefarmschool.org)

Original Watercolor by Sarah Brady

**How to contact the Grateful Gleaners**

"The Grateful Gleaners of Willits are looking for gardeners who have excess produce that we can harvest and deliver to the food bank and other local agencies that serve our community. Please call 513-9489, yes, 513-9489, and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the types of unsprayed fruit, vegetables or nuts you have. Thank you!"

**Senior Center Lunch**

Week of September 7 through September 11

Monday: Labor Day: Closed  
Tuesday: Beef Tips & Noodles  
Wednesday: Baked Chicken w/Will Rice  
Thursday: Meat Loaf/Gravy  
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# Ongoing Events:

Willits Summer Farmers Market: from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday at City Park on East Commercial Street, with summer produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

The Emandal Chorale: ongoing rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 pm, for the Chorale's 21st season, at the Little Lake Grange great hall, 291 School Street. No auditions: Open to all who love to sing.

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Monday night session at the Willits Center for the Arts. New beginner class runs from 7 to 8 pm, with dancing to follow from 8 to 9 pm. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. Caller/teacher Lawrence Johnson. Singles and couples and all ages are welcome. \$20/month (to help pay the caller), with young dancer scholarships available. Questions? Contact Emmy Good at [Emmy@pacific.net](mailto:Emmy@pacific.net) or Jenny Watts at [Wattsup@gmail.com](mailto:Wattsup@gmail.com).

Al-Anon Meeting: Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects – we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in."

Pajama Story Time: The Willits Library presents "Pajama Story Time" for families every Tuesday night at 7 pm. "Join us for some bedtime stories and songs. Come in pajamas and bring your teddy bears!" 390 East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908.

Cards and Games at Willits Library: free games in the Willits Library's Community Room. Tuesday bridge sessions from 1:30 to 3:30 pm; Thursday bridge sessions from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Saturday free bridge classes, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm, for new and review students. Info on bridge: Donna at 459-9035. Chess: Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm: bring your chess set and have some fun with friends. All ability levels welcome. Info: Raymond at 841-0473.

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 HMM Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

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 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street 459-2444. With Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: 707-367-7865.

Open Mic Jam at Al's Redwood Room: Every Friday night, hosted by Dream Capsule Entertainment, featuring talented, established local musicians from all over Northern California. Jazz, Blues, Rock. New talent welcome. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street; starting at 9 pm. Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ Café Catering serving from 9 pm until 1:30 am. Questions? Call Mr. Larry: (707) 367-7865.

Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked goods, and more.

COLUMN | At the Movies



**'No Escape'**  
The Story: A young family from Texas find themselves caught up in a violent and bloody coup in an unnamed Asian country next to Vietnam. Owen Wilson is the father, and shoulders his duty to protect his wife and two young daughters, but he's in way over his head. There are enemies everywhere.

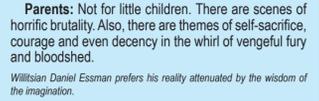
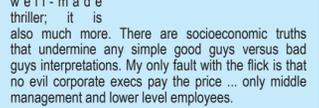
**My Thoughts:** Transnational corporations are hard at work taking control of 3rd world countries' waterworks, putting those countries into permanent economic bondage and enslaving their citizens. This creates economic slaves, and slaves get very, very angry, and they should....

Even when the protagonists get away, there are no escapes. It could be my age that the ironies and lost innocence in this flick knocked me back in my seat, and no comfort that the seats in the Noyo are plush and comfy; it only adds to the irony.

"No Escape" is a tense, tremendously well-made thriller: it is also much more. There are socioeconomic truths that undermine any simple good guys versus bad guys interpretations. My only fault with the flick is that no evil corporate execs pay the price ... only middle management and lower level employees.

**Parents:** Not for little children. There are scenes of horrific brutality. Also, there are themes of self-sacrifice, courage and even decency in the whirl of vengeful fury and bloodshed.

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.



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providing childcare in the kids area with food, entertainment and a bounce house for 110 per child  
Call Tom (707) 841-8106 or Fawn (707) 354-1979

## Ugly truths, beautiful writing

I read two outstanding books this last month, one non-fiction and one fiction. They both contain unsettling but important truths about our world. They both present their material in a brilliant and riveting way.

The first title has been out for some years. "White Teeth" by Zadie Smith, a British author, was published in 2000 and made quite a splash. It was a first novel from a very young woman who has gone on to publish other books, and to become a professor of creative writing. "White Teeth" was listed on Time magazine's 100 Best English-Language Novels from 1923 to 2005.

I only had to read the first page to be completely involved in the story of two friends, Archie Jones and Samad Iqbal. These two men bond on the battlefield of World War II and end up residing in the same depressed working-class neighborhood in England.

Their dreams and ambitions are both complicated and simple, devouring the lives of their spouses and their children. While the two fathers hang out in their favorite pub, their children struggle with being mixed race, or the wrong religion, or just being so brown skinned that their teeth are a white target.

