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Trucks moving fill after judge's OK

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Caltrans contractor DeSilva Gates started moving truckloads of fill from Mendocino Forest Products Apache Mill site on Wednesday morning following Judge Cindee Mayfield's Monday decision to refuse a preliminary injunction filed against the earth-moving.

The decision reversed the stop-work order issued as part of a temporary restraining order granted almost three weeks ago and allows the excavation of almost 900,000 cubic yards of fill for use in the northern bypass area.

Willits environmental groups Keep the Code and

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Eel flows monitored from air; results are 'worrying'

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Volunteer pilots in two lightweight sport planes mounted with five Go-Pro undertook cameras an



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Ready, Set, Open

Willits' Grocery Outlet opens its doors Thursday morning at 7 am



"It's become the family business," laughed Heidi McDowell, owner of the Ukiah Grocery Outlet, as her son Brock McDowell, owner of the new Willits Grocery Outlet, was scurrying about Wednesday afternoon finishing final details for Thursday's ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening weekend. Heidi noted their goals are to "treat all our employees and customers like family" and to offer a great selection at reasonable prices - including organic and natural goods. The community is welcome to come to the ribbon cutting at 9 am Thursday morning or attend their grand opening event on Saturday for giveaways, prizes and more. See the calendar on pages 6 and 7 for more info.

Above: Grandpa Joe Cramer and Grandma Kathy Cramer, who traveled down from Washington state for Thursday morning's grand opening event, make sure the register is working and ready to go, as Eric Olecik, grocery manager, bips some organic chicken through the checkstand. Below: the Cramers hand Willits store owner Brock McDowell (in red) the store's first official dollars, as proud parents Heidi and Monty pose next to their son. Photos by Maureen Moore

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Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved the 2014-15 final Mendocino County budget, amid praise from county staff to the board and from the board for staff. Even representatives from the SEIU Local 1021, the labor union representing the great majority of county employees, said they approved of the document.

The general consensus seems to be that, if the county has spent the past four years crawling out of the pit, then threading its way out of a dark forest, it has finally emerged into a sunlit clearing with the new budget.

Of the \$227.5 million earmarked for spending, \$62.3 million is discretionary spending under board control.

The budget has several high points. Despite a Willits Weekly report two weeks ago that the county never has an extra \$8.5 million lying around, it does this year.

The carry forward from 2012-13 amounts to \$8.85 million. That figure includes a huge unspent sum from the Health and Human Services Agency (\$4.6 million), as well as unexpected revenue of nearly \$1 million flowing into Budget Unit 1000. This figure includes unbudgeted increases in revenues

August 29 aerial mission to survey the Eel River, California's third largest watershed and the region's most important waterway.

What they found were worrying signs of the severity of California's drought, including the first "disconnection" of the river recorded on the Eel's mainstem in Fortuna.

Readers can see a slideshow of aerial photos showing dry spots along the

Read the rest of Eel Over on Page 13

Willits man arrested for Blackhawk Drive threats

A man told sheriff's deputies a 34-year-old Willits man allegedly threatened to kill him numerous times Monday at a Blackhawk Drive residence.

About 1 pm deputies responded to a call in the 4100 block of Blackhawk Drive.

There, the man told deputies that Jonathan Young had threatened to kill him several times while visiting the residence earlier in the day, according to a Sheriff's Office report.

As deputies talked with the victim, they observed Jonathan Young drive by slowly.

Read the rest of Crime

Over on Page 13



Willits creek cleanup day: September 20

If you want to help gather up garbage and recyclables in city creeks and around town, then be at the City Hall parking lot at 8:30 am on September 20.

Volunteers are encouraged to join in with the cleanup effort organized by Mendocino Land Trust as part of the California Coastal Cleanup day.

"Everybody has a stake in town looking nice," City Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman said.

There are five creeks inside city limits, and volunteers will divide into teams before heading to their zones.

A volunteer should take one garbage bag for recyclables and another for garbage. "At the end of the day we total all weight for recyclables and garbage," said Sherman.

Last year's cleanup day was rained out, but this year the event is being organized to take place rain or shine.

Countywide last year, Coastal

Cleanup volunteers gathered up more than 3,000 pounds of trash and 500 pounds of recyclables, according to the Mendocino Land Trust.

Locations on Broaddus Creek, Baechtel Creek Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com and a spot on South Street known for catching windblown garbage are in the lineup for this year.

> A glance at the banks of Baechtel Creek revealed large pieces of

cardboard and similar materials in berry vines and the creekbed.

Zack Cinek

An empty Marlboro cigarette pack, a Reese's wrapper, a Drumstick ice cream wrapper, and a plastic bag were some of the more visible bits of trash spotted from the bridge on Commercial Street.

The first year Willits participated in Coastal Cleanup day, Sherman said, the city won a prize for gathering up the most garbage in the county.

Sherman expects about 50 people could show for this year's cleanup.

If you go: Dress in boots, pants and long-sleeved shirt. Register for the event at 8:30 am in the City Hall parking lot. The cleanup runs from 9 to noon.

Trash at the end of South Street



from sales and uses taxes of \$310,000, \$448,000 in

> Read the rest of Budget | Over on Page 10

Trustees upbeat as new school year starts

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Teachers and certified staff have a new contract. Willits High School has a full supply of counselors. The district has 23 new teachers. The district is out of the red, and the nightmare of the bond project is slipping into the past. And the high school football team is scoring points! Things are good ... right now.

"I think we're on a positive roll. There are lots of smiling faces. Let's keep it going," said Trustee Laurie Harris, summing up the mood of the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees at a September 3 meeting.

That meeting was largely taken up with start-of-year reports from principals of various district schools.

Brookside School Principal Olga O'Neill told the board enrollment at Brookside is at 360, as opposed to 480 at the school last year. The drop in

Read the rest of Trustees Over on Page 13

Candidates forum

To the Editor:

"Talking with Our Candidates" is the title of the first Willits Town Hall meeting of this new season. This is an opportunity to speak informally with local people running for the Willits City Council and Third District supervisor.

Incumbents Ron Orenstein and Larry Stranske and challenger Robin Leler are vying for two City Council seats in the November election. Holly Madrigal and Tom Woodhouse are running for the empty supervisorial position. Each of these five people will speak for five to seven minutes at the beginning of the meeting and then will be available for questions and comments from the audience, in our usual Town Hall format. This is a good time to find out what your candidates stand for and to ask them the questions you would like answered.

Because we feel this meeting will draw a lot of people, it will be held in the Community Center, across the hall from the City Council chambers, where earlier Town Hall meetings have been held. Microphones and amplifiers will be used, so that everyone can hear what the candidates and members of the audience are saying. Be sure to mark your calendars for this important event: "Talking with Our Candidates," Sunday, September 21, from 4 to 6 pm at the Willits Community Center. For more information, call Carlin Diamond, 459-4850,

Thank You To the Editor: Combine beautiful successful quilt show by the Long Valley Quilters at The Fat Quail in Laytonville (August

30 and 31). A fitting addition this year was Ron

Crane's display of his antique washing machine collection on Saturday. Thank you, Ron!

Quilters from far and near came to purchase a copy of the Fall/Winter 2014 Better Homes and Gardens Quilt Sampler magazine. Debbie Bowles/The Fat Quail is featured along with nine other shops across the country, and Debbie's exclusive quilt design for the magazine, "Autumn Nesting," was revealed at the show. Stop by the shop to see the guilt, purchase a kit or the magazine, and congratulate Debbie.

Winners of the show ribbons (voted by the visitors): People's Choice for Favorite Quilt: Elaine Carpenter: Quilt You Would Most Like to Sleep Under: KayLynne VanSaun; Most Whimsical: Deb Kvaka; Best Use of Color: Nancy Davis; Best Wall Hanging: Nina Morosi; Nature Challenge: Jody McGeen; and Fashion & Accessory: Sherlyn Good.

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

the guilts each day. Without you there would not check mark and holly berries. As the ballad be a show We look forward to seeing everyone again next crown year, so mark your calendar now for the 4th weekend in August 2015 at The Fat Quail.

Jody McGeen, Laytonville own sign. Put it up in your yard. Feel good Caltrans delays about it.

and time again. Had they actually listened to the input from local residents who said they wanted a two-lane bypass with minimal damage and environmental cost to the valley, they would more than likely have two-thirds of the project

completed by now with little opposition. Caltrans' back-door dealings for a quicker, cheaper source of fill are what has precipitated the latest restraining order. With the help of John Pinches and a complicit board, bypassing their own due process, Caltrans stepped in it again. Dan Hamburg was the lone voice of

Mary Zellachild, Willits The protestors have caused very little delay.

reason

Quilt Show

blue, smokeless skies with comfortable temperatures and quilted works of art and you have another

"People's Choice" quilt, by Elaine Carpenter

memorable as any interchange in Los Angeles.

for two lanes would suffice.

and reordering of this state agency that is long overdue Sign Envy

To the Editor:



goes: "...the holly bears the crown." and I cheered "Go, Holly!" as I painted on the golden

Please register to vote and then vote for Holly

Greg Schindel, Willits

So, you critics who are weary of the same old signs, big and small, why not get creative and personal and join the sign contest? Create your

To the Editor: If Caltrans had 50 years to get their act together, one might conclude they could have come up with a good design. Caltrans is a massive state

Vote Madrigal dinosaur of an appendage and proves it time To the Editor Confidence. Trust. Ethics. I have confidence

and trust in the choices Holly Madrigal makes as a leader in our community. I trust her ethics. Please join me in voting for Holly Madrigal for supervisor. A vote for Holly is a vote for all of us!

Madrigal

April Tweddell, Willits

The public's watchdog

To the Editor:

Over the last few months, the 2014-2015 Grand Jury has watched as a number of reports issued They have merely pointed out the violations of proper process and law. Caltrans delays

by the 2013-2014 Grand jury have attracted considerable comment from county officials, themselves, and charges it to the taxpayers. They the press and the public. Most of the comments from the county officials have been critical of have failed miserably on the manner in which the reports were written, environmental concerns the tone of the language used in the reports, and in their basic design. the presentation of the issues in the reports, encourage any interested and the alleged truthfulness of the facts and party to take a little drive conclusions contained in those reports. and carefully observe

There has also been expressed concern by the what this bypass is press and the public about why the Grand Jury really costing them. The does not provide responses to comments made entrance to Willits from by the public and public officials regarding the the south used to be a reports. There is no provision in the law that scenic vista with oak and allows the Grand Jury to make such responses. madrone studded hills. That has been obliterated about the roles and responsibilities of the Grand and is currently raw earth. Jury and the procedures that we are required Soon it will be paved over to follow. with asphalt and concrete,

making this southern entrance to Willits about as In Mendocino County, the Grand Jury is The northern interchange is just as shocking, with 40 acres of valley land being converted the Grand Jury. These volunteers are carefully to an unnecessary four-lane interchange and interviewed and have background checks to roundabout bypass where a simple interchange ensure that they are gualified to serve and bring

process helps to inform the judiciary as to the The good news is that Caltrans has screwed fitness for duty of those who are willing to give up so unmercifully in so many ways across generously of their time and abilities to fulfill the state that they are being scrutinized by the constitutionally mandated duties of a grand Sacramento. This re-evaluation of the Caltrans juroi "purpose and need" could produce a cleansing

Willits

voters,

myself included, have been

suffering from "sign envy."

