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## Council approves enacting Phase II water emergency

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The city council approved enacting a Phase II water emergency during a special Monday night meeting, asking Willits water customers to continue conserving water while waiting for more rain.

Willits declared a Phase 1 water conservation measure in August. With the season off to a dry start, water plant managers decided to ask for second-level water conservation.

"We have had very little rainfall, a few drops here and there," City Manager Adrienne Moore said.

Phase II rules limit irrigation of lawns and landscaping. Irrigation is not permitted between 10 am and 7 pm, and no irrigation at all is allowed on Mondays. Odd-numbered addresses inside city limits can water only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, and even-numbered addresses can water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The water plant crew and City Hall said they wanted to act now to get the word out, not wait until rain-starved reservoirs may face a more acute shortage of water.

"We are not right on the line – but we are really close," Water Plant Operator Steve Anderson said. "I do not think the storm is going to do anything to change that." He noted that with no rain the city has about 100 days of water behind its dams.

The council unanimously approved the call for water conservation.

Councilman Ron Orenstein questioned the action, as some rain was forecast at the time the vote was taken. "I do not understand the effectiveness of doing this at this time," Orenstein said.

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## Supes move forward with PACE program

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General Services Agency Director Kristin McMenomy has been directed to prepare a contract with Ygrene Energy to implement a PACE program in Mendocino County, then return to the board of supervisors for further discussion.

Supervisors Dan Hamburg, John McCowen and Dan Gjerde voted in favor of the motion at last week's Tuesday meeting; supervisors Pinches and Brown voted against.

In a PACE program, an

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At right: Lt. R. Ulatan, inmates James Olea, Dennis Welliver and Brian Leigh, and Officer S. Brewer always enjoy posing for Maureen Moore's signature "photographressed" turkey pick-up pose: the "Turkey Toss."

Below: Inmate Brian Leigh holds one of the birds destined for the free Thanksgiving Community Dinner, to be held on November 28 at the William F. Harrah Senior Center from 11 am to 3 pm.

Photos by Maureen Moore



## Turkey Toss 2013

It's time again for the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Toss, and three inmates and two officers of Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp arrived at the Willits Community Services building Wednesday to pick up the supplies needed to cook this year's holiday dinner.

The 45 birds were donated by WCS, and the rest of meal's ingredients were generously donated by Willits' Thy Sumvan-Bickford, owner of 101 Burgers and 101 Donuts.

This year's shopping list included 25 pounds of carrots, 2 cases of celery, 8 pounds of green onions, 300 pounds of potatoes, 50 pounds of yellow onions, 3 cases of canned cranberries, 4 cases of canned green beans, 1 case of canned water chestnuts, 6 cases of canned yams, 12 pounds of mini marshmallows, 84 pounds of stuffing, 11 gallons of salad dressing, 8 gallons of milk, 50 pounds of butter, 3 cases of whipped cream, 25 pounds of flour, 75 pounds of sugar, 4

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## TOY RUN

Annual holiday event is just around the corner!

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, eat, drink and be merry at the open-to-the-public event on December 1 at the Little Lake Grange

Read all about it in the calendar on page 7

Above: Steve Shepherd takes charge of making sure Santa in the sidecar and Mrs. Claus on the back seat make it to the Toy Run on time! Jerry and Kat Harris, Kati and Harry Mulhauser, Bear Kamoroff and Richard Venturi provided assistance, following along behind.



Left: Mrs. Claus and Santa pose in the sidecar of the motorcycle.

Below: Many of the volunteers for the Toy Run came out Monday to be photographed with Santa and Mrs. Claus in support of the benefit event.

Photos by Maureen Moore



## Lo Buck\$ to close by end of year

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The LoBuck\$ store in Willits will close by the end of the year, parent company C&K Market announced Tuesday. C&K Market will close about 20 of the 60 stores it operates in Southern Oregon and Northern California, and has filed for bankruptcy in the Oregon courts.

C&K operates stores under the names of Ray's Food Place, Shop Smart, C&K Market and LoBuck\$. The Willits store, located in the Evergreen Shopping Center at 1718 South Main Street, is the only LoBuck\$ in the chain. The store was a Ray's Food Place until a year ago, when it reopened as Lo Buck\$ on November 19, 2012.

Media representative Grant Lunde of C&K Market confirmed "the plan is to sell or close every store by the end of the year."

LoBuck\$ in Willits has approximately 30 employees.

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## Bypass work slows as winter blows in

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After completing some 30 percent of the Willits bypass, contractors have slowed work on the project until about April.

The new route for Highway 101 will not be entirely deserted, Caltrans officials told the city council last week, as part of a regular progress report. Workers will be on foot to monitor the site, and CHP cars will still be parked to survey the winterized job site.

"The site is essentially all buttoned up," Caltrans Resident Engineer Geoffrey Wright said. "It is anticipated we will resume in April – maybe a little later, maybe a little sooner."

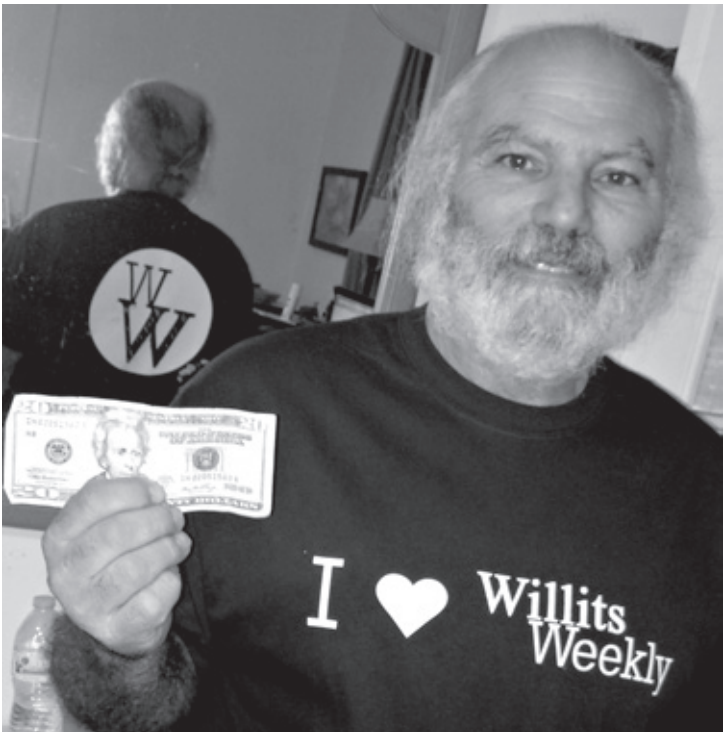
At the doorstep of Shuster's Logging headquarters on East Valley Street, the first pillars, with pine-cone designs, have been poured.