Smith relates all the details with pinpoint accuracy of setting, dialogue and the inner workings of characters widely diverse in background and situation. The power and beauty of her storytelling overcomes the narrative sting of racism and the frustrations of the immigrant family, humorously revealing the inherent folly of human life.

The second title is "The Sixth Extinction" by Elizabeth Kolbert, published in 2014 and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction. Kolbert is a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine, who expanded an article on amphibian extinction into this stunning book.

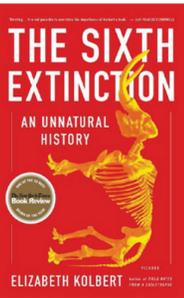
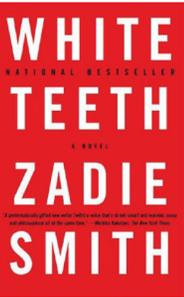
She leads us through Western science's discovery of fossils, and the changes in outlook with the realization that there had been mass species extinctions in our planet's past. You need never have taken a biology course to appreciate her stories of plants and animals gone to their final rest, usually because they had the unfortunate luck of crossing human paths.

For example, the residents of a Central American village remark on the silence since the local frogs have mysteriously disappeared. Kolbert travels with scientists to monitor caves in New England, where brown bats are suffering from an epidemic of white-nose disease. And, she explains that in the tropics, where the ecological niches are very narrow, species of insects are going extinct faster than we can discover and catalog them.

We are classified as mega-fauna, due to our large size and slowness of reproduction. And, it's always the mega-fauna that cease to exist when a mass extinction finally ends. Read this book to fully appreciate what we have left and what we are likely to lose.

Whether you read by page or device, please utilize our library system and patronize independent bookstores, both new and used.

Local poet, Fran Resendez, is retired from 20 years of bookselling at the former Leaves of Grass Books in Willits. Getting her first library card was one of the happiest days in her reading life.



Fran Resendez  
Columnist



## The DMV and your driver's license

The Department of Motor Vehicles is part of the executive branch of our government. In effect, DMV personnel are not unlike law enforcement officers. The central purpose of the DMV is vehicle and driver's license regulation, but the agency contains many separate departments and divisions which address these issues more specifically.

Picture the fierce and ancient Greek god "Hekatonkheir," who has many arms and heads, and you can begin to understand the difficulty California drivers have in addressing the DMV hurdle. A citizen cannot just telephone "the DMV" to ask a question or even go to the local agency in Ukiah or Fort Bragg or Redway. The citizen must know the way into and through the maze.

If you are renewing your license or vehicle registration, it is simply a matter of going to the local agency or taking care of the issue online. If you want to know what you have to do to get your license back after a suspension or revocation, then you have to call the "Mandatory Unit" - the MAU - at 916-657-6525. MAU is also the place to go if you have interstate licensing questions. Don't expect MAU to give you legal advice. However, they will tell what you need to do to get on the road again. Expect a full day of calling and disconnections.

DMV Driver Safety is the unit that takes care of suspension or revocations for DUI, medical issues, negligent driver issues, or other questions that could make a person unsafe to themselves or others on the road. If you have a pending suspension, you will receive a notice in the mail or a notice may be handed to you by an officer.

Make sure the DMV is aware of your current mailing address at all times, because notice from the DMV by mail is considered legal notice, even if you moved. Once legal notice is given, your time limit has started.

A DUI case involving alcohol at a level of .08 or above, is handled by DMV Driver Safety Branch, and is separate and apart from the criminal charges associated with a DUI. You must contact DMV Driver Safety within 10 calendar days of your arrest to request a hearing to challenge your pending license loss.

Unfortunately, the phone number given to the driver on the temporary license is only the starting point, and it requires perseverance and stamina to get through to the proper person and actually request a hearing.

A case involving a stroke, fainting, a diagnosis of uncontrolled diabetes, regular medications like pain killers, dementia, drug addiction, or other medical conditions that could affect safe driving are sometimes reported to the DMV. If so, and you no longer have the disability or it is now under control, you have a very short time to respond and request an "examination." This "examination" is not a friendly, informal phone call, but is recorded and can be used against you. After the "examination" you have a short time to request a "hearing." If you fail to request a hearing within that time period, you lose your license for life or until you take some affirmative action to get it back.

If you decide to seek the advice of an attorney, it is a good idea to obtain your 10-year driving record printout from any local DMV office. An attorney familiar with the signs and symbols of the DMV language can review the 10-year record and advise you. If you have a matter pending and time limits are passing, an attorney familiar with the DMV maze can get started with just your driver's license number.

Linda McNiel is an attorney with more than 35 years legal experience. Since 1992 she's been practicing in Mendocino and Lake counties, with an office in Willits. Her practice is limited to representing drivers before the DMV and representing people accused of DUI. The California DUI Lawyers Association has designated her a "DUI & DMV Specialist."