Fear not, I have found the

Design your own, personal sign

for your favorite candidate. My

favorite candidate for the Third

District is Holly Madrigal. It

was satisfying to chant, "Go,

Holly!" as I cut out the shape

of the holly leaf and painted

it green. "Go, Holly!" as I cut

out the classic Holly-style red

Once the selection process is concluded, the supervising judge instructs the jurors as to their duties and responsibilities, in the charge read

John Wagenet, Willits to the jurors after the oath of office is given. In part, the charge requires the juror not to discuss

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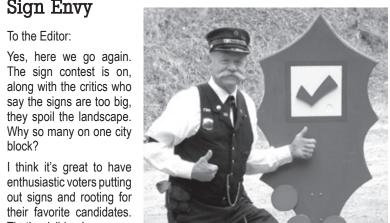
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public monies and the public's trust.

In short, the Grand Jury is the public's watchdog.

State law governs the manner in which the various reports are written and what retention of records is required or allowed. While each Grand Jury is an independent entity intended to exist for only a single year, each Grand Jury is permitted to pass on to the next Grand Jury any pertinent documents that were collected in an investigation, suggested topics for the next year, and the responsibility to collect and publish the responses to the reports issued by the outgoing Grand Jury. What may not be passed on to the next jury is any evidence of testimony heard or even the identities of those persons interviewed. This is in order to protect the identities of witnesses and guarantee the confidentiality of the Grand Jury process.

This guarantee of confidentiality is the basis of what makes the Grand Jury an effective watchdog. The knowledge that a person may report misuse of funds, violations of law and abuse of position without fear of retribution from those who have done any of these things means that the public gets to know what their elective and appointed officials are doing. All this is to ensure the efficient and orderly working of government to the benefit of the public that places their trust in those self/same officials.

Each fact printed in a report from any Grand Jury is carefully vetted to make sure that the fact is indeed a fact. Where a newspaper might use two sources to establish a fact a Grand

Jury must use a minimum of three sources to start to consider a statement as a fact. In practice, the Grand Jury will interview many more than three people to establish whether the statements made in the interview of any one person is a fact. Most facts are also supported by documents that may be obtained by a simple request for the document or by subpoena when necessarv

Interviews are not conducted with just one level of employee within any government department or division. Most levels are included in the interview process, from the top-level official in the department to those working at the front line of the department. This is done to make The purpose of this letter is to inform the public sure that what is being told to the Grand Jury is not just the grousing of a disenchanted individual, but is what is actually being done in the department.

Each report contains the facts that the Grand selected each year from volunteers who file an Jury used in reaching the determinations listed application with the Superior Court to serve on in the findings and recommendations. When those facts are disputed by the responding parties, the only way the Grand Jury can establish the veracity of the prior Grand Jury's an open mind to the process. The selection report is to repeat the investigation. This has been done on occasion in previous Grand Juries, with the result being a determination by the subsequent Grand Jury as to the complete truthfulness of the prior Grand Jury.

> This vindication was not the result of the same jurors saying we did the job right, but unrelated iurors saving, the facts as stated were properly established and are true. This is the backbone of all Grand Jury work. The process is followed to prevent the issuance of a report based on innuendo and falsehoods. they

may hear, see It should be noted that each report goes determine through a considerable review process before serving it is published. This process includes multiple their one term reviews by the jurors of what is in the report and juror how the facts, findings and recommendations anyone are expressed. Then before a report is sent for forever. The independent review, an exit interview is held only way any with the concerned department head to make information may sure that if a fact has changed from when the leave the Grand investigation was started and the report written, Jury is through that change is reflected in the report. report When the independent review is conducted, the proposed final report is carefully and thoroughly Mendocino examined as to whether all facts expressed the were properly triangulated or supported by size of the jury adequate documentation. Everything is doubleis 19 people. and triple-checked. Once the report clears this No topic is selected for investigation and no review, it is placed before the full panel of jurors report is approved for issuance without the for discussion and a vote. concurrence of at least 12 of those jurors. The jurors come from all walks of life. Many have As I mentioned earlier, the minimum vote had professional careers in fields ranging for approval of a report is 12 of 19 Jurors. In from law, taxes and corporate positions at the practice, if a report receives only 12 of 19 votes highest level, to construction, farming, ranching to publish, the report is placed back on the table and homemaking. What ties them together is a for further consideration. In my experience, a desire to shine a light on the decision-making report seldom is approved with less than 13 of and financial process in our local governments. 19 jurors. Every care is taken to make sure that This light is intended to allow the public to what the Grand Jury is reporting is accurate, upknow, without the filters of self-serving



influenced biodynamic gardening experts Ron Woolsey strongly and Fred Marshall first broke ground on an renowned Mendocino farms such as John undeveloped residential lot on North Street. In that time the space has been completely Jeavons' Ecology Action in Willits, transformed. Set for its "coming out party" and Covelo's Live Power first class the weekend after next, Phoenix Rising - equal parts "model village garden," Community community educational center, and open air art and Frey Vineyards, gallery – is full of thriving plants and local art. as well

"California Last fall, Woolsey and Marshall connected movement. with lot owner and local realtor Peter Smith, who generously donated the long-term use of the Woolsey space to help the two realize a dream of a large on to work with community garden focused on education and Masanobu Fukuoka based on biodynamic principles - that was itself (known for his "Do "a work of art," promoting "a healthy community Nothing Farming" through gardening." philosophy), and to

teach horticulture at Laytonville High School. Woolsey and Marshall have both grown their horticultural knowledge

decades of organic farming **Phoenix** in Mendocino, first meeting as apprentices at biodynamic and Marshall stayed as intensive staff in Covelo, before horticultural innovator managing the gardens Chadwick's at Emandal and teaching gardening at Mendocino New community College for many years. garden and art gallery Marshall also works with Mendocino Renegade

on North Street By Kate Maxwell

On North Street, Woolsey started the effort by



vegetables of all kinds flourish in double-dug beds and cake-like tiered containers, and trays of new seeds are poised to sprout. One corner is full of buckwheat ready to be harvested and replaced by favas. Beets and carrots mix with sculptures and strawberries, and butterflies Project, and more. move from marigolds to blue borage flowers.

Phoenix Rising is organized to display the "village garden," created to "redefine our role in the garden." In one aspect, it embodies a vision of how a vacant lot could be organized without individual plots, to feed three or four families, with garden care and bounty shared amongst them. The design reduces pathway area, improves crop rotation, and enables certifications and the 'micro-environments" and arrangements by type of plant community and companion gardening to facilitate ease of watering and management.

The spaces can potentially be maintained with

Clockwise from above: Woolsey's jackass sculpture "The Supervisor" lounges beneath a recently pruned through apple tree. Sculpture by Doug Kell. First sunlight of the day hits the garden beds. Woolsey with vertical French gardening containers and his "Making a Point" sculpture. Trays with the next round of sprouting seeds await their new homes. A view of the garden to the east, with squashes, tomatoes,

sculptures, and more. Photos by Kate Maxwell

Alan Covelo Garden Project in the mid-1970s. Woolsey summarizes: "the techniques are drawn from early classic English horticulture and include French and

intensive Japanese methods," though he and Marshall "each in

Farm. as the cuisine" went

swoop amidst towering sunflowers, summer He initiated a variety of local garden projects in Brooktrails, in Ashland, with the North Coast Opportunities Garden

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets to help with our scholarship fund for Laytonville High School seniors. The lucky raffle winners are: Bed Quilt: Garrett Matson; Pets Basket: Phillip Colvard; Baby Basket: Evelyn Roberts; Quilting Basket #1: Jayma Spence; Entertainment Basket: Roberta Miller; Sewing block? Basket #2: Linda Engles; and Gardening Basket: Gwen McCluskey. Congratulations, and don't forget to stop by The Fat Quail during business hours to pick up your winning item.

Lastly, we would like to thank our families and That's visible democracy dear friends who helped set up and take down at work. I think some

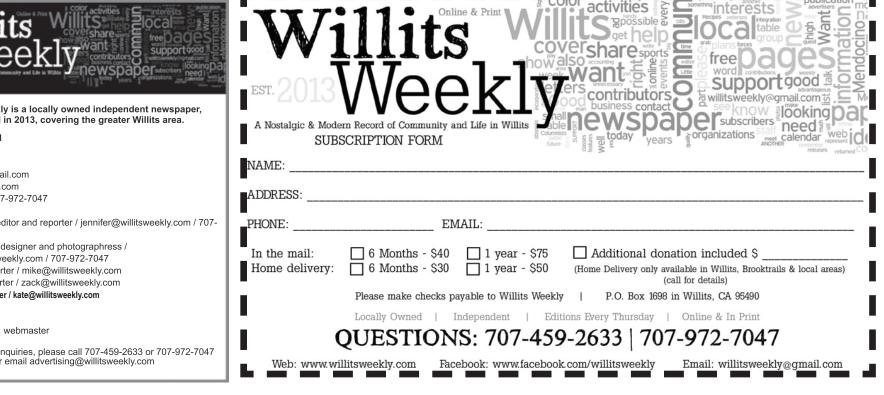
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our way add to it." Chadwick was a student tilling the soil "about 50 times," initiating a near-Read the rest of of Rudolph Steiner, and his work at UC Santa endless battle with blackberries, and planting the Over on Page 9 Garden Cruz, Marin's Green Gulch Farm Zen Center, first seeds of cover crops. Now, hummingbirds

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Top row, from left: Professional lumberjack Darby Hand signs autographs for adoring fans; Shelley Dorbin watches as Get Ugly Early teammate Colter King heads for the water; Crossfit Wolverines Mark Flamer (left) and Michael Colvig (right) compete in the double buck sawing event. Above left, top: Darby Hand showcases his skills. Above left: Professional lumberjack Dave Weatherhead makes it to the top of the pole. Above: Crossfit Wolverines, first place winners in the first annual Timberworks Lumberjack show, from left: Niko Steffen, Stephen James, Jeff Yokum, Mark Flamer and Michael Colvig.