"They are beautiful," Councilman Ron Orenstein said of the design. "It is going to be very classy."

Orenstein also asked

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Christopher Moore, first proud owner of the new WW T-shirt

## Measure I

To the Editor:

As most residents of the Little Lake Fire Protection District are probably aware of by now, Measure I failed by a very small percentage. We knew that going before the taxpayers would not be popular with 100 percent of our population, as no one wants additional taxes. Our board and staff exhausted other options such as grants, donations, fundraising events and the simple act of trying to save funds from our operating budget before considering a tax measure.

We considered remodeling of the current building and leasing other buildings, but the costs necessary to bring these buildings to an acceptable code standard that is required by law was unacceptable. Additionally the leasing of a building does not promote long-term fiscal responsibility.

The board of directors of the district has spent long and numerous hours trying to come up with an acceptable resolution that would appeal to a majority of our citizens. They did succeed getting a majority approval, but that majority fell short of the necessary 2/3s vote.

Based on the comments received back, we failed on three counts. Count 1 was the creation of a new tax in a time where people have seen enough new taxes; Count 2 was the creation of the dreaded State CalFire Fee that has impacted our taxpayers in the State Responsibility Area (SRA); and Count 3, was the failure to get the 75 percent of the registered voters in our district who didn't vote, to actually vote.

Anyway we received your message, and we will once again start looking at alternatives other than the creation of a special tax. Although Measure I did fail, the necessity of building a new replacement fire station continues.

The board and members of the Little Lake Fire Protection District will continue to plan for your future, when we will have to eventually house firefighters on a 24-hour shift. We will continue to plan for the expansion of your department as we receive more calls for service. We will continue to plan and construct a building that will withstand the next expected earthquake, and that will be available to our citizens as an area of safe refuge. But we will now have to plan for increased construction costs, increased inflationary costs and increasing interest rates as we work forward.

In the meantime, your friends, neighbors and relatives who are volunteer firefighters will continue to operate out of this facility as long as it remains standing. We will continue to deal with leaky roofs and strategically placed buckets. We will continue to try to manage our utility costs in this very inefficient building. We will continue to provide provisions to those visitors that are mobility-bound.

Although the members of your fire department are disappointed by the outcome, they will continue to respond to your emergencies as requested.

Carl Magann, fire chief, LFPD

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— Maureen Moore

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## November 13 City Council meeting

To the Editor:

I am surprised to see Caltrans here at the Willits City Council tonight. I would think they would be a little embarrassed by now.

Across the entire state of California, citizens are well aware how dysfunctional, inflated, aggressive, undemocratic, deceptive, needlessly destructive and, most likely, corrupt Caltrans has become. Investigations and lawsuits have been launched, and some are still in process. Exactly who is in control of Caltrans, if anyone, is apparently unclear. The fiasco with the "Willits Bypass" is just another case in point.

Since beginning construction, Caltrans and the contractors have repeatedly disregarded federal laws and the regulations controlling their permits. They started with the complete disregard for the Federal Bird Migration Act and were stopped by Fish and Wildlife only after being notified by watchful citizens.

They then continued to disregard wetlands protection measures during the wet season. They proceeded without permission to use city streets in contradiction to their contractual agreement and, when the city refused to give them blanket permission, they threatened to sue.

Most recently, they unlawfully obliterated a protected and known Native American heritage site in the valley – as a result of refusing to cooperate with the local tribe.

And now it has become clear that they do not have the funding for the required mitigation plan and have indicated that they will revisit their specifications, which probably means they intend to back out of their promises and obligations with respect to their Army Corps 404 permit.

Of course, none of this should come as a surprise to anyone with a pulse and who is paying attention these days, since it is obvious now that we no longer live in a lawful democracy. Our Constitution has been ripped to shreds and thrown in the toilet.

The country is now being run by a bunch of thugs, who have no regard for constitutional rights, no consideration for the majority of citizens, nor for the environment, nor even for their own future.

Caltrans is a good example of what happens when people lose control of their government. This criticism does not, however, stop with Caltrans. It applies even more so to the failure of our government. And that starts at the top

with Governor Brown. It also applies to our congressional representative, Jared Huffman, as well as our state representatives, Wes Chesbro and even Noreen Evans – although I acknowledge that Noreen at least put up a pretense of resistance for a while.

It applies especially to our local representatives who have championed the Caltrans bypass, in spite of all available information: most of all supervisor John Pinches, as well as several of the Willits City Council members over the years. You all should be ashamed of yourselves for letting Caltrans disregard the law and lie to the public.

Meanwhile, the so-called "protesters" are threatened with criminal punishment. In my view, they should instead be celebrated as heroes. They are doing what they have to: responding to the demise of our nation, as well as all of mankind – protecting their interests, their environment, and their future. And, in so doing, they are also standing up for our constitutional rights against an agency that is a big part of the assault on our democracy. Those protesters should actually get metals of honor.

David Partch, Willits

## Thank You!

To the Editor:

A great big thank you to everyone who helped make our recent "Willits On Stage" Variety Show such a success. This includes all the performers who generously shared their wonderful talents to help make a very special evening for everyone, all the community volunteers, Willits High School, the Willits High School Peace Club, and all the fantastic sponsors of this event:

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And, of course, thank you to everyone who came to the show to participate in this event and support this fundraiser for Willits Community Services and Food Bank.

Everyone had such a great time, we are hoping to present another variety show this spring. Be sure to watch for it!

Thanks again for your support.

Jim Marill, executive director,  
Willits Community Services and Food Bank

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# Community News



## World champion beardster

Aarne Bielefeldt of Willits

Willits area resident Aarne Bielefeldt, star of the reality TV show "Whisker Wars," has won a long-desired prize. On November 2, Bielefeldt was awarded first place in the "full beard freestyle" category in the 2013 World Beard and Moustache Championships held in Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany.