### Newbie

## Oscar Duran

Oscar Joseph Duran was born to Victor and Angela Duran of Willits on August 6, 2015 at 3:46 pm. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long. He is the first grandchild to Joseph and Ayla Pizzo and Peggy Armstrong, and he is the 17th grandchild to Antonio and Hortencia Duran.



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**Annual Yard Sales**  
Redwood Avenue is the place to be on September 5th and 6th for our street-wide yard sales. 9 a.m. to ??, both days. Come join the fun, and shop 'til you drop.

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

**For Rent**  
Small Office: 110 S. Main St. upstairs. \$300 month, plus \$300 security deposit. Water & garbage paid. Lincoln Realty: 459-4599.

**For Rent**  
400 sq ft office w/ private bath: 45 W. Mendocino Ave. \$500 month, plus \$500 security deposit. Water & garbage paid. Lincoln Realty: 459-4599.

**For Sale**  
Pacor firefighting system. Demo 3 times. 60 GPM. Complete with cart. 100 foot hose. 20 foot suction hose. 5 1/2 B horsepower Briggs & Stratton engine. \$589. 456-9074.

**For Sale**  
14 inch Poulan chain saw \$35. Canon MP210 printer \$30. 12x20 steel open carport frame \$20. 7 horsepower Craftsman tiller "new" \$450. 456-9074.

**Garage Sale**  
Starts at 10 am on Saturday, September 5, at 228 Bonnie Lane. Furniture; Books; Tools; Truck RV Mirrors; 5th Wheel Hitch.

**Help Wanted**  
Adventist Health-Homocare & Hospice Services Mendocino County, FT - P/T - Per Diem positions: RN, Home Health Aide, Physical & Occupational Therapist. Great Team & Great Benefits. Call Trudy-H/R #456-3230.

**Yard Sale**  
Friday and Saturday, September 4 and 5, 9 am to 5 pm. 180 West Mendocino Avenue. Lots of wine glasses and plates, household items and miscellaneous goodies.

**Yard Sale**  
Saturday, September 5, 10 am to 4 pm. 100 Sherwood Hill Drive, off of Blosser Lane.

**\$10 for 30 words for 2 weeks!**

**Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency**  
Currently recruiting for:  
• **Legal Clerk II**  
• **Staff Services Administrator**  
For further information on the above positions or to apply, go to website & click on: "Career Opportunities" [www.mss.ca.gov](http://www.mss.ca.gov)

**Desk for Sale**

Solid oak, antique roll-top desk. Includes chair and light. 52" wide x 31" deep x 45" high. \$400. Call 459-4465.

**Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency**  
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• **Eligibility Worker III**  
• **Department Information Services Support Technician**  
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Mendocino County HHS is also recruiting for the following positions:  
• **Chief Psychiatrist**  
• **Public Health Nurse II**  
• **Registered Nurse**  
• **Senior Public Health Nurse**  
For further information on the above positions or to apply, go to website & click on: "Job Openings" <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hr/>

## Firewood permits for Jackson Demonstration State Forest

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit is pleased to announce the sale of one additional firewood permit per household on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. Firewood permits are for two cords per household at a cost of \$20/permit.

Further, a second firewood gathering area has been opened, as of August 17. Permit holders with remaining tags can return to the JDSF office in Fort Bragg with their permit and remaining tags in order to receive an updated map of the new firewood area. Firewood areas are tentatively scheduled to close on September 30, 2015, or until wood supply is gone, a significant rain event occurs, or other resource constraints force closure, whichever occurs first.

Firewood permits and information on how to safely engage in collecting firewood are available at the CAL FIRE Fort Bragg office located at 802 North Main Street; 707-964-5674. Office hours are 8 am to 5 pm, closed from noon to 1 pm, Monday through Friday.



Roger Ham speaks during a previous Patriots' Day ceremony.

Photo by Jennifer Poolo

### The rest of Patriot | From Page 1

high school building.

The public is encouraged to join us, as we pay tribute to those who died and those who gave so much on that "day of infamy" and the following days.

Parking for the public will be available at the north end of the school parking lot. Seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.



### The rest of Football | From Page 7

conditioning all summer, though," Leslie said. The varsity started with around 14 players, but the roster has recently increased to 20 guys ready to play.

One player, Justin Thom, had a great first game; Leslie noted that Thom ran a 90-yard touchdown, and then had an interception that he ran back 98 yards for another touchdown.

"El Molino looked past us, but we sure showed them!" laughed Leslie.

Come cheer on all the Wolverines, whether it be football, soccer, volleyball or cross country during any of the home games listed on page 7. Willits High School has complete schedules for each sport with away game times, too, which are available by request. Call 459-7700 or stop by the school at 299 North Main to pick up copies.

- Maureen Moore

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### The rest of Herbicides | From Page 1

Herbicides have been used on the created wetlands due to the Army Corps permit requirement that the city do five years of monitoring and wetland maintenance, including "biannual weed removal of target species, including blackberries, Klamath weed, and bull thistle, as well as other species."