At left, from top: Local Locomotives team member Danny Romero chucks the ax downfield towards the target; Get Ugly Early team member Kevin Reedy (left) and Crossfit Wolverines team member Stephen James push the logs in the land log roll event and professional lumberjacks show their chopping skills while balancing on planks.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Trains, chain saws, axes and steamrollers were favorites like the Little River Inn and Benbow Inn. all featured in full this weekend during the Roots of Motive Power annual Steamup event. This year, n addition to the chugging motors and steam-filled engines, a lumberjack show and custom printing event were added to the festivities.

event.

East

Chain-saw sculptor Bruce Willis of Shelter Cove gave demonstrations of his work, turning a large log into a standing bear, and Left Coast Supplies brought a Lucas Mill, which did on-site milling of a large log into board lumber.

Over the two-day There were two interested chances to catch persons were welcome **A Koots** Timberworks the to go see the Roots Lumberjack show on yard located at 420 Saturday: at 1 pm and at Commercial 6 pm. The shows gave Weekend Street, to watch the watchers a chance to antique engines run see two professional and catch a ride on the lumberjacks showcase very popular "Roots high-skill tasks, as well By Maureen Moore Loop" for an oldas give some teams of fashioned train ride. local amateurs a chance

"The word was out among Roots volunteers on to try their hand at some traditional events, too The event opened with the American Legion raising the American flag, and Bruce Heppler of Covelo riding in on his steam tractor to perform the national anthem.





the log in the water tank. Souvenir log slices were signed by Darby Hand for fans of all ages, and one lucky little lumberjill took home the "bunny seat" carved on the spot by Hand and Dave Weatherhead. Sunday's main special event was the steamroller printing exhibition held in

conjunction with the San Francisco Center for the Book, featuring SF artist Rik Olson. Local artists were encouraged to carve blocks of "battleship grade" linoleum, creating a rubber-stamp-like relief in reverse to use for print making during the day's

event. Some did bring finished designs to the beginning of the event, and others who came during were welcome to carve designs on site.

Rik Olson not only brought several of his own designs, but encouraged and inspired those creating their own. He also facilitated the inking of the blocks as well as setting up the rather unique "printing press" along with the help of several volunteers.

The "press" was nothing other than Roots' 7-ton Buffalo Springfield steam roller, driven by Roots volunteer James Anson A runway of sorts was lined out on the cement pathway of the Rec Grove Park and a sheet of wood carefully marked with placement guidelines was placed in the center of the taped "runway." Carved blocks were laid on the wooden board, then a piece of nice thick paper

pressure as it passed once forward, and then once back.

The layers were carefully and methodically disassembled and, finally, the now basically embossed paper was lifted, revealing the amazing prints.

The gathered crowd "ooohed" and "awwwed" each time the papers were lifted: seeing other people's work was just as exciting as seeing one's own creation unveiled.

This is not the first time the Buffalo Springfield steam roller contributed to the delight of amateur print makers: the Roots dudes took the machine down to San Francisco's Potrero Hill in 2013 where they made prints on Rhode Island Street. Willits Weekly had a story showcasing this previous event in the September 4 edition, which you can see online at www.WillitsWeekly.com. For those who may have missed out on seeing the printing event. Roots will be bringing the steam roller back down to San Francisco again on September 28.

From 11 am to 4 pm, the "Roadworks

row, from left: The general process of the prints: Rik Olson inks a carved block; the inked block is laid on the wooden board and paper laid on top; the blankets cover the board; and then the final print is revealed. Below: Roots' Chris Baldo and James Anson stand with artist Rik Olson and San Francisco Center for the Book's Cheryl Itamura, who all pose by the Buffalo Springfield steam roller. At bottom: A young artist works on her block during the event. Below left: Chris Baldo holds up the Willits Weekly print.

Photos by Maureen Moore









Saturday that Roots needs yet another passenger car," explained Roots' Chris Baldo. "After having to leave passengers waiting at the loading platform due to the Northern Pacific riding car and the NWP caboose both being filled to capacity, the need to be able to load more passengers each trip was apparent. Both the Mason County Logging #7 and the Bluestone Mining and Smelting Heisler #1 performed flawlessly during their moments of individual glory, and the two locomotives combined at the end of the dav for a double-header. The passengers on the train were treated to a unique view of Roots activities: an antique truck display, bulldozers and steam shovels

working at the shovel pit, and the Raymond crane moving huge Lidgerwood parts." After taking their lap around the track, event-goers

could enjoy the Early Day Gas Engines and Tractors show set up in the Rec Grove Park. Early Day hails from Sonoma County, and, along with the Shifters Car Club's display of classic cars, gave crowds enjoying the Saturday barbeque and music in the park an additional visual treat

The barbeque, held by volunteers of Willits Frontier Days, was a smash hit, feeding some 500 people. They served to the point of running out of salad and other fixin's before the event's 5 pm closure.

The silent auction and raffle tables were filled to the brim with goodies to win, including large quantities of base rock from Northern Aggregates, a redwood picnic table from Willits Redwood Company, and bed and breakfast stays and mini retreats from local



At left, top: An antique steam shovel running and on display at the Roots yard.

At left, bottom: the "double header" engines: the Mason County Logging #7 and the Bluestone Mining and Smelting Heisler #1.

Above: The raffle table filled with prizes.

Four teams tried their hand at winning bragging rights at the evening show. After several rounds of ax throwing, double buck sawing, land log rolling, and log rolling champions were named.

First place went to the Crossfit Wolverines: Niko Steffen, Stephen James, Jeff Yokum, Mark Flamer and Michael Colvig; second place went to the Local Locomotives: Lee Bryant, Galen Skye, Danny Romero and Ernie Burton; third place went to the Whistle Punk Steam Team: Shelley Dorbin, Michael Hammang, Chaz Berumen and Todd Orton; and

fourth place went to the Get Ugly Early team: Colter King, Mike Cornwall, Greg Elliott, Michael Wilder and Kevin Reedy.

Once the winners were named, team members enjoyed some after-event unofficial rematches on





At top: Bruce Willis works on his carving of a bear. Above: Some of the antiques on display in the Rec Grove.

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followed, which was then topped with three layers of cloth and heavy fabric. Once the layers were set, the audience cleared back, and the stack was then sandwiched briefly by the steamroller's

Steamroller Printing Festival" will be held by the San Francisco Center for the Book and Roadworks. Check www.sfcb.org/events/ roadworks for more info.

Overall, the Roots weekend was viewed as a huge success and helped the Roots group gain new (and younger!) members, both of which they were thrilled to acquire. "It was a busy and exciting weekend for Roots volunteers, who appreciated the unprecedented crowds admiring the Roots collection," said Baldo.

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Thursday, September 11

Willits Grocery Outlet Ribbon-Cutting the new store opens today at 7 am! A ribbon cutting ceremony, Willits Chamber of Commerce officiating, will be held at 9 am. Willits Community Services and Food Bank will be accepting a \$1,000 donation from Grocery Outlet and the Willits independent owner/operator Brock McDowell. 1718 South Main Street in the Evergreen Shopping Center. "We will be opening the store September 11, 2014 at 7 am. In memory of the events that occurred on September 11, 2001, we would like to present the first 500 people through the door that day with a 4" x 6" American flag."

Brooktrails Lodge: Ladies Night every Thursday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge, 8 pm to 2 am. \$3 drink specials. The Dream Capsule Band presents live music and karaoke. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596.

Patriot's Day Ceremony: the Willits American Legion, Post 174, presents its 13th annual Memorial Service and Remembrance Ceremony for 9/11 in front of Willits High School, starting at 11:20 am. The public is invited. WHS students | w i I I

sing the national anthem. Vice Commander and Legion Post 174 Orator Roger Ham will present the memorial, and the flag will be raised and lowered

to half-staff, with a moment of silence. WHS Leadership Class will be providing lunch for emergency first responders at WHS after

Friday, September 12

ceremony.

Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show at the Boonville Fairgrounds. Gates open at 9 am and close at midnight. Fun on Friday: FFA and 4-H Horse show, 8 am. Junior Dog show, 10 am. Fiber festival opens, 10 am. Bean spitting contest, 2 pm. Ali De performance, 3 pm. Wine tasting, 5 pm. Open swine show, 7 pm. Circle of champions, 7:30 pm. See full schedule online at www.mendocountyfair. com, and see article elsewhere on Calendar page more highlights. for

Willits High School Football: Come cheer on the jayvee and varsity teams during heir second home game of 2014 at Maize Field, behind WHS. The Wolverines will play Elsie Allen. Jayvee starts at 5 pm and varsity at 7 pm. More info: 459-7700.

Willits Library Author Night: local author Jed Diamond is featured at this Author Night at the Willits



psychotherapist and the author of 10 books including the international best-seller, "Male Menopause," is the founder and director of MenAlive, a health program that helps men and the women who love them to live well throughout their lives. Diamond's latest book is "Stress Relief for Men." Some of the areas Jed will discuss are: "Why Sex Matters": cuttingedge information from the new science of Gender Medicine; "Why Men Die Sooner and Live Sicker" and what we can do to help men and their families;

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Live Well." This event is free to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of the Willits Library.

and "How to Use the Tools of Energy Healing to

Saturday, September 13

Willits Grocery Outlet Grand Opening **Celebration:** starts at 7 am today, with free coffee and treats and a free eco-friendly reusable bag to the first 500 customers. Free Spin and Win on the Wheel of Bargains, 10 am to 3 pm. \$1 hot dog & drink from 11 am to 2 pm (proceeds benefit Agape Bible Church), and free face painting for children, 11 am to 3 pm. Free "Magic Cart" winners every 30 459-9194. minutes. 1718 South Main Street in

the Evergreen Shopping Center. Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show at the Boonville

Fairgrounds. Gates open at 9 am and close at midnight. FFA and 4-H Showmanship, 9 am. Angora rabbit demonstration, 10 am. Junior beef show, 11 am. Shearing and skirting demonstration, 1 pm. Bubble gum blowing contest, 3 pm. Fleece auction, 4 pm. Parade of champions, 7 pm. See full schedule online at www.mendocountyfair.com, and article elsewhere on Calendar page for more highlights.