The competition was hosted by the Association of German Beard Clubs. Bielefeldt described national beard competitions in Germany as being as hard or harder to win than the world championships – "they are very strict, how they are organized and judged," he said. So, holding the world championships in Germany this year meant the competition was exceptionally tough: "Some of the best people who do this live in Germany," Bielefeldt said.

The German freestylers who came in second and third place behind Bielefeldt were both "very difficult-to-beat gentlemen," he said. Second-place winner Elmar Weisser is a professional freestyler who has won every championship he has entered since 2005, after winning second place in 2003. The World Beard and Moustache Championships are held every two years.

Weisser's sister, a professional stylist, helps him style his beard, while Bielefeldt does all his own styling work, with the help of heavy-duty hair spray. It takes about five hours to style his beard in his winning "Octo" style: six larger and two smaller curls.

The next challenge for Bielefeldt is the European championship in May 2014 in Switzerland, where he may decide to compete in the "full beard natural" category. Bielefeldt won first place in that category in the 2010 Beard Team USA National Beard and Mustache Championships in Bend, Oregon.

"Some of us who compete in more than one category try to outguess each other about what category we will be in," Bielefeldt said. "My beard is unusually long, and I've had pretty good success in those 'full beard' competitions, although that is less of an art form than the freestyle."

Originally from Europe, Bielefeldt now lives outside Willits with his wife, Rita, in their solar-powered house. He has been growing his beard all his life. Watch a "Whisker Wars" profile of Bielefeldt here: [http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xuy95a\\_whisker-wars-profile-aarne-bielefeldt\\_fun](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xuy95a_whisker-wars-profile-aarne-bielefeldt_fun)

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Left: Aarne Bielefeldt's world champion "Octo" beard styling at the 2013 World Beard and Moustache Championships in Germany.

Below: Aarne Bielefeldt, competitor #2 in the "full beard freestyle" competition, which was the last of 18 categories that were judged at the world championships that night.

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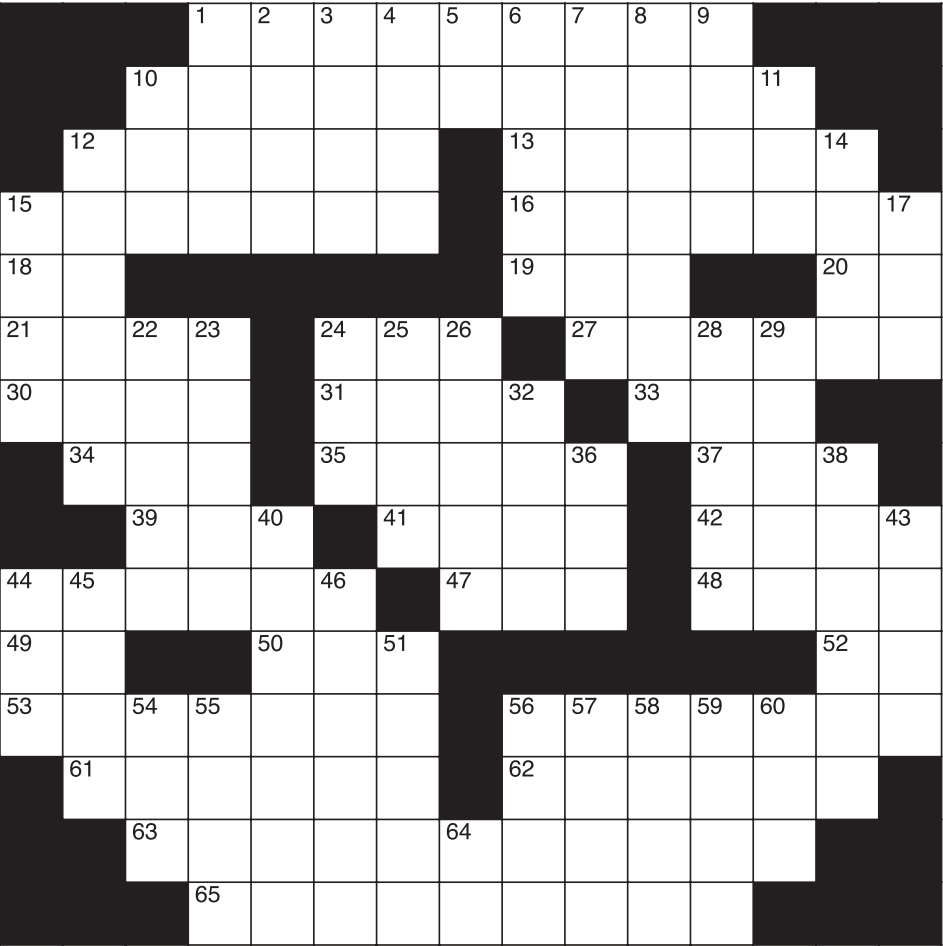
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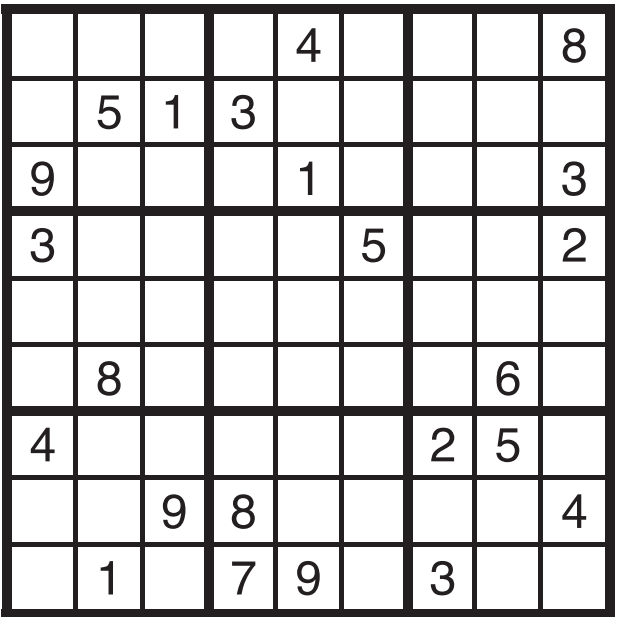
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bawled out
10. Former "Today" host
12. Shape anew
13. Skulls
15. Renting dwellers
16. Choose to refrain
18. Anno Domini
19. Old French small coin
20. Carry out
21. Dashes
24. Expresses suspicion
27. Followed the trail of
30. The highest point of something
31. Geological times
33. Cartilaginous structure
34. Hill (Celtic)
35. Bura
37. Center of a wheel
39. \_\_\_ de plume
41. String, lima or green
42. Greek goddess of discord
44. Move back and forth
47. Britain's Sandhurst (abbr.)
48. Comedian Carvey