Wilburn sounded optimistic that alternatives could be successful in keeping in line with the plan. "We won't fail in our mitigation efforts. We'll find a way to make it work."

When asked by the council about the potential alteration in cost and time, Wilburn said: "I don't foresee significant cost increase annually. The potential is that we could have to extend this beyond two more years." At this time, however, Wilburn said, it's impossible to know if the monitoring period would have to be extended "until we go through a year of weed removal."

Confronted with the possibility that herbicides might have to be re-employed in order to keep in compliance with the plan, Councilwoman Madge Strong said: "I really think the tradeoff is not worth it. The more I found out about the corporate-supplied science from which those herbicides have been approved, the less I feel confident for the safety of the wetlands, the aquifers and the people that work there."

Three members of the public echoed Strong's concerns. Cynthia Raiser Jeavons, reading from a prepared statement, quoted a World Health Organization study of glyphosate, the main ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup.

The study concluded glyphosate "is probably carcinogenic to humans." Jeavons said "Now whole countries, such as The Netherlands, France, Brazil, Sri Lanka, and Bermuda are banning Roundup and glyphosate because of the disastrous health effects this chemical is having on their people and environment."

Brian Weller asked Willits' contract wetland botanist Jane Valerius about how the herbicides had been employed. "The application of herbicides isn't broadcast," Valerius answered. "They don't spray in a broadcast area. It's a very targeted application to the weeds such as thistles, poison hemlock [and] Himalayan blackberries."

Once the weeds are cut, the herbicide is employed to kill the roots, ensuring they won't regrow in the future. It's a challenge to find alternative measures that create the same results in as timely and cost-effective a fashion.

One such alternative, suggested by Strong, is called "soil solarization." The method involves heating the soil by covering it with a clear plastic tarp for four to six weeks during a hot period of the year. According to the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, soil solarization "can improve soil structure by increasing the availability of nitrogen and other essential nutrients for growing healthy plants, as well as controlling a range of pests."

Valerius talked about using cattle and sheep, saying: "The areas [mitigated wetlands] are mature enough; it could really use grazing. It will help with weed control, and it also provides fire protection."

Although no action was taken by the council, the public was assured that all use of herbicides has ceased and, if use of herbicides is to be re-implemented in the future, it will be brought to the council first.

Mayor Bruce Burton concluded: "I caution the city for those who say let's not use herbicides. I think it has to be a more complete discussion before we implement some sort of policy decision. We're going to try it [alternative measures] for a year or two, and see if we can keep on track with this project to make sure we fulfill all our obligations."

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When asked if there was a goal to being a monk practitioner, Nyaniko replied: "There is an ultimate goal as a monk, not just me personally, but for every monk. The Buddha called it 'Nibbana.' In Sanskrit it's Nirvana, but we use the older Pali word, Nibbana. All Nibbana means is 'to cool.' After the rice has been cooked, you can't eat it right away because it's too hot. So Nibbana means 'to cool.' Sometimes when people ask me why I became a monk, I say I ordained to be cool." He grinned at his own joke and continued.

"But if you study the teaching, you see it's far more than just cooling down. It's the final ending of greed, hatred and delusion. It's the end of suffering."

The Abhayagiri monks conduct their alms rounds every new and full moon, or twice a month. Lay practitioners help with transportation from the temple to Willits and back. For more information about the monastery and Theravada Buddhism in general, call 485-1630, or check out the website at [www.abhayagiri.org](http://www.abhayagiri.org). The monastery is hosting "Community Work Days" every Saturday in October. You can also visit the monastery, located on Tomki Road in Redwood Valley.

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## Back to Basics

Roots of Motive Power's steam festival is coming 'round the bend



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Roots of Motive Power's big annual steam festival is coming up weekend after next: Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 at the Roots facility at 420 East Commercial Street.

This September steam-up always has the best showing of the year of Roots' collection of historic logging and railroad equipment from the glory days of steam power.

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"We try to run every piece of steam equipment that we have that is operable," said Chris Baldo of Willits Redwood Company, president of Roots.

"We're going back to basics this year," Roots vice president Troy James said, "with the original type of authentic Roots presentation: doing what Roots people do."

But as usual, there's a few new or rare attractions of note.

This year's free steam train rides – always a popular attraction – will be powered by the 1916 Heisler Bluestone Mining & Smelting Co. #1 locomotive. And the Cowan Trio, featuring Jeff Cowan, Jeff Martini and H. Leal, will be riding the rails entertaining passengers again, as they did back in July for Independence Day.

One special historic piece, the rare 1923 Clyde track layer, hasn't been run for the public in quite a few years: "Spectators will be witnessing something unique," Roots said, "because records indicate that there were only two Clyde track layers ever built, and of the two, only the one on display at the festival is in running condition."

"We do have a new piece of machinery that we just finished restoring this year," James said, "an 1891 Marshutz and Cantrell spool donkey." Roots finished restoring the

spool donkey right before July 4th this summer, and James rode it in the parade. "It's a neat machine," he said. "Dave Bixler built the new skid, and it turned out just beautiful."