Willits Airport Day & Sixties Fly-In: Celebrate the Sixties at Airport Day today! Wear your bell-bottoms, tie-dies, and sandals, and dance to rock'n'roll oldies as the airport hosts classic aircraft and cars to commemorate Ells Field's 50th anniversary. See

vintage and contemporary aircraft, as well as classic and Sixties cars, from across Northern California. Take a helicopter or airplane ride over the valley to see Willits from the air including the 101 bypass under construction. Airplane rides will be offered at \$35 a person and helicopter rides at \$60 a person. The Lions Club will sell hamburgers, hot dogs, and soda, with the Willits Senior Center providing root beer floats. On hand will be emergency service

providers including the Brooktrails and Little Lake Fire Departments. REACH Air Medical helicopter,

Library, Friday, CHP aircraft, and others. 10 am to 4 pm. Admission all-acoustic, modern variant of 1930s Django opens tonight at the Willits Community Theatre is free. Willits Municipal Airport is located four miles north on Sherwood Road and one mile east

> on Poppy Drive. Exhibit space is still available by contacting Airport Manager Dan Ramsey at 841 6252. More info online at www.WillitsFlyIn.com.

JUST Cowboy Poetry & Apple Pie Throwdown: annual event at Emandal – A Farm on a River - out at Hearst features headliner Juni Fisher, Western Entertainer of the Year, plus the fourth annual apple

pie contest, open mic, swimming, picnicking, and a silent auction. Pie judging begins at 2 pm. \$25, \$10 kids 12 and under, and free if you bring a pie to the contest. For more info, visit www.emandal.com or see article elsewhere on Calendar page.

Shanachie Pub: singer/ songwriter folk artist Laura Meyer, aka "Cygne." 8 pm. No cover, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Visit: http:// The Perfect Crust www.laurameyer.net Info:

Sunday,

September 14 Harrah Center Pancake

Breakfast: 8 to 11 am. Pancakes, eggs, and your choice of ham, bacon, or sausage. 1501 Baechtel Road. Adults \$7, Members \$6, and kids \$5. Info:

459-6826. Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show at the **Boonville Fairgrounds.** Gates open at 9 am and close at midnight. Church services, 8:30 am. Small and large animal Round Robin, 9 and 10 am. Sheep dog trials, 10 am. Spinning contest, 2 pm. Tortilla tossing contest, 3 pm. See full schedule online at www.mendocountyfair.com, and see article

elsewhere on Calendar page for more highlights.

Monday, September 15

Ice Cream Social: from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, featuring music by Train Singer Greg Schindel plus "Name That Tune." Pie, ice cream, coffee. Members \$1, non-members \$1.50. Info: 459-6826.

Willits Dances of Universal Peace: Sacred circle dances and chants drawn from cross-cultural traditions. At the Muse, 7 to 9 pm. Joyful & heart opening. Easy to learn, live music. 459-9085. Shanachie Pub: the Gonzalo Bergara Quartet,

Reinhardt-inspired gypsy jazz. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Visit http://www.thegbq.com/ Info: 459-9194.

Tuesday, September 16

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Novo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Magic in the Moonlight," "If I Stay, "Let's

Be Cops." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

> **GRID Alternatives Volunteer Orientation:** Want to hone up your solar skills? Gain handson experience installing solar PV by volunteering with GRID Alternatives! GRID is a non-profit solar organization making renewable energy accessible to low-income families. Bi-

and Lake counties. Volunteer Orientations monthly. This week's orientation is an online webinar this afternoon from 3 to 5 pm. No experience necessary. Give GRID a call at 707-202-6421 to get

Thursday, September 18

Willits Frontier Davs Ranch Rodeo: this 3rd Brooktrails Lodge: Ladies Night every Thursday annual event focuses on skills needed by real-life at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge, 8 pm to 2 am. \$3 drink specials. The Dream Capsule Band presents ranch cowboys and cowgirls in their day-to-day activities. Teams of three will complete in activities live music and karaoke. 24675 Birch Street. Info: including: calf branding 459-1596.

Center or Main Street Music & Video. BBQ prepared by Lions Club, and sponsored by Old Mission Pizza & Harrah Senior Center Thrift Store.

"The Nightmare," an unsettling three-act drama written and directed by local playwright Don Samson,

at 8 pm. With a cast of eight and a plot line that twists its way through slippery-slope questions of right and wrong, guilt and innocence, and legal causation, this play will run for 10 shows through October 5. Performances are Thursdays at 7 pm for \$10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$15, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$10. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar in Willits; online at Brownpapertickets.com; and for credit cards orders, phone the WCT office at 459-0895. Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub) in Willits. Visit www.willitstheatre.org or see article elsewhere on Sunday, September 21 Calendar page for more info.

Brooktrails Lodge: Open Mic every Friday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge. Live jams featuring local artists: all performers please see Mr. Larry when you arrive. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596.

Saturday, September 20

Coastal Cleanup Day: Clean up creeks in Willits today, as part of California Coastal Cleanup Day sponsored by the California Coastal Commission. Coordinated in Mendocino County by Mendocino Land Trust. Meet at 8:30 am at City Hall parking lot weekly installs in Mendocino for sign-in. Rain or shine. Work: 9 am to 12 noon. Bring boots, pants, long-sleeve shirt and gloves. Then go in teams to zones where there will be a zone captain. Cleanup spots include locations on Baechtel Creek, Broadus Creek and more. "In 2013, over 58,000 Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers removed almost 750,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches, lakes, and waterways." Info: www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ ccd/ccd.html.

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winning chefs, like BBQ smokers, knives and a BBQ basket. BBQ tasting tickets for the public are \$10. For info visit www.willitsfrontierdays.com/ yearround.html or call Mary Fonsen at 354-0112.

"Talking with the Candidates": this first Town Hall meeting of the new season features candidates for 3rd District supervisor Holly Madrigal and Tom Woodhouse, and candidates for Willits City Council Robin Leler, Ron Orenstein and Larry Stranske. 4 to 6 pm at Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. All candidates will speak briefly and answer questions. Public discussion moderated by Carlin Diamond. Info: Carlin at 459.4850 or Carlinvii@aol.com.

Fair Time!

Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show is this weekend

The annual county fair is right around the corner, and the community is encouraged to make the trek over the hills to the town of Boonville where the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show will be held September 12 through 14.

Along with the rides, food, animals and exhibits, the fair showcases the California Wool and Fiber Festival, the Junior

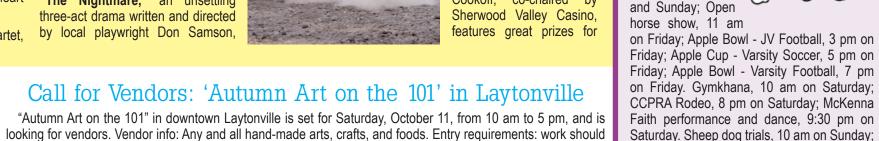
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and Senior livestock shows, the popular sheep dog trials, performances McKenna by Faith and Ali De, rodeos, football and soccer games

Some highlights include:

and much more.

California Wool and Fiber Festival, starting at 10 am on (J)= Friday, Saturday



Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market at City Park, every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Tomatoes! greens, onions, strawberries, watermelon, summer squash, eggplant, cucumbers, peaches, squash and other summer produce, cut flowers, local meats and fish, dinner, crafts, live music, and more.

Brooktrails

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Grateful Gleaners: This volunteer crew is available to pick fruit that you aren't able to use, to donate to local organizations in need of fruit. If you're interested in having fruit picked by the Gleaners, or in volunteering with the group, contact the Gleaners' voice mail, 513-9489, and leave a message, and they will return your call as soon as possible.

The Emandal Chorale: this community chorus based in Willits is in its 20th season, and you are welcome to join! Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm. No auditions necessary. The Chorale meets upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "We sing songs from all around the world in four-part harmony. Come sing in a fun and supportive environment!"

Willits Center for the Arts: September show features Willits artists Ursula Partch, Peggy Hebrard and Morgan Rex, showing "a multitude of techniques," including fiber art hangings, metal and glass sun sculptures, paintings, textiles, photography, garments and accessories, water fountains and more. Runs through September 28: gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm; and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. Info: www.willitscenterforthearts.org or 459-1726.

Junior Grange After-School Program: "an afterschool program democratically run by children ages 5 to 14, with guidance from Grange adults.' Mondays from 3 to 6 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Membership fee: \$1, plus \$1 annual dues. Activities - including chess, fundraising projects, organic gardening, cooking, and a new skill each month: September: "Grid Beam Construction" and October: "Sewing Halloween Costumes" - are free to members (except for singing classes on Tuesdays taught by Nancy New, info: 459-1276). Visitors of all ages are welcome! Info? Contact Zeynep at 707-972-8558 or zeyny34@yahoo.

Cards and Games at Willits Library: free games in the Willits Library's Community Room. All activities are free! Tuesday bridge sessions from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Info: Donna at 459-9035. Tuesday evenings: "Dungeons and Dragons, the Adventurers' League," from 6 to 10 pm. Both newbies and experienced players, ages 13+, are welcome to join. Info: Dan at 972-3154. 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.

Call for Vendors: 'Autumn Art on the 101' in Laytonville Holiday Craft Fair **Coffee** Call for Artists

Friday, September 19 Drive-Thru BBQ Chicken Dinner for 2: a fundraiser for the Harrah Senior Center, from 5:30 to 7 pm, 1501 Baechtel Road. BBQ'd 1/2 chicken. rice pilaf, coleslaw, rolls & dessert. Pre-sale tickets only: \$25, pick up tickets at Harrah Senior

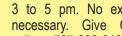
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ranch doctoring, team ribbon roping sorting, reverse saddle cow riding and kids dummy roping. Admission

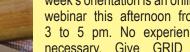
is free to the public. 11 am check-in; starts at 1 pm; kids' dummy roping at 2 pm. Also on the schedule is

a "Calcutta auction" which allows event-goers to win a percentage of the funds raised, by bidding on their favorite teams at the start of competition. A BBQ Cookoff, co-chaired by

team roping



involved



Dot Date:

Save the

Round Valley Indian Days Celebration & Softball Tournament, September 26 to 28, Hidden Oaks Park, Round Valley Reservation

Harvest Moon Celebration, October 11 (yes it's a Saturday!), downtown Willits

LocaLights with Just Enough and David Partch, October 12 Willits Community Theatre

FFA Farmhouse Dinner. October 12, Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds

Rural Living Skills at Boonville Fair

Please join Anderson Valley Fair and Apple Show, September 12 to 14 in Boonville. We will have ongoing Rural Living Skills Presentations in our booth adjacent to Apple Tasting in the Ag Building.