CLUES DOWN

- 2. Asian ethnic hill people
23. SE Asian goat antelope
24. Aware of the latest trends
25. Person of Arabia
26. Industrial process to produce ammonia
28. Expressed pleasure
29. The plural of crus
32. Old Thailand
36. Ribonucleic acid
38. One who assembles books
40. Cosa Nostra member
43. Pouchlike structures
44. Violent action
45. \_\_\_ of March
46. Slum area of a city
51. Valuable, useful possession
54. Philemon (Biblical abbr.)
55. Shaped bread
56. Fruits of the gourd family
57. Copyread
58. Double curve
59. Photographs (slang)
60. Side sheltered from the wind
64. Atomic #86

Sudoku



Level: Intermediate



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

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Anderson said the storm forming that night was smaller than expected. The Farmer's Almanac called for some showers early in December, with more precipitation in late December and early January, he added.
"Water levels were about 467 acre feet at the beginning of the week."

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The rest of Turkey Toss
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pounds of salt and 100 pies.
All the goods were taken to the Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp, where three shifts of inmates work to cook the meal.
Making and serving the meal is something the crew looks forward to each year (along with posing for the Turkey Toss photo op of course!)

A day to give thanks

Willits Weekly wants to know what YOU are thankful for!

Next week in our Thanksgiving issue, to be published on Wednesday, November 27, we are once again looking to the community to send in photos like those in our Father's Day, Back to School and Halloween editions. This time, we are asking you to show us what YOU are thankful for this holiday season.

Your sister? Low cholesterol? "Grandma's Boy" on DVD? Brewers yeast? Send your photos to willitsweekly@gmail.com, post to our Facebook wall, or text 972-7047 showing us what you are grateful for this holiday season.

Please also include a caption for the photo, completing the sentence: "\_\_\_[your name]\_\_\_ is thankful for \_\_\_[what's in the photo]\_\_\_."

We will try and print as many as we can in our next issue, to help spread the feelings of gratitude!



Above: James Olea carries out a sack of potatoes.
Photo by Maureen Moore

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**Annual Souper Luncheon and Bazaar:** Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School St. Bazaar features holiday crafts for sale: 10 am to 2 pm. Soup Luncheon features Clam Chowder, Turkey Sweet Potato, Butternut Squash and rolls, pies, coffee and tea: 11:30 am to 1:20 pm, for \$7 adults, \$3.50 children. Pie and coffee only: \$3.50. Info: 459-2855.

**Now & Then Films presents: "Bringing It Home":** A documentary film about industrial hemp. 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange 291 School Street. "Industrial hemp offers a host of innovative solutions for our troubled world - from reducing global deforestation and malnutrition to combating climate change with healthy, energy-efficient buildings. Hemp is a non-psychoactive, pesticide-free crop that can be harvested for healthier food, clothing and shelter here in the U.S. and around the world. It has the potential to replace 25,000 chemical, petroleum and synthetic-based products in our everyday lives with natural, healthier products that don't cost us the earth or our health." Suggested Donation of \$5-10. Info: 459-6362.

**"Eleemosynary":** The final weekend for this play written by award-winning playwright Lee Blessing and directed by Joe Dowling, "Eleemosynary" focuses on the family dynamics in the lives of three generations of women: Dorothea (played by Anna Wilson); Artie (played by Mary Burns) and Echo (played by Tara Logan). Eleemosynary" plays Thursday through

WHS Boosters Club  
Winter Fashion Show

The Willits High School Boosters Club's second "Winter Fashion Show" is set for Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 pm at the Willits Community Center. The show will benefit two Boosters scholarships: one for an athlete and one for an arts student.

Fashions from local boutiques and merchants will be featured, from: Off the Cuff, Tiger Lily's, Carhartt, Buttercups, Monkey Wrench and J.D. Redhouse.

Organizer Donna Rice says there will be 40 high school students – boys as well as girls – modeling fashions, with 30 younger models wearing kids' clothes. Margaret Bender will be the MC, reading notes about the outfits as the models show off their attire.

"Last year, it was my daughter Jaclyn's idea to start the show," Rice said, "and so we just did it, and even with very little prep time we actually made over \$2,000. So we decided we wanted to keep doing it. It's fun if you have enough help."

The WHS Boosters Club is doing well this year, with lots of good, energetic members, Rice said. "We have a whole decorating committee," she said, which will adorn the

Seeking actors for  
'Idiots'

The Willits Community Theatre is holding auditions for its February 2014 production of "Flaming Idiots," by Tom Rooney. This is a comedy about two guys who start a restaurant without knowing anything about the restaurant business. In order to attract customers, they arrange to fake a mafia hit in the restaurant, but the fake hit goes sideways into the realm of humor.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, November 23 at 1 pm, at the WCT Playhouse, located at 37 West Van Lane, just one block west of Mazahar on Main Street.

For more information call the director, Damian Sebouhian at 599-5621.

Free train rides  
with Santa

Roots of Motive Power presents the annual "Holiday Express" Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7 at the Roots facility on Commercial Street. Features free train rides for kids of all ages, Santa Claus, Christmas trees, singing, carolers and refreshments.

The Willits Community Theatre Guest Artist series presents classical guitarists Ryan Ayers and Giacomo Fiore on Friday, December 6 at pm. A night of fingerstyle and classical music from around the world, including original compositions and timeless classics.

The evening will also showcase an instrument built by local classical guitar maker Greg Byers. \$15. Tickets at Goods' Shoppe, 56 South Main Street, at the door the night of the show, by phone at 459-0895 (with a credit card), or online at brownpapertickets.com/event/501699.