Bixler of Garfield Construction, which specializes in timber framing construction using huge beams, chisels, mallets and pegs, instead of nails, fondly remembers building the new skid. It was built with very large "beautiful and clear" redwood timbers that had been set aside for a special purpose by Roots' Baldo.

"That was one of our first projects," Bixler said. "It was very important that it matched the frame exactly, and that old frame was beat to pieces – it just had seen so much life – so trying to get accurate measurements on that frame was the trickiest part. I just talked to the guy who rebuilt it, and all of our holes and notches, to accommodate this ancient machinery... It just fit perfectly."

Roots will also be demonstrating the art of "steam roller printing" again this year, using their Buffalo Springfield steam roller, originally used for levelling roads. By using a pavement roller on the street, very large format prints can be made, larger than the printing capacity of most presses.

"That was very popular last year," James said. "The kids loved it; the grown-ups loved it. One of our operators, Lee Bryant, climbed off his machine and ran over there and did a print of a whistle that turned out very well."

The demonstration will feature artists carving out designs on heavy "battleship grade" linoleum blocks – and the public is welcome to make a design, too. The linoleum block is then inked, and special grade printing paper is laid over the block. Several layers of protective blankets are placed on top of the assembly, which is placed on the

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Top: Roots volunteers work in the yard.

Above: The Cowan Trio, from left to right: Jeff Cowan, Jeff Martini and H. Leal, in front of the 1916 Heisler locomotive.

Below, left: The Roots yard. Below, right: Roots' Chris Baldo and dog Heisler.

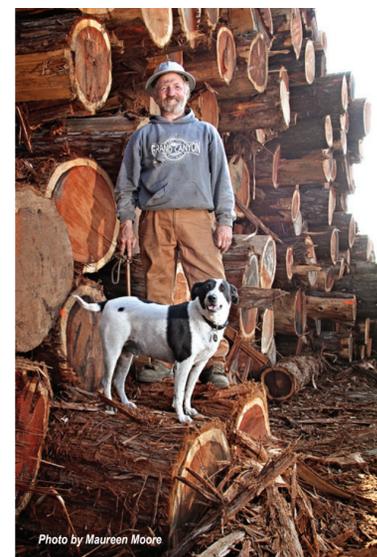


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“The Mainline” blog on: **Planting a fall vegetable garden**

*Editor’s note: This piece was originally posted on “The Mainline,” the DripWorks blog, www.dripworks.blogspot.com, which features a wide variety of informative posts on subjects related to farming, gardening and water conservation.*

Despite cool mornings, kids walking to school and ripe apples, it’s still summer, and there’s still time to plant a fall garden in Willits. Crops do surprisingly well here in the cool fall weather, with fewer insects and weeds, and more rain. No, I’m not talking about tomatoes and peppers, but now is the perfect time to plant brassicas, beets, carrots, chard and other cool season vegetables.

These crops tend to be loaded with nutrients, and they taste even sweeter when they are harvested under more temperate conditions. Take advantage of these factors, and extend the time that you’ll get the freshest veggies from your garden.

Most of us in inland California can’t grow lettuce in summer because the intense heat causes it to become bitter and bolt when Mother Nature says it’s time to go to seed. The end of July, August, and even the beginning of September are good months to plant your fall garden, and your local nursery will have starts ready in late August and September.

Lettuce, peas, beans and beets are wonderful fall crops that make delicious salad ingredients.

Chard and kale are two of the easiest veggies to grow, and can often be harvested right through a mild winter.

Do some research online to find out the average time of the first killing frost in your area. Around here that would be mid-November. Up north, or at higher elevations, a frost can come much earlier. Then look on the seed packet for the number of days until harvest, and count back from the frost date to decide on the best planting date. Using cold frames, hoop houses, high tunnels, greenhouses or row covers can help extend the fall harvesting season.

After planting, remember to keep the soil moist for a few weeks while the seeds are germinating. Providing some shade during the midday heat is also a must. A light layer of mulch or a temporary hoop house with a cover made of Agribon should work well. Using starts instead of seeds will mean an earlier harvest, too.

Late August may be the ideal time to plant that fall garden, but remember: It’s never too early or too late!

While the nighttime temperatures remain above freezing, most of the following plants can be directly sown in the soil:

**Beans:** Bush beans with a 45-day maturation are ideal. Landreth (shown) are a meaty, stringless variety with high yields and a 55-day maturation cycle.

**Beets:** Table beets are a good choice. Greens develop after the first month, and roots after the second month. Plant 10-12 weeks before the first

killing frost in your area, or cover with Agribon. Detroit Red (shown) is a good all-around variety and cold-tolerant.

**Carrots:** Scarlet Nantes, Autumn King, Muscade (shown) are excellent choices, though most varieties will survive a light frost and continue growing in mild areas, as long as conditions remain moist but not wet. Plant 10-12 weeks before the first killing frost in northern areas. Check growth after 8 weeks.