 — Cindy Wilder Friday: 12-1 Simply Sauerkraut (and Pickles); 1-3 Composting With Worms; 2-3 Easy Yogurt and Kefir; 3-4 Crop Preservation Techniques; 4-5 Vegetable Gardening Tips; 5-6 Using Undervalued Crops; 6-7 Grape Tasting

Saturday:10-11 Backyard Honeybees; 11-12 Groundwater Utilization; 12-1 Restoring Our Watershed; 1-2 Seed Saving; 2-3 Homemade Mustard; 3-4 Foraging and Food Forestry; 4-5 Living With Lyme; 5-6 Composting With Worms; 6-7 Grape Tasting

Sunday: 10-11 Basket Making; 11-12 Basket Making (continued); 12-1 Closed for Parade; 1-2 Seed Saving and Processing; 2-3 Meet your Meat; 3-4 Seasonal Farm-to-Table Menus.



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'The Nightmare' at WCT

"The Nightmare," an unsettling three-act drama written and directed by local playwright Don Samson, will open at the Willits Community Theatre on Friday, September 19 at 8 pm. In a Foodshed at the Mendocino County production intended to keep audiences yearning for relief, soccer mom April Buckley attends an annual teachers convention in Chicago, has a few too many margaritas, and soon finds herself descending into a spiral of sex, lies and blackmail

> Buckley can't remember what happened, starts getting phone calls from a man who has a video, and soon faces his blackmail threat. If there is only some way for Buckley to turn back the clock, undo what's been done... but every simple turn she takes goes awry, leading an otherwise moral and innocent woman deeper yet into another soul's obsession.

Samson's plays have been staged in San Francisco, San Rafael, Ukiah, Redway, and, on

"The Nightmare," with a cast of eight and a plot line that twists its way through slippery-slope



with your **Congressman**^{*} The public is invited to attend "A Casual Conversation Congressman Huffman," September 23, 8:30 to 10 am at the Country Skillet Restaurant, 708 South Main Street. One of a series of district events Huffman is doing

around the Congressional district. This is free event; please RSVP to Huffman. CAscheduling@mail. house.gov or 707-962-

with

Jared

Tuesday,

several occasions, in Willits. Three of his one-acts have been awarded first place by the Bay Area Critics in competition at the Marin Fringe Festival at Dominican College. His full-length musical, "The Last Payphone in Willits," was staged at the Willits Community Theatre in 2012.

questions of right and wrong, quilt and innocence, and legal causation, will run for 10 shows from September 19 through October 5. Performances are Thursdays at 7 pm for \$10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$15, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$10. Advance tickets are

available at Mazahar in Willits; online at Brownpapertickets. com; and for credit cards orders, phone the WCT office at 459-0895. Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub) in Willits

 submitted by Steve Photo by Ron Greystar Hellman for WCT

Mendocino County Library Advisory Board

Willits Cultural Arts Center is now be the creation of the artist. Artist will be responsible for set up and tear down of their own stall (10 x 10 booth accepting entries for the 28th Annual space) and for providing their own table/chair, etc. Booth fee is \$25 plus a donation of artist's work to the raffle. Holiday Craft Fair, set for December Checks can be made out to Laytonville Healthy Start. Deadline to register is Sunday, October 5. All proceeds will 12, 13 and 14, 2014 at the Willits Community Center. All interested benefit the Laytonville Healthy Start Angel Fund for the Arts. Info: Healthy Start at 707-984-8089.

artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs should request

Candelaria at the application forms by e-mail to Bonnie Little Lake Grange Belt at Belt.bonnie@gmail.com or by mail: Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o This fundraiser at the Little

Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Drive, Lake Grange on Saturday, Willits, CA 95490 (please enclose a September 20 features sixself-addressed stamped envelope). piece world music band from Oakland, Candelaria, with Seed Saving opening act the Farmers

Market Band. Candelaria Workshop at combines the infectious **Ukiah** Library of traditional rhythms Colombian cumbia with the On Saturday, September 20, from dub reggae techniques of the 10:30 am to 12 pm, the Mendocino

County Library, Ukiah Branch is Jamaican studio masters. hosting Seed Saving Workshop, Doors open 6:30 pm, show "Cleaning Seeds." Learn about how to starts at 7 pm. Featuring clean, dry, and store vegetable seeds no-host food from Taqueria from your garden. Learn to save wet-Ramirez catering truck, and seeded and dry-seeded crops. There Mama J's. Tickets (at the will be opportunities to winnow and sift, and if you have seeds ready to door) \$10, kids under 12 free. clean, bring them along and we'll do it 291 School Street. A Cosmic

Pickle Production.

Mendocino County Library Station in Laytonville?

Mendocino County Library may establish a satellite library station in Laytonville. County Interim Library Director Wally Clark has called for a Lavtonville community meeting for Wednesday, September 24, from 4 to 6 pm at Harwood Hall. Everyone is welcome. "This project will require community input and support to be successful," said Clark.

This facilitated meeting will begin with a discussion of several options for a library station, including permanently parking the old Bookmobile in a central location in Laytonville. The bookmobile librarian Robert Parmenter, Wally Clark, Susan Bradley, and Marc Komer, the Library Advisory Board member for the Third

District will be in attendance.

Some of the other options for a library station include an unmanned kiosk, a book vending machine and a key locker "Red Box." The library station will require a secure site, electrical and bathroom access, parking, and proximity to schools. Please attend and share your views. Contact Susan Bradley at 984-6070 or cahtosj@mcn.org for more information.

- submitted by Marc Komer,

Cowboy Poetry and Apple Pie Throwdown

The 4th Annual Apple Pie Throwdown, held in conjunction with our "Not JUST Cowboy Poetry" event at Emandal-A Farm on a River, will be held this Saturday afternoon, September 13. If you're a pie baker, this is the place to show off your stuff! Competition is great Spirits are high..... Appetites are huge!

This year, entrants are encouraged to sign up in advance, by either calling the office at Emandal (459-5439), or emailing (tamara@emandal.com). We are able to take 28 official pies (last year we had a few too many!)

A pie without prior notice may or may not be entered, depending on numbers. Perhaps you will be one of the winners of an engraved, vintage rolling pin. The "People's Choice" award is given to the pie with the most votes from the general public. However, the other categories, "Perfect Crust," "Best All Around Apple Pie," "Most Delectable Filling," "Most Unusual," and "Most Aesthetically Pleasing" are decided by sanctioned judges. Sheriff Tom Allman will step up as a judge this year, along with Jenny Watts, Lori from Ardella's, and a special outof-town guest who's coming with his family. Headliner for the concert this year, beginning at 3 pm on the lawn at Emandal, is Juni Fisher, an incredible singer songwriter, and winner of the Western Entertainer of the Year, as well

as Western Singer-Songwriter of the Year. From mellow to bold, a cappella or with guitar or ukelele, she ropes you in right from the start. Along with her will be two delightful poets, Jim and Karen Ross, one who puts a lot of humor into his work, and one who can recite a lengthy saga without skipping a phrase. The Emandal Chorale will be offering a couple of new songs to start the show off right!

Open mic begins at 2 pm: several have already signed up for Open Mic but more are welcome. Apple pie judging also begins at 2 pm. Pies will be ready for tasting at 2:30 pm, with or without homemade ice cream. Although the event is a benefit for the Willits Library and Willits Daily Bread. a new addition this year will be a silent auction by and benefitting Willits Senior Center.

Come as early as noon to picnic or swim or enjoy the gardens. Tickets can be purchased at: Willits Library, Villits Daily Bread, Goods' Shoppe, Firefly Framing, Yokum's Body Shop, and Printing Plus, or by emailing or calling Tam Adams (459-9252, tamara@emandal.com) Visit www.emandal.com/events/cowboy-poetry for more

Classic Car Show Judging, 10 am on Sunday; Parade, 12 pm on Sunday, CCPRA Rodeo Finals, 2 pm on Sunday,

Saturday. Sheep dog trials, 10 am on Sunday;

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for juniors aged 13 to 18, \$6 for children aged 7 to 12, and admission is free for kids 6 and under. Special pricing promotions include Friday, September 12, when admission for seniors aged 65 is just \$3 and over and children under 12 are welcomed into the gates for free.

Carnival tickets are pay-one-price for unlimited daily rides until 6 pm and cost \$20 presale and \$30 at the gates.

The fair will be open from 9 am to midnight every day.

For more information and a complete list of events, see www.mendocountyfair.com.



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

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

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

> Free Zumba for Teens: Zumba is always free for teenagers on Friday nights at Studio Joy, 1262 Blosser Lane. Class at 6 pm with Melissa. Info: 707-841-7499 or www.studiojoywillits.com.

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

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Monday nights at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, beginners' class from 7 to 8 pm, then dancing until 9 pm, with professional caller Lawrence Johnstone, who will teach and call. Info: 459-9526.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 11 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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

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

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

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Third District supervisor campaign off & running

Holly Madrigal and

parties at campaign HQs

signs, bumper stickers, pins and other campaign swag

- Mayor Madrigal's in a bright deep red and white, and real estate broker Woodhouse's in a maroon and yellow gold. Now that it's less than 60 days before the November

4 election, campaign signs are legal to put up in the City of

Current Third District Supervisor John Pinches attended

Woodhouse's opening at the candidate's Creekside

Realty office, 2 North Street, along with familiar faces

from the spring campaign. Pinches has endorsed realtor

Woodhouse, describing his first-hand knowledge about

"the pitfalls of a small business" as an asset. Pinches also

noted the current board of supervisors has two former city

councilmen, Dan Gjerde (Fort Bragg) and John McCowen

(Ukiah) and asked if, with three former city councilmembers

on the board. "Will it be too city-centric? This is a very rural

"We have such great, positive people in our county,"

Woodhouse said. "If we just get together we can do great

Madrigal's campaign headquarters, 716 South Main

Street, is south of the Highway 20 light, and supporters

on the outside deck often waved and cheered in response

to honks and thumbs-ups from passing motorists. A team

of campaign volunteers wore "Top 10 Reasons to Vote

Holly" T-shirts, and supporters wrote notes on "Why I

Support Holly Madrigal" white board. Colorful gladiolas

and sunflowers adorned HQ, and Vern Morninglight played

"I felt like our HQ grand opening was a huge success,"

Madrigal said. "We had over 100 people stop by, and the

Candidates," has been scheduled for Sunday, September

Woodhouse, and the candidates for Willits City Council:

challenger Robin Leler and incumbents Ron Orenstein

and Larry Stranske. Each candidate will speak briefly and

answer questions: public discussion moderated by Carlin

positive energy was such a boost to our campaign."

guitar, as people talked politics and more.

Willits, as well as the unincorporated areas.

county.

