

# IN LOVING MEMORY...

## Robert Raymond Conner

Robert Raymond Conner, a long time friend of Willits Frontier Days, passed away quietly at home in December 2009.

Bob and his wife Darlene were involved with starting the first Labor Day Rodeo in Covelo and also put together the "Rough & Ready" Wagon and Mule Pack Trip from Covelo via the old original ferry crossing on the Middle Eel River, camping along the way through Bennett Valley, Eden Valley Ranch and the Folsom Ranch.

Together they enjoyed greeting and sharing their campfires each night as they passed through, re-creating the feel of the 1800's – then returning to the paved roads and modern ways after crossing the old bridge at Hearst on the Main Fork of the Eel River, finishing the 56 mile experience 5 days later. Weaving their tired, dusty (but colorful!) "out of the west" entourage carefully through the crowded streets and carnival rides to their final campsite at



the Willits Rodeo Grounds, where they were spoiled with hot showers, BBQ, plenty of margaritas and lots of Hay! The finale the next day was heading to the parade route to kick-off the Willits Frontier Days 4th of July celebration.

Bob and his wagon crew were a favorite for years in the Willits Frontier Days Parade – colorfully dressed with plenty of charm – folks looked forward each and every year to their performance.

Often, after the parade, Bob would ride his favorite team of mules in the grand entry of the CCPRA rodeo. One year, as the lovely Miss Mendocino County was performing the Star Spangled Banner, Bob's mule joined in and "hee-hawed" through the entire performance!

Bob retired from the Forest Service in 2005 after 29 years of service. Though most of his 4 years of retirement were spent battling A.L.S., he gave his all to enjoying life. He never quit hoping. He met friends everywhere he went and knew no strangers.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Hello and Welcome,*

As Willits Frontier Days President I would like to personally welcome you and your family to the 84th annual Willits Frontier Days 4th of July celebration and home of the "oldest continuous rodeo in California."

Being a part of the Willits Frontier Days organization, and now serving as President is an honor and privilege. Being born and raised in Willits, I as many in the community have a deep and special love towards the Willits Frontier Days celebration. As a child and to this day I still get excited as the 4th draws near.

As a kid going to the events with my family, I like many knew, the 4th July was coming and that meant Frontier Day was almost here. There was so much going in town, and of course the excitement for the opening of the carnival. As I'm sure like every kid today, I was driving my parents and grandparents crazy about when we're heading to the carnival.

When my dad got roped into volunteering down at the grounds by Chuck Persico, I started going down to see my dad and got put to work. Cutting and pulling blackberry bushes out from underneath the bleachers or helping my dad replace boards sure wasn't much fun, but it was part of putting on the event. I have learned a lot by being a part of the Willits Frontier Days organization; from welding, operating equipment; but one of the most important lessons handed down from the past is how important it is not to just live in a community, but to be a part of it.

As President and volunteer I have gotten to meet so many great people who also care as strongly as I do about the Willits Frontier Days celebration's history and traditions. As I once heard, "it takes a community to raise a child" but such is true about an event as special event as the Willits Frontier Day celebration. Our Willits Frontier Days volunteers who come as far away as Arizona and as close as down the street are truly the heart of the Willits Frontier Days Celebration. The only pay check our volunteers receive is that "Thank you from the fans or just seeing that one child eyes open wide when that bull leaves the gate." I tip my hat to each and every one of these volunteers who I call my friends.

The Willits Frontier Days celebration has been a place where friends and family come together to remember the old times and to celebrate our small town's heritage and tradition. Whether this is your first time to the Willits Frontier Days celebration, or are an old timer, you will have a great 4th of July experience. It's my sincere hope you and your families leave with the same respect that I have for the past, but also take away new memories that will last a lifetime.

*Chris White, President*



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# 2010 HERITAGE AWARD RECIPIENTS

*Carlin and Bill Horger*

Carlin and Bill Horger have been designated as recipients of the coveted Willits Frontier Days Heritage Award. Longtime residents of the Willits Community – Carlin and Bill have participated at Frontier Days events for the past fifteen years. Like most honorees, Carlin and Bill work quietly behind the scenes of all the major events, working in the ticket booth at the front gate.

Both Carlin and Bill enthusiastically stated “we see more folks we’ve known over the years at these events than at any other place we go!” In addition to selling tickets to all the frontier days’ events, they enjoy the opportunity to meet and greet first time visitors, as well as loyal returning fans each and every year.

Married while Bill was in the U.S. Navy, they traveled the world before settling back in their childhood home community to raise their family. Daughter Jody and sons Mike and Chris and their families all reside here in the Willits Community and actively participate with their parents in volunteer efforts in the area.

In addition to being the chief “ticket takers”, Carlin (as a member of the Soroptimist Club) also participated in the Sweetheart Contest and served for a time as the Assistant Treasurer to the Willits Frontier Days Board of Directors.