What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

Sunday through November 24. 7 pm on Thursdays; 8 pm on Fridays and Saturdays; 2 pm on Sundays. Tickets can be purchased in person at Goods' Shoppe, 56 South Main Street, or by calling WCT at 459-0895 to reserve by credit card.

**Shanachie Pub:** Solo coastal guitarist Steven Bates, 3rd Thursday of every month. 6 pm, no cover. 50 South Main Street. "When playing acoustic Bates delivers a fast-paced strumming technique that has a rock and roll vibe unto itself." Visit [www.myspace.com/stevenbatesmusician](http://www.myspace.com/stevenbatesmusician)

Friday, November 22

**Little Lake Fire Protection District Blood Drive:** noon to 4 pm at the Donor Coach parked at the Fire Department, 74 East Commercial Street. "Your donation saves up to three lives! Please come well-hydrated and nourished." To schedule your appointment, visit [www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com), click "Donate blood," and enter sponsor code "WillitsFire." For more info, contact Rana Sadiq at 707-280-2563 or [rsadiq@bloodcenters.org](mailto:rsadiq@bloodcenters.org).

**"Eleemosynary":** Willits Community Theatre, 8 pm; see Thursday, November 21.

**Shanachie Pub:** Willits Power Equipment presents: Congo Sanchez, "the backbeat of the Washington, D.C., party scene, one of the city's most adept instrumentalists, and the favored sideman and producer for dance bands and world music ensembles alike." Visit: <https://soundcloud.com/congosanchez>. Willits Power Equipment will be raffling off numerous prizes throughout the night. 9 pm. \$8 cover. 50 South Main Street.

Saturday, November 23

**Bake Sale for Dave Dethman:** A benefit bake sale in front of ER Energy, next to Safeway, organized by friends and family, to raise money for local Dave Dethman, who is in critical condition due to a logging accident. 10 am to 4 pm. Donations welcome; also see donation jars in stores around town.

**Work Day Weekend for Grange School of Agricultural Arts:** Today, 10 am to 5 pm, rain or shine, at the site of the new Grange farm school at Ridgewood Ranch. Skilled and unskilled help needed. Bring gloves and tools, if you have them. Please drive slow on the ranch. Contact director Antonia Partridge at (707) 272-1395 or

Ongoing  
Events:

**Farmers Market at Little Lake Grange:** Winter market at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Fall produce (cauliflower, broccoli, potatoes, lettuce and more) from area farmers, plus live music, flowers, crafts, baked goods, dinner and more. Markets will continue all winter from 3 to 5:30 pm.

**Willits Photography Club Annual Show:** 12th annual show by members of the Willits Photography Club at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Dedicated to Ray Hansen, and including several images of Hansen's from Monument Valley. Other photographers include: Dave Smith, Dorothy Asbury, Bruce Haanstra, and Erin Creekmur. Show runs through November 30. Gallery is open Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm.

**Willits Community Drum Circle:** 7 to 10 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Fridays. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932

**Open Mic at Shanachie Pub:** Every Wednesday at 8:40 pm. Sign-ups start at 3 pm. 50 South Main Street.

**Brooktrails Lodge Winter Schedule:** every Thursday night at 8 pm: "Dream Capsule Entertainment," featuring local musicians and talent; Happy Hour, and Ladies' Night specials. Every Friday night: Open Mic, with drink specials and prizes. Info: Shawntee Wirth at [dreamcapsuleindustries@gmail.com](mailto:dreamcapsuleindustries@gmail.com) or 459-6792.

**Free Community Karate Classes** in Willits on Tuesday and Thursday nights, at Willits Body Works Gym & Martial Arts Center, 1511 South Main Street. Tuesdays, start time 7 pm, for ages 10 years old and above. Thursdays, start time 6 pm, for ages 5 to 9 years old, and 7 pm for ages 10 years old and above. Sensei Mike Tobin, Kyoshi, instructing with Sensei Trinidad Sanchez. Through Sheriffs Activities League; info: 468-4288.

**Save the Date:**

**Holiday Baking Party,** December 3, Little Lake Grange

**Santa Photos with Maureen Moore,** December 6 at J.D. Redhouse

**Holiday Express,** free steam train rides with Santa, Roots of Motive Power, December 7

**Santa Trains Start,** Skunk Train Depot, December 7

**Studio Joy 1 Year Anniversary Black Light Zumba Glow Party,** December 7

**Grange Farm School Work Days,** December 7-8 and December 14-15.

**Holiday Craft Fair,** Willits Community Center, December 13, 15 & 16

[farmdirector@californiagrangerange.org](mailto:farmdirector@californiagrangerange.org) to RSVP (drop-in volunteers welcome, too). More info at <http://californiagrangerange.org/agschool/mission.html>.

**Auditions for Willits Community Theatre:** for "Flaming Idiots," a contemporary fast-paced farce by Tom Rooney, directed by Damian Sebouhian. WCT is looking for five males from ages 20 to 40, one male between 60 and 70, and two females between 20 and 40. Rehearsals begin mid-December. 1 pm at Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. Info or script: call Sebouhian at 599-5621.

**Willits Center for the Arts Member Appreciation Night:** Members and those who would like to be members are invited to "come out and enjoy the benefits of being a member and supporting the arts in Willits." Featuring "great organic food, with both vegan and gluten-free choices." Barra wines will be pouring some of their best reds and whites; also beer and water. Live entertainment with audience participation with Emandal Chorale, African dance, and the Willits Drum Circle. Also choreopoetry by Mimi Cézanne. General meeting starts at 6:30 pm, come hear all the exciting changes coming. "Hint, think café with wine and tappas, walls to rent to artist to sell their work, live theater in the great room...." Not a member yet? You can join at the door: \$35 individual annual membership; \$25 for students and seniors, and \$50 for a family membership. Info: 459-1726 or check [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org).



Tanner Heiken empties his piggy bank in support of the bake sale for Dave Dethman

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Holiday Crafts Fair

The 27th annual Holiday Crafts Fair, at the Willits Community Center, is expanded to three days this year. The crafts fair will open Friday, December 13 (noon to 7 pm), Saturday, December 14 (10 am to 6 pm) and Sunday, December 15 (10 am to 4 pm).