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Diamond.

Check

Woodhouse's campaign headquarters.





From top: Supporters at Holly Madrigal's campaign HQ opening party. Support T-shirts and gladiolas in Madrigal's signature red. Holly and Gabe Madrigal, center, with campaign volunteers, from left, Susan Bradley, Cindy Morninglight, Vern Morninglight, April Tweddell and Brian Varkevisser.

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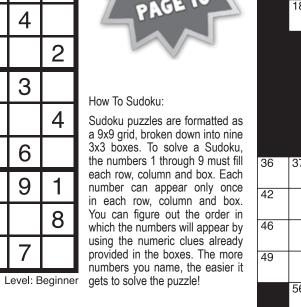
From top: Supervisor John Pinches with Gilbert and Ana Cox. 21 from 4 to 6 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 Woodhouse campaign signs: made of "wood" in the shape of a East Commercial Street. This event, part of the Town "house." Tom Woodhouse, left, with supporters Chuck Davison, Hall Meeting series, will include Holly Madrigal and Tom right, and Kevin Coffman.

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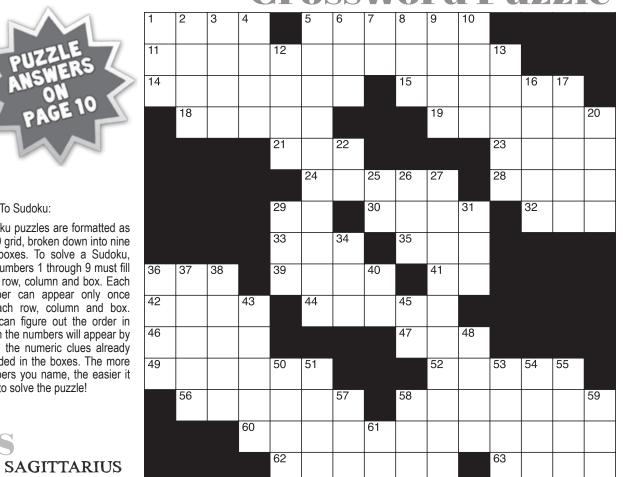
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you choose, it is bound to be a



49. Animal disease

52. Afrikaans

LEO Jul 23/Aug 23 Aries, reexamine the important Leo, some people around you

In The Stars

Nov 23/Dec 21 .Sagittarius, there are many may be especially busy this week entertainment options this week, so it's difficult to choose how while you really don't have much to spend your time. Whatever

action

out what you learned from each friendship and acquaintance, and to do. Think of it as a good omen put those lessons to good use. of things to come. TAURUS VIRGO Apr 21/May 21 Aug 24/Sept 22 Taurus, with so many tasks to Share your feelings for someone complete, you may be tempted to forget about everything and take a else with that person this week. mental health day. But everything Virgo. You may regret your actions if you don't take that will still be there tomorrow emotional leap. **GEMINI** May 22/Jun 21 LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23 Gemini, you're brimming with Libra, while you are usually the one who plays peacemaker, this

excitement about learning something new this week. You may finally be on the cusp week you are in a position to of mastering a particularly cause trouble. Don't worry what challenging skill. others think or sav. CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

relationships in your life. Figure

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22 Cancer, it may be challenging to Remember that success comes in settle your thoughts this week. many shapes and sizes. Scorpio. Work is weighing heavily on your Don't be so quick to consider mind, but go easy on yourself and something a failure. You may just you will still get everything done. need a new perspective to realize your success.

The rest of From Page 2 Letters

to-date, and may be trusted by the public as to the truthfulness As you can see from the process described, no report goes out of the final product. without a lot of work and effort to ensure the facts are accurate, the analysis of the law is appropriate, and the conclusions Following the vote of the full panel, the reports are forwarded to

memorable night. 14. Assumed authorship CAPRICORN 15. Skewered foods Dec 22/Jan 20 18. Mails Money matters could be taking 19. A millionth of a meter up a considerable chunk of your 21. Intentionally so writter time, Capricorn. Focus your 23. New Zealand parrot concentration on finances and leave other responsibilities on the 24. A light splash side for now 28. Appear to be true 29. Of I **AQUARIUS** 30. 17th Greek letters Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius, don't worry if something S and SE proves confusing and a challenging nut to crack. Things 33. Stallone nickname will sort themselves out in due 35. NW German river time, and you will be back on the 36. Possessed right track 39. Common seasoning PISCES 41. Integrated circuit Feb 19/Mar 20 42. Hebrew unit of A predicament in your personal measurement life could have you feeling uncomfortable, Pisces. Wait for 44. Take without consent a clearer picture before taking 46. Enlarge a hole 47. 9th month (abbr.)

56. Fate or destiny 5. Spookier 58. Ester of citric acid 11. April holiday day 60. Levels classified by criteria 62. Rendezvous 63. Lofty nest of a bird of prey CLUES DOWN 1. A large body of water 2. Belongs to "2001" computer 32. Point midway between 3. A small island 4. Egyptian sun god 5. Saint Anthony's fire 6. Election Stock Market 7. Atomic #44 8. Writing liquid 9. Mild Dutch cheese 10. Am. Nobel physicist Isodor 12. Am. football wings 13. Boisterous laughs (slang) 16. Hillsides

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county counsel and the supervising judge for their review as to legal sufficiency and whether the Grand Jury has libeled anyone in the reports. If they have a concern or question about a report, the issue is brought back before the full panel for consideration of the comment from either party.

A response is generated and supplied to both county counsel and the supervising judge. If a change is warranted in a report, the full panel will again consider the report with the changes, and the corrected report is again sent to county counsel and the supervising judge. Generally the report is approved or consented to by the supervising judge, and the Grand Jury sends a copy of the report to those individuals, boards or councils who are required to respond.

After 48 hours, the reports are posted on the Grand Jury website for the public to review at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury.

The rest of Garden From Page 3

set to begin September 21, and will minimal effort by a few individuals and be held every first and third Saturday, located throughout neighborhoods. Woolsey emphasizes that the project is still in development and the garden is in many ways experimental, a "safe space for sharing ideas and resources" and exploring irrigation and potential yields. One such example is the vertical gardening (and art display) system Woolsey developed, "inspired archive available. by the hanging gardens of Babylon." By using stacked pots, with an internal

Woolsey sees the potential for system to ensure soil conservation Phoenix Rising to be a sustainable and aeration that he describes as "a economic model for local gardens. chimney through a cake," sculpture Along with students and other can also then be placed atop a participating community members, pedestal within the garden. organizers hope to find people interested in becoming "sustainable Woolsey has long been an artist,

members," who will receive benefits and his passions for gardening and including fresh garden produce, art are deeply intertwined. "In an private visiting hours, and other effort to promote vegetable gardens special events and perks. For the as places of contemplation," he says, last two weeks, Woolsey has been "the garden is also functioning as an delivering extra produce to the Willits art gallery," to provide a venue for Food Bank, which he plans to continue local artists. Woolsey, who works as as the garden grows. Living Sculpture Studios, is currently showing work in the North Street "I want people to relax not just

garden along with sculptor Doug Kell in their living rooms, but in their and Ivan Anderson. Woolsey hopes gardens," Woolsey philosophizes, the space will inspire other locals to describing the Covelo Garden as create art with it in mind. "like a cathedral." One day he hopes The first class at Phoenix Rising is the space will overflow with dragon

The process requires the Grand Jury to use only the facts obtained in the investigations as the basis for its reports. There is no advantage to the Grand Jury to provide anything other than the facts

The 2013-2014 Grand Jury devoted thousands of volunteer hours to determine and verify the facts involving the Mendocino County government and agencies before publishing its reports. The Grand Jury investigations were conducted fairly and honestly, and there was no benefit to the citizens who devoted their time and energy to preparing the reports. I urge the community to consider this when weighing some of the responses to those reports made by our government agencies and public officials.

> Finley Williams, foreperson, Mendocino County Grand Jury

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The rest of Budget | From Page 1

secured property tax income, and would increase only slightly, from 42 to \$240,000 in transient occupancy 50. tax. In addition, the county saw an The county will park an additional inflow of some \$2.5 million from what \$1.2 million into its general reserve it terms "unanticipated revenue and fund, raising the fund to \$10 million. unanticipated vacancies." This is the benchmark the county set With that extra revenue, supervisors for itself in 2011, after it had determined and County CEO Carmel Angelo will to build up its reserves to \$10 million. attempt to put out several fires at the and watched its general reserves same time. First, they will spend \$1 dwindle to exactly \$0 in 2010. million to give each of the county's 741 Supervisor Dan Hamburg pointed SEIU employees a one-time payment out that since the county has reached of \$1,200. Next, the county will finally the \$10 million mark, it will no longer pay down the Teeter Fund debt. have to direct millions of dollars annually into its reserve fund. Hamburg The Teeter Fund has been in added this state of affairs should free negative territory since it was created in 1994. It began that year with a debt up a lot of money for use in providing of \$5.4 million and that debt grew to services and shoring up infrastructure. \$11 million by 2009. In 2010, the board The county also will create a new decided to pay the debt down, and Pension Gap Reserve Fund and fund last year were within striking distance, it in the amount of \$1.5 million. The at \$1.2 million. This year supervisors fund will be used to pay down the \$131 are allocating \$500,000 in addition million unfunded accrued actuarial to the board's annual contribution of liability (UAAL), which hangs like dead \$770,000 to wipe the debt out. weight upon the county's retirement fund. In fact, according to county That move was praised by County CEO Carmel Angelo, the \$1.5 million Treasurer Shari Schapmire, who said won't exactly be used to pay down it was about time the county turned the the UAAL, it will be used to help pay Teeter Fund debt into a Teeter Fund the cost of the negative amortization revenue stream. Board Chairman of the UAAL. That is, the Mendocino John Pinches said annual income from County Employee Retirement Fund a correctly functioning Teeter Fund (MCERA) is paying down its UAAL, would bring about \$2 million a year to but the payment schedule is organized the county. so the UAAL actually increases while The county will give \$1 million to the being paid off. That's called negative road department to pay for corrective amortization. maintenance. That's in addition to the MCERA board member John \$1 million the board already allocated a Sakowicz told supervisors the amount few weeks ago, bringing the total up to by which the UAAL will grow while \$2 million for corrective maintenance. being paid off will decline slightly This is the figure 4th District Supervisor each year over the next eight years. Dan Gjerde requested be spent on Currently it is \$1.8 million. Next year corrective maintenance when he it will be \$1.5 million. So it seems the brought the issue before the board on amount the county has budgeted for its August 26. Pension Gap Fund will help stop some However, according to a Pavement of the bleeding of the UAAL paydown. Condition Index report presented to the In spite of all the positive news Mendocino Council of Governments associated with the budget, two dark last year, even \$2 million is only about clouds continue to hang over county a fifth of what needs to be spent government. annually to keep the county's road Anne Molgaard, executive director system in the "fair" range. The 2013 of First Five of Mendocino County, a Pavement Management Report states children's advocacy group, criticized if the county were to spend \$9 million the final budget for not providing

a year on corrective maintenance money to hire more social workers. for the next 10 years, the overall Pavement Condition Index number for "A balanced approach to the budget the county's 650 miles of paved roads would have more social workers,"

OBITUARY | Ricky Lee Smith **Ricky Lee Smith**

Rick Smith was born at Camp Pendleton Marin Base in Oceanside, California, on July 26, 1952, to Betty and J.D. Smith.