**Cilantro:** Plant seeds at least 6-8 weeks before the first killing frost. This will ensure plants have time to develop before the colder weather sets in.

**Cucumber:** Plant at least 6-8 weeks before the first killing frost. Hardy varieties like Early Russian (shown) and Early Fortune are your best bet.

**Kale:** This green is a powerful source of antioxidants and one of the hardiest cold-weather crops. Siberian Dwarf is extremely hardy and productive, making it a great choice for cold weather gardens anywhere.

**Spinach:** With a row cover of Agribon, this green can be harvested through much of the winter, even in colder climates. Choose varieties like Winter Bloomsdale or Tye.

**Lettuce:** As a general rule, any variety that is heat- or drought-tolerant will also be a good candidate for fall gardens. Again, a row cover will extend the season.

**Parsley:** Plants take up to 3 months to mature,

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At top, left: Fall planting in the DripWorks Demonstration Garden off East Hill Road.

Above, from top: Landreth beans, Detroit Red beets, Muscade carrots, Early Russian cucumbers. Below: Red Kuri squash.



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pavement, before the 7-ton Buffalo Springfield steam roller gently rolls over the artwork, “pressing” the paper against the inked linoleum block.

“The process is kinetic and exciting, and the resulting prints are exquisite,” Roots says.

This year, there’ll be steam roller printing demonstrations on both days: From 1 to 4 pm on Saturday, and from 12 to 3 pm on Sunday.

The Roots of Motive Power Appreciation BBQ is set for 5 pm Saturday in the Rec Grove, featuring whole pigs roasted on the spit, along with raffles and live and silent auctions to raise funds for the Roots nonprofit.

The Roots of Motive Power Steam-Up runs from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, September 12. On Sunday, September 13, the day starts at 8:30 am, with rides on handcars and speeders going around the Roots loop, and shutdown of all steam equipment and rail operations will start around 3 pm Sunday afternoon.

“I live just on the other side of the plant,” Kersig told the board. “It is about as far away from the creek as I am from that wall,” he said, referring to a nearby wall.

Kersig appeared to be standing about 25 feet away from the wall when he made the statement.

The question of whether Scaglione was right or wrong is either complicated or simple, depending on how one looks at it. On the one hand, Rachel Doughty, attorney for appellants Friends of Outlet Creek, argued Scaglione was not justified in issuing the permit to construct, because he had no valid reason to affirm the asphalt plant had been subject to an environmental review required under the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA.

She based her argument on the fact that no full project-specific EIR on the proposed plant has ever been done. Mendocino County is claiming the functional equivalent of an EIR for the current asphalt plant was done in 2002 when a previous landowner, Parnum Paving, filed a negative declaration for the previous asphalt plant, and in 2009, when the county did the EIR for the county’s General Plan Update.

Doughty and the Friends of Outlet Creek maintain the 2002 negative declaration does not apply to the 2015 plant, and the 2009 EIR was for the entire general plan update, and not for this specific plant, and – since no EIR for the plant has been done – CEQA has not been followed.

**Radishes:** Plant early in the fall in loose, weed-free soil. Chinese Green Loubo is a recommended choice. Radishes love cool weather, so sow seeds 8-10 days apart for continuous harvest.

**Swiss Chard:** Though most varieties are remarkably cold-tolerant, Verde de Taglio is good choice for fall and winter gardens. Most chards can be mulched over and kept going until spring.

**Winter Squash:** Can be planted up to 14 weeks before the first killing frost. Hubbard, Acorn, Butternut, Cushaw, and Red Kuri (shown) are excellent varieties. Some types can be stored for up to 4-6 months.

These plants can be grown in a fall garden from transplanted starts:

**Basil:** One of the easiest herbs to grow, but not frost-tolerant. Compact Genovese is an excellent variety for any garden. Cover with Agribon or bring indoors when frost threatens.

**Brussel Sprouts:** Varieties require 90-120 days to mature, but frost actually improves the flavor. Plants can be wintered over in milder climates and harvested in the spring.

**Cabbage:** January King and Early Jersey Wakefield are good choices for cool weather gardens.

In a statement to the court, Eyster said, pursuant to California’s Victims’ Bill of Rights Act of 2008, he “had personally been in contact with the survivors by telephone and they were aware of today’s change of plea and the stipulated disposition.”

In addition “to giving weight to the wishes of the survivors,” the stipulated sentence that will be imposed “is roughly equivalent to life without parole,” according to DA Eyster.

Public Defender Linda Thompson represented Barton at Wednesday’s hearing.

**Mammoth Melting Sugar Snow Pea**

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Hearing board members Eric Crane, Tom Johnson and Mark Johnson voted to affirm Scaglione’s actions, while board member (and Willits resident) Marc Komer voted against doing so.