In addition to fine arts and crafts for sale by nearly 30 artists and crafters, the fair features live music, and delicious food and beverages provided by the Willits Charter School. A benefit for the Willits Center for the Arts. Info: 459-4792.



RSVP early for this 'limited space' kitchen event: 459-6362.

Holiday Baking  
Party

Little Lake Grange Women's Auxiliary presents a Holiday Baking Party, Tuesday, December 3, from 5 to 8 pm at the Little Lake Grange kitchen, 291 School Street.

Bring a copy of your favorite family recipes to share, or ideas for low-sugar or gluten-free options. "We will trade varieties of cookies with each other once baked.

Everything baked in the Grange's commercial kitchen is legal to be sold or served to the public.

Please bring all ingredients you want to use, or call Annie for organic eggs and butter at good prices: 459-6382. \$3 suggested kitchen use fee.

**"Eleemosynary":** Closing performance, 2 pm; Willits Community Theatre; see Thursday, November 21.

Monday, November 25

**Willits Frontier Twirlers:** Beginner's classes in basic and mainstream square dance at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, from 6:45 to 8 pm, then dancing until 9 pm, with professional caller Lawrence Johnstone, who will teach and call. Every Monday night; classes are free for beginners. Info: Emmy Good at 367-7475.

Tuesday, November 26

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's "Tightwad" movies: "Thor" (2D) "Captain Phillips," and "Last Vegas." 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

**"Confronting the Controversies:** Biblical perspectives on tough issues": The community is invited to this series of Tuesday night talks (through December 3) on issues such as euthanasia, evolution, death penalty, separation of church and state, and prayer in schools and abortion. Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Soup dinner at 5:30 pm; talks from 6 to 7:30 pm. Please RSVP: 459-2855.



Thursday, November 28

**24th Annual Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner:** from 11 am to 3 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. "Come give thanks and celebrate this holiday with your community." No charge; anyone may eat for free, but donations are gladly accepted and will benefit Willits Community Services and Food Bank. Food Donors include: 101 Drive-in, Sparetime Supply, and individual contributions. Dinner prepared by Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp, and served by community

TOY  
RUN  
TIME

This year's event honors a fallen friend and continues to help kids in the Willits area this holiday season

The public is cordially welcome and encouraged to attend the party at the Little Lake Grange after the 21st annual Willits Toy Run, set for Sunday, December 1, rain or shine. Admission to the party is one unwrapped toy: the Toy Run is a benefit for the Willits Rotary Children's Christmas program.

The motorcycle run – dedicated this year to Willits biker Gary Laferty who passed away earlier this month – starts off at the Evergreen Shopping Center at noon. After driving through town, the bikers finish at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, to party from noon to 3 pm.

Dinner features tasty homemade hot dishes made by Rotary Club members plus a tri tip BBQ. "The BBQ – done right there at the Grange by Toy Run volunteers – is new this year," said organizer Bear Kamoroff. "We hit the jackpot with that."

Ray & the Reveleers play live music for dancing, and Lions Club members pour at the no-host bar. The annual raffle has "very nice and very valuable" prizes from area stores this year, Kamoroff said. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 30 tickets for \$20. For more information, email [HOG@bellsprings.com](mailto:HOG@bellsprings.com) or call B.B. Kamoroff at 459-6372.

Santa  
Trains

The Skunk Train's special Christmas Trains start Saturday, December 7 at the Willits Depot: 90-minute round-trip train rides, including a visit from Santa and his elves, music, cocoa and cookies. Departures at 3:30 pm, 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm, depending on day. All guests encouraged to wear pajamas! Tickets: \$35 for adults; \$25 for kids (2 to 12). Scheduled every day from December 7 through December 23. Info: 964-6371 or [www.skunktrain.com](http://www.skunktrain.com). December 7 trip and one of the December 14 trips out of Willits are already sold out!



volunteers. Info or to volunteer: 459-3333.

**Thanksgiving in Laytonville:** The Long Valley Garden Club is hosting a free, all-day Thanksgiving feed today from 11 am to 6 pm. Prep day is Wednesday, November 27. Call 984-7108 to donate turkeys, hams, etc. or to volunteer.

Friday, November 29

**Black Friday:** Many Willits shops are opening early for patrons to kick off their holiday shopping this year. Check the ads on many of the pages of this and next week's editions of Willits Weekly for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** After-Thanksgiving Day Party with Schindig, rock/folk/Americana from Willits, and Knocks & Jollies, indie rock with Josh and Joe Swarengen and Mark Hetherington. 9 pm. \$5. 50 South Main Street. Visit: [www.facebook.com/schindig](http://www.facebook.com/schindig).

Saturday, November 30

**Small Business Saturday:** Shoppers are encouraged to support small businesses for their holiday gift buying, especially on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, recently dubbed Small Business Saturday.

**Agape Bible Church Holiday Craft Faire:** 9 am to 3 pm. 290 South Lenore Avenue. Free gift wrapping by our youth. Please contact Betty Pellegri at 972-5256 if you would like to rent a table to sell items.

**Shanachie Pub:** Austin Quattlebaum, free-range folk and Southern bluegrass. 6 pm. No cover. House of Love DJ Night with Mr. Humpfreeze & Tigerfish. 9 pm. No cover. 50 Main Street.

Sunday, December 1

**Laytonville Christmas Craft Fair:** from 10 am to 4 pm, at Harwood Hall in Laytonville. Featuring a variety of crafts by more than 45 local artists. Santa's Workshop for kids, and a special appearance by Santa. Info: Laytonville Healthy Start: 984-8089.

**Santa Photos with Maureen Moore:** today from 11 am to 3 pm at ER Energy, 851 South Main Street in the Safeway Plaza, and Friday, December 6 from 4 to 7 pm at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. Half the proceeds from the ER Energy shoot will be donated to the Willits 4-H Club. Digital images will be available for \$5, and optional print packets will be available for physical print copies, too.