In 1965, Rick moved with his family from Garden Grove to Willits, and attended Willits High School, where he graduated in 1970, and was a very good athlete in football and track. Rick went off to join the United States Marine Corps in 1971 and was honorably discharged amp Le June.

Molgaard said. "Did you know that at the county's Alcohol and Other Drugs program center in Fort Bragg, you have a waiting list of 25 people? You have a waiting list in Ukiah, too, but it's not as long.

"That means after a person has gone through the hell of addiction or substance abuse and has finally gotten it together enough to ask for help, you are telling them they have to wait," Molgaard said. "Nobody should have to wait for help when they are asking for it."

The second cloud was raised by First District Supervisor Carre Brown, who criticized the board for failing to get its act together with the county's water agency.

Brown noted the water agency has been allowed to shrink until it consists of only one part-time employee. She noted there are a host of water-connected regulations coming from both the state and federal governments, and these regulations are going to hurt people unless the county does something to beef up the water agency.

When Pinches argued all county actions were useless since the county doesn't hold the water right on a single drop of water. Brown disagreed sharply.

"There are many different water policies coming down now that are going to hurt every single water district in this county, unless we step up and deal with it," Brown said. "We may not have a water right, but we do have a responsibility to the people of this county and the various water districts in this county.

"We either need to be more involved. and do the actions of the board of directors of the county water agency, or we need to dissolve it." Brown said. Supervisors made a deal with Brown to bring the water agency question to the board for a full discussion on October 21, if Brown would agree

to approve the budget on Tuesday.

timber and lumber industry as a choke-setter and a millwright for various companies until 1990. He then changed his career and traveled throughout the U.S., working in industrial construction.

Rick returned to Willits again on April 2, 2014 after he became too ill to work, to be with his family until his passing on August 27, 2014.

Rick was preceded in death by the best father, J.D. Smith, and his beloved sister, Cherrie Smith Lovett.

Brown agreed.

Rick is survived by his mother, Betty Smith, who took care of him until his passing; his sister Tracy Wilkes and husband, George, of



Menudo on Sunday

Members of St. Anthony's Church put on a successful fundraiser for the church Sunday, with a meal featuring menudo and freshly made tortillas.

The menudo, a traditional Mexican soup with a rich red beef broth, made with tripe, was garnished with chopped onions, fresh cilantro mixed with crushed hot peppers and oregano, and lime.

With at least a few customers always in line, the kitchen was busy. Eba was turning out tortilla after tortilla, rolling the dough skillfully and pressing it in the wooden press. Maria was in charge of dishing out bowls of soup: with bones or without

Jose and Angie Rodriguez did much of the organizing for this fundraiser, an opportunity for the Mexican members of St. Anthony's Church to share their traditional foods with the community. "In Mexico," Jose said, "we eat the fresh tortillas just with salt and a little garlic. Delicious!"

The group had a "kermes," or church festival, in the Rec Grove last weekend, where there were many kinds of Mexican food for sale. Another kermes is planned for October.

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At top. Uncle Nick holds his nephew Bryan at Sunday's lunch at St. Anthony's Church. Above: Eba places a soon-to-be tortilla on her wooden press.

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Below: Fatima holds her little sister, Briana, with brother Julian and sisters Marlene, at left, and Fabiola.

Bottom, left: Bowls of menudo, with a packet (in foil) of homemade tortillas.

Bottom, right: Maria ladles out another serving of menudo

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Willits; son Ricky J. Smith and grandson Hunter J. Smith of Ukiah; nephew Chip Glass of Colorado; nieces Jessica Gold of Ukiah and Ashley Wilkes of Willits; plus three great-nieces and two greatnephews

hop. Later he At his request, there will be no services. He will be buried at the RPM's Boat to work in the Veterans Cemetery in Igo, California.

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Movie Times for 9/12 thru 9/18

Amazing Athletes of Willits High School



Soccer Hannah Friend, 16, Junior

Breakfast of Champions: Sesame seed bagel Love for the Sport: Being aggressive on the field

Hannah played seven games this past week, where she was part of a rock solid defense. Nicknamed "the mess up," she gets in the middle of other team's plays and messes them up. According to coach Melissa Johnson, "she has super anticipation for play. She is fast and aggressive. She's like a ballerina of defense, just gracefully tough!!"

Willits Weekly is once again proud to showcase some of Willits High School's Amazing Athletes. Athletes are nominated by their coaches. With the help of coach and project facilitator, Dave Smith. Willits Weekly highlights two athletes each week to share their achievements with the community.

Football Blake Leslie, 16, Junior

Breakfast of Champions: Bacon, sausage and eggs Love for the Sport: Throwing touchdowns

Football coach Sean Leslie nominated his son and varsity quarterback. Blake Leslie, for the title of Athlete of the Week. Blake threw for between 500 and 600 vards and had an interception during a recent game.

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home Happy Matt

Matt, a Maltese mix, is a bubbly, happy guy. He loves to play and prance around. He has a lot to prance around about. He came to us dirty and full of dreadlocks. He must have been very uncomfortable! Thanks to the generosity of a local "doggie spa," Matt had a make-over, and he is now a dog no one would recognize as the "Matt" who came to us. Matt is about 1 year old and weighs just 21 pounds.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. We have many other wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here as well. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets. com or visit our shelter. For more information about adoption please call 463-4654.

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The rest of From Page 1 **Bypass**

Willits Environmental Center, with fillings in support from the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo, filed a lawsuit in April alleging the county and MFP gave inadequate consideration of impacts to biological, archeological, and aesthetic resources when allowing use of the site.

According to Caltrans' Phil Frisbie, Jr., TRO-related delays have potentially cost the agency a year's delay in work, which the agency and contractors are currently hoping to minimize. This week a decision will be made "to see if it's feasible" to schedule double shifts so trucks can run around the clock and deposit as much fill as possible this season. The agency can apply to extend its permits beyond the October 15 endof-season date, but would have to consider the risks of a weather event occurring during construction.

Caltrans has implemented a traffic management plan with one-way traffic at the mill site entrance and also near the northern interchange area, from 6 am to 6 pm, with 10 minute delays expected.

The fill is to be placed at the foundations of four bridges archeological resources were "a significant issue," but ruled planned for the northern bypass area and must settle during that the tribes could pursue other legal avenues including throughout the project's construction.

The rest of **Eel** From Page 1

Eel River at www.eelriverrecovery.org/doc/ Eel_from_air_8_29_14.pdf. Although the Eel hadn't actually stopped flowing - the running water simply subsided beneath the gravel riverbed -

the "disconnection" indicated a historically significant impact to already-strained riparian ecosystems. The flights, arranged by the nonprofit Eel

River Recovery Project, provided another viewpoint on how the river and its tributaries are responding to extreme drought conditions, which ERRP has been researching since 2011.

Surface flow is an essential measure of the overall health of a river – without adequate levels of above-ground running water, habitat for juvenile coho salmon, steelhead trout, and myriad other species essentially disappears, and low-flow levels can create conditions ripe for toxic blue-green algae, which further deteriorates the river's water quality and overall functioning.

The flights covered the river basin ranging from just below the North Fork to Dyerville to Rattlesnake Creek and up the Van Duzen, revealing low flows, algal blooms and browning along the South Fork, which also appears threatened by possible disconnection

Dry points in the river occurred at Salmon Creek and near Garberville; the lower Van Duzen has been disconnected since July. "I think the common shared experience of drought will lead to a teachable moment," says Pat Higgins, ERRP volunteer coordinator and natural resources consultant. "It's like a report card; we don't think we're over-allocated, and then this happens.'

The primary cause of low flows to the Eel are diversions, whether industrial, commercial, or residential – legal or illegal. "We try to provide truth without judgment."

Deputies ordered Young to stop, but he

With lights and siren on, deputies pursued

Young was booked at the Mendocino

County Jail on suspicion of evading a peace

officer, probation violation and making

criminal threats - a felony. Bail was set at

Erika Lahtela, 37, a passenger in

Young's vehicle, was placed under arrest

on suspicion of being under the influence

of a controlled substance, and for being in

possession of Xanax without a prescription,

She was taken to county jail. Bail was set

Young for about a mile until he pulled over.

continued to drive away, the Sheriff's Office

The rest of Crime

report stated.

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Higgins says of ERRP. The group focuses on

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Traffic stop yields pot plants

A moving-style rental truck near East

Commercial Street and Bray Road was

stopped when a sheriff's deputy spotted the

driver using a cell phone and speeding.

four bridges planned for the northern project area, which will require at minimum a third of the amount requested from the MFP site.

The decision by Judge Mayfield was given orally in the interest of timeliness, she explained. One legal consideration Mayfield weighed was whether further work delays would cause "substantial hardship" to MFP and the extent to which allowing MFP excavation and the use of fill in the bypass would cause harm to the resources in question.

Of particular concern are several archeological sites in the area, detailed by Priscilla Hunter, tribal representative in government-to-government consultations between Caltrans and the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians. Two known archeological sites are located on the Mendocino Forest Products property, according to Lee Clauss, archeological consultant to the Sherwood Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians. Clauss says another major site and potential village location found during Caltrans surveys is currently being evaluated and may also extend onto the mill site. In her decision, Mayfield acknowledged that impacts to

the winter before bridge construction can begin. There are federal legal filings over National Historic Preservation Act violations, concerning tribal consultation requirements for cultural resources.

> Local tribes including the Coyote Band and Sherwood Valley Rancheria have expressed frustration over the last year at being unable to reach agreement with Caltrans over adequate surveys, tribal monitoring, ensuring protections for archeological sites, and negotiations overall.