The Outlet Creek site, also called the Longvale processing site, is located in the 100-year flood plain of Outlet Creek. It is difficult to say with any degree of certainty how far the asphalt plant is away from the creek; if there was an EIR, these kinds of facts would be available.

In 2002, site owner Parnum Paving renewed the use permit for rock processing operations and the asphalt batch plant. An EIR for both rock and asphalt production was done at that time. The county, as lead agency, chose to submit a negative declaration, affirming that the environmental impacts of the operation were minimal and could be remediated by following a few basic precautions and guidelines. That negative declaration met CEQA requirements.

According to the staff report prepared by Mendocino County Planning and Building Services planner John Speka for the March 17 meeting of the board of supervisors, “Little processing or batch plant activity took place during the 10-year use permit entitlement, due primarily to market-driven forces. Also, during this time [2002 to 2012], much of the asphalt processing equipment was removed from the site.”

Supervisors initiated a General Plan update in 2007 and included a host of small land use changes in the update. One of those changes was the approval for industrial operations at the Longvale site, pending a rezoning of the affected parcels from Rangeland to Industrial. An EIR was conducted for the general plan update and certified on August 17, 2009. According to Speka’s historical summary, “A subsequent rezone was adopted by the board of supervisors on May 11, 2010, which changed the zoning of the property from Rangeland 160 to Industrial, relying on certification of the previous EIR for compliance with CEQA.”

In 2011, a new property owner, Grist Creek Aggregates, initiated a process to obtain a use permit to start up gravel processing and asphalt production at the Longvale site. A development review conducted by the county in 2011 determined a use permit could be issued for the project, based on the 2002 negative declaration and the 2010 rezone process.

According to the staff report for the rezone, “So long as the existing facility continues to be operated under the conditions of the prior entitlements, staff does not foresee any additional impacts as noted in the EIR, further re-enforcing the need to have the conditions outlined in UR- 5-72/2002 [i.e., the 1972 use permit and the 2002 use permit] function as an equivalent to a development review and continue to be maintained with the existing operation.”

On March 17, supervisors voted 5-0 to affirm the new plant proposed by Grist Creek was “not substantially changed from the operation as it previously existed and is not a new or changed use pursuant to Mendocino County Code Section 20.188.025 that requires further development review.”

On June 16, 2015, supervisors rescinded their March 17 resolution. According to the June 16 rescission: “The rescission of [the March 17 resolution] in no way impairs the land use entitlements of the site as they existed prior to March 17, 2015.”

Mark Harrison, attorney for Grist Creek Aggregates, argues that whether or not Mendocino County had done an adequate environmental review of the project is beside the point. The only question, according to Harrison, is whether Scaglione understood Mendocino County had affirmed that adequate environmental review of the project had been done.

Harrison and Scaglione both stated Mendocino County had affirmed that point, and they maintained Scaglione was correct in issuing the permit to construct.

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Judge Ann Moorman will sentence Barton to 71 years to life at 9 am on October 9; he “is not expected to be eligible to appear before the parole board until he is at least 89 years old,” reported a “Case Update” posted Wednesday afternoon on the Mendocino County District Attorney’s Office Facebook page.

Barton stabbed 17-year-old Teo Andriano Norvell Palmieri and 52-year-old Coleman Andriano Palmieri to death at their Laytonville home in the early hours of July 19. He also attacked and critically injured Palmieri’s wife, Cindy Norvell, and her brother.

The “self-admitted heavy user of marijuana” agreed to the stipulated sentence as part of a plea bargain. In return for his guilty pleas, District Attorney David Eyster agreed to dismiss a special allegation that would have made Barton eligible for the death penalty.

“Several items – such as plastic piping, steel chicken wire fencing, and other trash detrimental to wildlife – were also located within the riparian zones of the stream and creekbeds,” Barney said.

Deputies arrested Julian McCorkendale, 25, of Missouri; April Carey, 26, of Kansas; Nathaniel Levy, 25, of Oklahoma; and Kaleie Larson, 30, of Nebraska. The four were taken to county jail.

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**A history of the Longvale site**

Industrial operations have been conducted at the Longvale site since the 1950s, when there was a lumber mill there. The site became the home of a combined gravel extraction, rock processing, and asphalt production operation in 1972. A county permit was obtained for those operations in 1972; the permit was renewed in 1982. The permit for gravel extraction ended in 1990, but the permit for gravel processing and asphalt production was continued.

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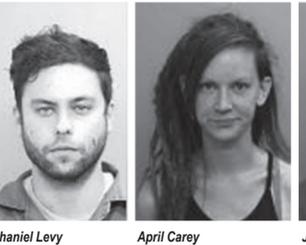
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Nathaniel Levy April Carey Julian McCorkendale Kaleie Larson

**Arrest near Willits**

The following day just before 1 pm, a sheriff’s deputy pulled over a white Toyota Corolla with expired registration tabs driving southbound on Highway 101 near Willits.