**21st annual Willits Toy Run:** to benefit the Willits Rotary Children's Christmas Program. Motorcycle run starts at Evergreen Shopping Center at noon, and finishes at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, with a party – the general public is welcome and encouraged to attend this party – from noon to 3 pm. Dinner, featuring homemade hot dishes from Rotary Club members plus (new this year) a tri tip BBQ. Plus live music for dancing by Ray & the Reveleers, and the Lions Club no-host bar. A raffle with "very nice and very valuable" raffle prizes from area stores; tickets \$1 each or 30 tickets for \$20. Admission one unwrapped toy. Info: email [HOG@bellsprings.com](mailto:HOG@bellsprings.com) or call B.B. Kamoroff at 459-6372.



Above: Steve Shepherd drives Santa and Mrs. Claus on the lead bike, followed by Kat and Jerry Harris and Richard Venturi.

Photo by Maureen Moore

Below: Gary Laferty on his bike.



Staged reading of  
'King Lear'  
at Willits  
Community Theatre

William Shakespeare's great tragedy tells the story of a king who abandons his crown, yet wishes to continue to be treated like a king. It doesn't work out so well for him. With Lanny Cotler as Lear, and a cadre of Willits' finest actors in the ensemble cast, this staged reading is directed by Mike A'Dair and will play on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 pm and Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. Info: 459-0895.





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# Classifieds & More

The rest of **Bypass** | From Page 1

Wright and Project Manager Mauricio Serrano to address Caltrans' permit issues with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Serrano said bids on mitigation work had been opened, but Caltrans rejected all three bids, saying they were too high. The low bid was from DeSilva Gates at \$39.33 million, three times higher than Caltrans' expected bid price of \$13.1 million. Two other bids came in at \$47.4 million and \$48 million.

Serrano said said Caltrans is working with regulators to devise a plan so mitigation work does not stop.

Serrano and Wright both said they have not heard about the Army Corps or other agencies pulling permits. "They have not stated that they will," Wright said.

Wright added bidders on the mitigation work said the scope of the work was too big and too hard to bond. "It was very hard to bid a project that long," he said. The bid summary document describes the "total number of working days" as "2,000."

Laurie Monarres, north branch chief of the Army Corps Northern California division, appeared on a November 7 news report on the Bay Area ABC news station, saying: "At this point [Caltrans] is not in compliance with their permit conditions"; and "We're trying to give them every opportunity before suspending the permit, but it's approaching that point, now."

J.D. Hardesty, Army Corps public affairs chief, told Willits Weekly the Army Corps was "currently reviewing Caltrans noncompliance issues," but there was "no specific timeline for this review to be completed."

Councilwoman Madge Strong pressed the two Caltrans officials about a letter of violation from the Army Corps of Engineers.

"They asked us to address five or six different items," Mauricio said.

For the project's fill-dirt needs, the fate of trees atop Oil Well Hill about four miles north of Willits remains uncertain.

Strong said she and many other people in the community feel the old Apache Mill site is a better spot to dig fill dirt, because it is already disturbed.

But a move to clear the Oil Well Hill borrow site could still be made.

Wright said Caltrans agrees that the mill site is better. But as the contractor works to iron out its permits, both sites need to be pursued.

"There is so much uncertainty," Wright said. "We have to hope for the best and plan for the worst."

Bypass supporter Randi Covin spoke to city council members during public comment time. "Stop obstructing them, and maybe they will have better luck meeting deadlines," Covin said.

Willits resident David Parch said he could not tell who was in control of the project. "Caltrans is a good example of when people lose control of their government," Parch said.

Ron Moorhead, Chamber of Commerce president, weighed in on the bypass. He said he spoke as a private citizen.

He shared the words of one man who, like others in the valley have lived there for generations. "It is about time that we get this damn thing done...get 'er done' is what he told me," Moorhead said.

## Williamson Act revision approved

A truncated board of supervisors voted unanimously, 3-0, to approve adjustments to the county's Williamson Act program again.

Approving the measure at last week's board meeting were supervisors Dan Hamburg, John McCowen and Dan Gjerde. Supervisors John Pinches and Carre Brown did not vote on the measure due to stated conflicts of interest. They both have Williamson Act contracts.

The Williamson Act allows landowners who have demonstrated they are using their land for agricultural production to pay sharply reduced property taxes on that land.

In the wake of the Great Recession of 2008 and 2009, the state Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 1265, which reduced the term of the Williamson Act from 10 to nine years, in exchange for increasing the taxes landowners will pay by 10 percent.

AB1265 is slated to sunset in 2016 and thereafter the Williamson Act will be defunct, unless the legislature sees fit to renew it.

— Mike A'Dair

COLUMN | Relationships



## The Three Choices Around Conflicts

Last month I had the honor to be the guest speaker at the North County Women in Business Network meeting in Willits, organized by our wonderful Chamber of Commerce.

I used the opportunity to reflect on my coaching work and my focus on conflict resolution in relationships, teaching people how to handle conflict with more ease.

When I was preparing my speech, I gained more clarity regarding the three choices we have when we are experiencing a conflict with another person, and what the implications are. In this month's column I will present a summary of my latest discoveries.

In my practice, I encourage my clients to learn to embrace conflicts instead of being afraid or in denial, because I believe that conflict can be a doorway to the next level of intimacy. It can be used to enhance our personal growth, mutual understanding, creativity, and development of our relationships. I encourage people to choose consciously which issues to bring up and which ones to let go. I call this making your first choice.

The next significant choices come right after that, if you have chosen to address the issue. Will you follow the common "power struggle" path where no one can "win," but both parties involved end up feeling more disconnected, hurt and frustrated than before?

Or as a third choice, will you choose path number two, which will lead to deeper mutual understanding, feeling more connected than before, and finding solutions? Choosing path number two is not easy for most of us, because it brings us to an inner edge that we will have to cross, if we want to stay on this path.

Despite our disagreements, we will have to stay curious and available to one another. Our brains will naturally want to slip back into old patterns of defensiveness or attack mode around conflicts, which is part of our primal survival instinct, as neuroscience has proven now.

But luckily, we also have a secondary system working for us, which helps us make conscious and appropriate decisions. Once we understand this phenomenon, it is easier for us to access that secondary system.

Let me explain more about the differences between path one and path two. On path number one, the main question is: "Who is right and who is wrong?" (meaning I am right and you are wrong). Path one is "I"-centered, often you against me. On path number two, the main questions are: "What does our relationship need?" "What do I need?" and "What does my partner need?" On path two, it is about "We" as true partners.