> Mayfield stated that although her refusal to grant the injunction may render certain aspects of the petitioner's case moot by December, she did not find adequate evidence to order the county to reconsider its decision to approve use of Apache Mill. Mayfield explained that she believed the county had adequate information to issue a declaration of negative mitigation for the site.

> After the ruling, environmental groups, tribal representatives, and supporters held a brief rally on the courthouse steps calling for renewed support, financial contributions towards filing a federal case, and increased efforts towards direct action. Both environmental groups and local tribes have been requesting a downsizing of the northern interchange area and increased protection for archeological sites and wetlands

> > flowing, although some algae was visible.

As of Wednesday midday, the current rate of

flow of daily discharge at the U.S. Geological

Survey gauge at Dos Rios was 2.3 cubic feet

One of the public information services

ERRP operates is a webpage entitled "Is It

Swimmable?" which includes location reports

updated throughout the season for popular

treatment is also provided for pet owners.

occurring drought conditions, he notes.

harmony with it?"

"The Eel still has amazing vitality," Higgins

explains. Many native species have the

"The ecosystem on its own is doing fine,"

Higgins says. "It's more, can people live in

monitoring and education projects, serving as receives water from over 12 tributary streams a hub of research and information to create and contains over 50 perennial stream miles. better public understanding of all things Eel. Several local Eel tributaries, including The group has collected data and Outlet Creek, Tomki Creek, and Ten Mile Creek, were considered perennial per second. documented drought conditions in a variety waterways, according to available data, up of ways. Beyond aerial surveillance, ERRP until 1995. The river ecosystems then shifted uses USGS flow gauges and more than 80 additional temperature probes along the river into the more seasonal flows now familiar to basin to establish baselines. area residents, with surface flows normally disappearing by late summer even in wet swimming spots, including the Upper Eel at EERP works in collaboration with local years. This year, the creeks remained on the Hearst Bridge. Information on toxic algae and agencies and public health officials, UC

dry side even through the winter season. Berkeley scientists, and citizen science The timing of this shift generally coincides monitoring efforts. with the discovery of toxic blue-green algae Evidence of current diversions is apparent

in the Eel as a whole; the toxic algae first resilience to withstand extreme yet naturally by comparing rates of flow between gauge appeared about 20 years ago. locations, says Higgins. While flow rates should be increasing downstream as Higgins says it appears the toxic algaes

tributaries reach the Eel, the flow rates are often appear after large algal blooms begin currently decreasing: for example, the rate to die off. Excess phosphorus released by of flow in Leggett is higher than in Miranda, the die-offs can prompt more toxic algae about 40 miles away. growth, which may also be caused by excess

nutrients entering the ecosystem. The Releases from the Potter Valley Project algae has not yet been found in Willits-area beginning on August 16 and planned through swimming spots. October 15 – were mandated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Last Sunday at the Hearst Bridge (NOAA) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife to ensure

adequate levels of water for fish habitat. Higgins says the releases usually take

about two weeks to get to the coast The rest of Sediment buildup and gravel deposits over time - caused by sediment erosion along

riverways – are also a contributing factor to low flow rates. to Blosser Lane. "We need to stem the flow of dirt to the Eel," Higgins says, explaining that an increasing

number of mid-slope roads in landslide areas said she thought 360 was "a good number for also cause additional buildup in streambeds, the school." decreasing the depth and rate of flow. Newly hired veteran administrator Robert Chavez, principal of Blosser Lane and Willits sits on the southernmost section

Sherwood schools, spoke glowingly of both of the Outlet Creek basin, which runs north schools. Speaking of Sherwood, Chavez to connect with the main stem of the Eel. noted the faculty consisted of "a lot of dynamic According to the watershed overview on the state's Coastal Watershed program individuals.... To be able to teach multiple website. "the Outlet Creek Basin is one of the headwaters of the Eel and drains an area of

community, it's a great school." over 160 square miles." Outlet Creek itself about 118 miles long: it Chavez added he valued each of the

Those interested in learning more about the EERP, or participating in monitoring activities, may visit www.eelriverrecovery.org or call 223-7200. A video of the August 29 monitoring flights can been seen by googling "California Drought Watch: Eel River on the swimming hole, the water was clear and Brink.'

From Page 1 Trustees enrollment is due to school board approval closing the WHS campus for freshmen and to move the third grade from Brookside back sophomores, meaning younger students

can't leave the school during lunch. In addition, Ritchley has imposed a split lunch, Speaking of the current enrollment, O'Neill meaning not all of the students have lunch at the same time

"The first day of school at both campuses (WHS and San Hedrin High School) I have to say went off without a hitch," he said. "I was very worried about the split lunches and who had lunch, when they had lunch. the extra bells. But the freshmen and sophomores grades, and to see them all working, and knew exactly where to go and how long to still to maintain the values of the surrounding stay in class. And the juniors and seniors went to lunch, and they went at the right time.

"Only one class was messed up by the bell system," he added. "But it all worked out. And

"I was really worried this year that people

would come to me and have a lot of dislike

for not allowing the younger students to go

"I have not fielded anyone who was upset

about the campus closing for freshmen and

new bell schedule and the split lunch.



Classifieds

Joshua Ryan Důsky

Joshua Ryan Dusky was born on January 14, 1986, and passed away at age 28 on August 19, 2014. He grew up in Willits and graduated from San Hedrin High

OBITUARY | Joshua Ryan

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School in 2004. He worked in shipping at IronRidge for the last 10 years

He started a family in

2007 with the birth of his

first daughter, Cheyenne

Rose Dusky, and welcomed

his second daughter, Jaidyn

Michelle Dusky, in 2012. He

will be remembered for his

humor, intelligence, quick wit,

and as a loving father. His life

touched many people, and

His is survived by his

Tammy

his great uncle and aunt,

and their mother, Heather

Dabney. A celebration and

remembrance of his life

will be held on Saturday,

September 20 at noon at the

Sloan;

he will be dearly missed.

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teachers at Blosser Lane School, while noting he had a lot of new teachers there. He the teachers did a great job supporting the said he feels it is part of his job to give each of these teachers the support they need and deserve, and promised to offer individualized "professional development support" for each of Blosser Lane's faculty members.

out," he conceded, "but I've had nothing but Baechtel Grove Principal Maria de los support from the parents. I've had parents Angeles Mungia told the board her school come up to me at Safeway and at other has experienced "a great start to the school stores and ask why. And when I told them, year." New athletic director, Nate Thompson, every one of them said thank you for taking recently held tryouts for the girls' volleyball the next step in protecting our children.

A strong odor of marijuana was emanating team: 74 girls tried out. from the rear of the truck, a sheriff's report stated, while the deputy who made the stop

spoke with the driver, Agustin Luis Martinez, Baechtel Grove students are enrolled in the Inside the cargo box of the truck, the program, and the initial meeting with parents deputy discovered 21 budding marijuana

was attended by 19 of those families. plants about 7 to 8 feet tall in pots. Martinez AVID (Advanced Achievement Via allegedly admitted he had been hired to Individual Determination) is designed for transport the plants to a non-disclosed students who are close to, but not quite at,

> the academic level required to go to college. The program provides the extra boost needed to get them college-bound. The program formerly was available at Willits High School, but was eliminated during budgetary and staff contractions over the last few years. This year it has been reinstated in the ninth grade at Willits High and has been

expanded into the eighth grade at Baechtel This report was based Grove Middle School.

According to Superintendent of Schools Patricia Johnson, the district intends to continue to expand AVID over the next few years. In 2015, it will be expanded into the seventh grade at Baechtel Grove, and into the 10th grade at Willits High. Johnson said

at Willits High.

Mungia also touted the support the school's newly adopted AVID program has enjoyed among students and their families. Some 26

Ritchley also said closing the campus has had an unintended consequence. "One thing I saw, an unintended consequence, is the kids are playing at lunch. Kickball, basketball,

sophomores.'

and playing catch. It was great," he said. Ritchley also reported on the status of his efforts to get the school ready for the mid-

cycle accreditation review, which is scheduled for next spring. He has created six planning teams comprised of faculty, administrators and counselors, who will each take on one area of school performance highlighted in the previous report.

Ritchley said each team will spend two months talking about how the school has met the requirements of the WASC report, and then will take the following two months writing

a response for their area of concern. "We will stick straight to the guidelines WASC has laid out for us. The planning teams are very enthusiastic and very dedicated. They're full steam ahead, they're all in on this," Ritchley said.

> In addition to hearing reports on the beginning of the school year, the board approved a raft of proposals and job descriptions. Chief of these is a new salary schedule that gives a 5 percent salary increase to district administration. The increase does not apply to the superintendent of schools or to other district office personnel, but only to school principals, Willits High School's assistant principal, Baechtel Grove's dean of students, the special education director, and

appreciated," Mungia said. Willits High School Principal Jeffrey Ritchley told the board his school was off to a good start this school year One of the biggest changes has been

AVID will continue to be expanded until,

after three years, it extends from the sixth or

perhaps even fifth grades to the senior class

Mungia also thanked the board for hiring a

dean of students at Baechtel Grove. Having

a dean allows Mungia to spend more time

in the classrooms and enables her to better

"Having a dean at Baechtel Grove is truly

help the faculty with educational matters.

the director of curriculum and instruction. The district's faculty and non-credentialed staff received a 5 percent salary increase in June

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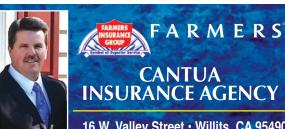
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past Saturday with our annual Opening Day Ceremony and Parade. With more than 250 kids between the ages

of 2 and 15 registered and playing on 19 different teams this season, it was a busy day! Teams paraded around the field along with their coaches and team parents. Each team is sponsored by a local business, and carried a banner to represent their sponsors.



Willits Youth Soccer kicked off the 2014 season this after the parade to play their first games! This year we have a total of five travel teams (children ages 10 and up) who

not only play games in Willits, but are also playing in Laytonville, Ukiah, and Lake County! The U16 co-ed teams will be hosting a tournament for U16 teams in these other leagues on September 27, and then our U12 teams will be hosting a U12 tournament in October.

Opening Day also kicked off this vear's fundraiser, which is aimed at raising funds for new goals so that we

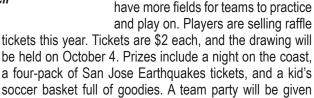


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Many teams rushed off



be held on October 4. Prizes include a night on the coast, a four-pack of San Jose Earthquakes tickets, and a kid's soccer basket full of goodies. A team party will be given for the team selling the highest number of tickets! You can purchase tickets from any youth soccer player or by calling 367-2115.

Tatiana Cantrell is president of Willits Youth Soccer and owner/director of Learning Roots Preschool.