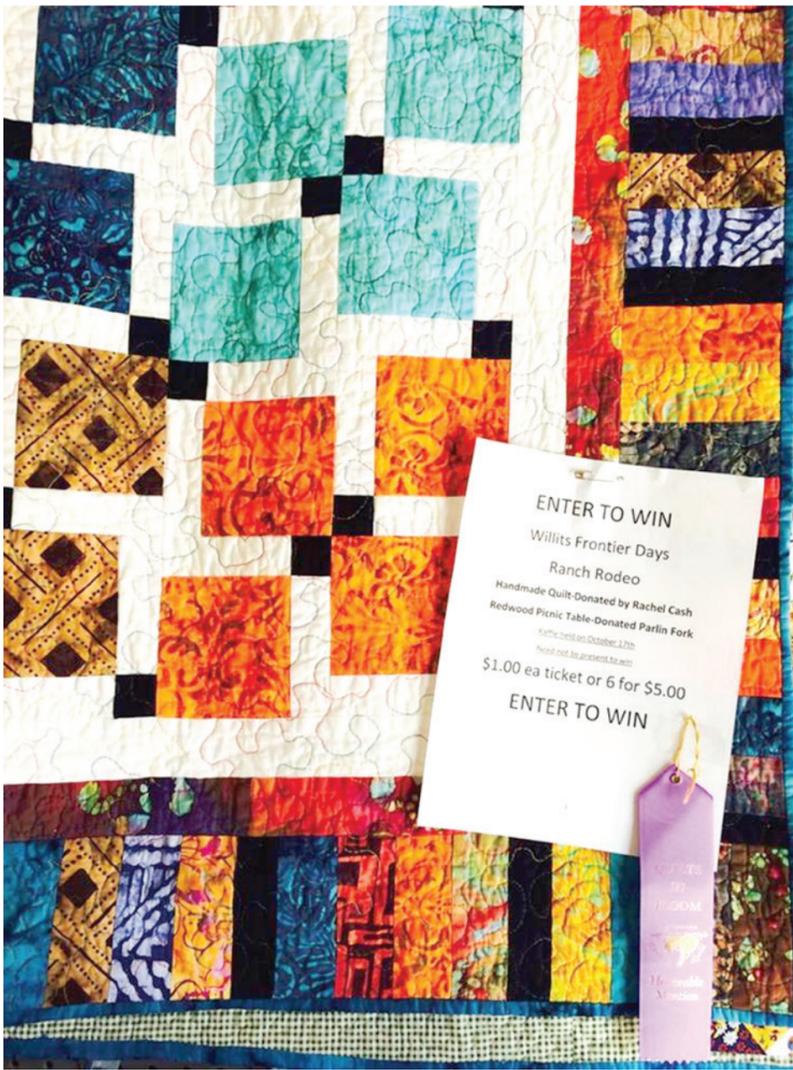
During the stop, the deputy detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the car, sheriff’s officials said.

The deputy then discovered two large duffie bags in the trunk containing some 31 pounds of bud marijuana in one-pound packages.

Franklin Timothy Lunney, 30, of Phoenix, Arizona, was arrested on suspicion of transporting marijuana and taken to county jail.

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

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ENTER TO WIN  
 Willits Frontier Days  
 Ranch Rodeo  
 Handmade Quilt-Donated by Rachel Cash  
 Redwood Picnic Table-Donated Parlin Fork  
 Raffle ends on October 17th  
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 \$1.00 ea ticket or 6 for \$5.00  
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## Handmade Quilt & Table Raffle

The Willits Junior Horsemen are out selling tickets for this year's Willits Frontier Days raffle, for a quilt made by Rachel Cash and a redwood picnic table donated by Parlin Fork Conservation Camp with the help of Donny Arms. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The quilt is on display at Willits Power and Hardware. Tickets: Danielle at 272-1340.



At right: A 2014 contestant reaches for the steer during one of the events.

Below: Marta Bartow swings her rope and gets ready to throw, hoping to catch the head or heels of a steer during last year's rodeo.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Below, left: The buckles, sponsored by Les Schwab of Willits, for the 2015 Ranch Rodeo.



## Ranch Rodeo

Willits Frontier Days cowboy and cowgirl event coming up on October 17

It's time for real-life cowboys and cowgirls to start thinking about teams and signups for the annual Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo coming up on October 17.

Buckles, sponsored by Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits, arrived recently at the Willits Frontier Days offices and are ready to be displayed at the sponsoring business before being handed out to event winners next month.

Ranch Rodeo info: 272-5395 or online at [www.WillitsFrontierDays.com](http://www.WillitsFrontierDays.com).

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**BBQ CHICKEN DINNER TO GO!**

**Friday**  
**September 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**The Lions Club will be BBQ'ing**

Gift Certificates are courtesy of  
 Dr. Chana of East Hill Vet and Harrah's Thrift Store.

**PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY**  
**\$25/EACH**  
 Dinner is for two and the tickets come with two \$5.00 gift certificates.

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