As you can see, each path's questions point to either "my way or the highway" or to "let's work this out for the greater good." The communication styles are very different.

On path one you will find the toxic communication styles that I have discussed in a previous column, such as blaming, name calling, criticism, defensiveness, and shutting down. Each party is struggling for power over the other. Often there is a lot of drama.

On path two, each person is far less defensive and is able to talk about what is really going on. They share their needs, fears, disappointments, and dreams. They are able to stay open to one another, listening and asking questions. If they get triggered during the discussion, they can take a break in order to calm themselves down.

Choosing path two will ensure that the dialogue will continue, because the goal is to find a solution or at least acknowledge each other's differences in needs and perspective. The principle interest is to share power and empower each other. The partners know that not only will they as individuals profit, their relationship will profit and grow, too.

I chose a long time ago to practice path two and explore my options there. I am sharing this with you so you become aware that when in conflict with someone you too have these choices. Until next month....

Doris Wier is a certified life and relationship coach who works and lives in Willits. She coaches individuals, couples and teachers, and offers Explore-Shops on conflict resolution in partnerships. For more information on the process, call 456-9246, or check [www.embraceconflicts.com](http://www.embraceconflicts.com) and [www.facebook.com/doriswier](http://www.facebook.com/doriswier).

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## Puzzle Answers From Page 4



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including "Art Under 20" in May for high school students and "Art in the Middle" in February for middle-school students. The annual Photo Club exhibit is currently showing at WCA through November 30, and the annual WCA members art show is set for March 2014.

WCA also hosts weekly dance classes (Frontier Twirlers on Mondays and African dance taught by Fanny Parkin-Diallo on Thursdays), a drum circle hosted by Lil McFadden (2nd and 4th Fridays), Emandal Chorale rehearsals, a life drawing class (Thursdays, from 1 to 4 pm), and the Photo Club meetings (second Saturday of the month).

The WCA is still working to become an official nonprofit, and still looking for new board members for that nonprofit. "We need a viable board, with people who can work together well, and share the vision of what the art center can be," Rayner said. "business people, community leaders, and people with experience in fundraising, events and grant-writing are welcome."

Rayner also urges current Art Center members to take advantage of their membership benefits. The WCA website, [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org), has been newly redesigned by Willits sculptor and graphics illustrator Morgan Rex. WCA members – not just artists, but business owners, too – can have their own free page in the member directory.

Those interested in becoming new members or renewing their membership should consider attending the annual Members Appreciation Night this weekend on Saturday, September 23, 6:30 to 9 pm. This is a members-only event, but sign-ups at the door are welcome. The event features refreshments and entertainment; see Calendar for more details. A general meeting of members, and potential new board members, is set for 6:30 to 7 pm.

WCA memberships are \$35; \$25 for seniors/students; and \$50 for families.

Info: call 459-1726, email [willitscenterforthearts@gmail.com](mailto:willitscenterforthearts@gmail.com) or check [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org).

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the bypass is completed, and Rayner says that supporting and promoting the arts can help make that happen: "A lot of towns make themselves a place to go because of the arts," she said. "We have a lot of good artists in the Willits area, artists who are very, very hot."

At present, the center hosts a monthly art exhibit,

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Whoopy will be part of the "Back in Black" campaign, a national campaign to promote black and dark-colored dogs and cats who

very often get overlooked. With this promotion, her adoption fee will be only \$50 if she is adopted in the month of November – plus \$25 licensing for Mendocino County residents. The adoption fee for cats and kittens is just \$50 for the month of November.

For more info, call Adoption Coordinator Katherine Houghtby at 707-467-6453.

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ass, with 956 "yes" votes and 617 "no" votes.

In final results, the three Brooktrails board incumbents still won the three seats up for election: Tony Orth with 308 votes, George Skezas with 270 votes, and Rick Williams with 268 votes. Challenger Dave Paland received 232

The board of supervisors did not explicitly approve or reject the program, but instead told Morse and Jensen to roll it out on schedule.

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**Devina Cash**

Willits High School senior Devina Cash is running for the title of 2014 Miss Mendocino. She takes honors and advanced placement classes at WHS and is also enjoying taking dance and art classes at Mendocino College. She hopes to become a teacher.

Her Miss Mendocino platform is "Mentoring Children in Their Early Years," and she already enjoys volunteering in Mrs. Recina's Kindergarten class - where she herself was once a student.

She also enjoys helping her little sister, Jaeva, with homework and spending time with her family.

Winning the title will help Cash continue her involvement with youth and will help fund her continued education, as she hopes to attend Harvard or San Diego State in the fall.

People or businesses interested in sponsoring Cash can contact her at devinacash@willitsunified.com or by calling 972-7288.

**Miss Mendocino Candidates**  
 Devina Cash and Kassy Aldaco try for 2014 title

Kassy Aldaco is a full-time student at Mendocino College. She works as a caretaker for three beautiful children, and is also an employee at the Loose Caboose Cafe.

She is running on the platform of "Diabetes Awareness for Kids, K-12," and it's her goal and dream to become a pediatrician.

"I want to help make a change and contribute to decreasing the rate of diabetes in our youth, Aldaco said. "Awareness and action are essential in the fight against diabetes."

If you would like to sponsor Aldaco and help her make a positive change in our community, please call her at 707-260-4709.

Aldaco hopes to see everyone at the Miss Mendocino pageant on February 1, 2014 at 7 pm, at Ukiah High School, located at 1000 Low Gap Road in Ukiah.

**Kassy Aldaco**

**Congratulations to the St. Anthony's First Communion Class**  
 November 16, 2013

*In alphabetical order: Hailee Torres Baumeister, Eduardo Lllamas Calderon, Mark Anthony Cardona, Patricia Carillo, Rosita Carillo, Celia Chavez, Omar Chavez, Francisco Abel Chavez, Charles Cliburn, Giovanni Cliburn, Kristan Frost, Seth Frost, Marissa Gutierrez, Christian Jara, Lynette Juarez, Melissa Loya, Isaac Luna, Damian Manriquez, Megan Nava, Myra Nava, Amanda Nunez, Aldo Perez Reyes and Cassandra Villalobos*

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