The Heritage Award is awarded annually to an individual, group or business that contributes to the annual success of Willits Frontier Days. The award is sponsored by the Harrah Family in memory of R.E. “Bob” Harrah.



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1991	Orval Archer	2008	June Sizemore
1992	Fred Steele	2009	Claudia Smith Hill



# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

## Schedule of Events

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Admission
June 25th	Friday	6:00 p.m.	Truck Pull	Jack Tharp Arena	Adult - \$13 Child - \$5
		9:30 p.m.	Street Dance	Rodeo Grounds	FREE
June 26th	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Cutest Little Cowboy & Cowgirl contest	Rodeo Grounds	FREE
		10:30 a.m.	Sweethearts Judging	Jack Tharp Arena	FREE
		12:00 Noon	Parade Nat'l Anthem Contest	Rodeo Grounds	FREE
		3:30 p.m.	Gymkhana	Jack Tharp Arena	FREE
June 27th	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Horseshow	Jack Tharp Arena	FREE
July 1st	Thursday	4 - 8:00 p.m.	Hometown Celebration	Downtown Willits	FREE
July 2nd	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Carnival Opens	Old Ball Field	
July 3rd	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	CCPRA Rodeo West Coast Rodeo Stock	Jack Tharp Arena	Box Seat - \$15 Adult - \$12 Child - \$5
		9:00 p.m.	Western Dance	Rodeo Grounds	FREE
July 4th	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Parade	Main Street	FREE
		12:00 Noon	Barbecue	Recreation Grove	Adult - \$15 Child - \$8
		12:00 Noon	Car Show	Recreation Grove	FREE
		3:00 p.m.	Black Bart Gunfighters	Recreation Grove	FREE
		4:00 p.m.	CCPRA Rodeo West Coast Rodeo Stock	Jack Tharp Arena	Box Seat - \$15 Adult - \$12 Child - \$5
		6:00 p.m.	Waterfights		FREE
		9:00 p.m.	Karaoke	Rodeo Grounds	FREE
July 5th	Monday	8:00 a.m.	Lions Club Cowboy Breakfast	Recreation Grove	Adult - \$8 Child - \$5
		12:00 Noon	Junior Rodeo	Jack Tharp Arena	Adult - \$12 Child - \$5

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# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

## Staff & Committee Chairpersons



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**2010 Board of Directors:** Dale Briggs, Jerry Harris, Mike Frahm, Mike Persico, Shane Burke, Kelly Figg-Hoblyn, Fred Barry, Jackie Standley, Jeff Cook, Elaine Figg-Hoblyn, Kat Harris, Michelle Briggs, and Pat Mayer. Not Shown: Kenny Persico and Bobby Persico.



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Tharp, Chris White, Jerry Harris, Mike Persico; **Horseshow** – Mattie Pinon; **Gymkhana** – Amy Forrester; **Jr. Rodeo** – Lee Persico, Bobbie Tilley; **Lion's Breakfast** – Lion's Club; **Maintenance** – Jeff Cook, Keith Johnson, Jerry Harris, Denny Pinon, Chamberline Creek Fire Crew; **Margarita Booth** – Shelley Revling; **Parade** – Bobby Persico, Tanya Petittclerc, Julie Goss; **Parking** – Kenny Persico; **Official Photographer** – Steve Eberhard; **Program** – The

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# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The Willits Frontier Days 4th of July Independence Day Parade is always an entertaining event—and one you and your family won't want to miss.

The 2010 Willits Frontier Days theme is "Wilder Than an 8 Second Ride!"

Travelling down the Main Street of Willits, the parade closes Highway 101 for several hours, and is an all-time favorite event during the Willits Frontier Days Celebration.

This hometown Independence Day Parade



is filled with horses, floats, cars, gunfighters, and many other unique entries. And when we say "hometown" we mean just that because you will find folks who, years back, were in the parade as children and are in the parade now as grandparents.

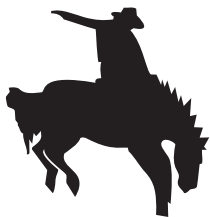
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# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

## Grand Marshal



Stella James is a living legend in these parts of Northern California and the James Ranch continues to be an active contributor to our local economy. Stella, the daughter of stage coach driver Ed Ryan, was born in 1916 at the Sherwood Valley Inn, and ninety-four years later remains an active community member in the same Sherwood Valley.

Stella grew up learning about ranching, fencing, managing livestock and building homes and eventually became the capable young wife of Edgar James. The James family moved into the Sherwood Valley in 1919. Together, Stella and Edgar broke and trained horses, rode the range to tend cattle, built fencing and built houses within the

Sherwood Valley community. The James' not only worked their own ranch but also worked on a number of large ranches in the area. During that same period, Edgar worked at the last remaining Sherwood Mill while Stella cooked for the mill and ranch hands at Stempel Ranch.

In 1946, Stella's in-laws bought one square mile of the Sherwood Valley which included the Sherwood Town Depot and the Sherwood Inn where Stella was born. In 1948, charming Stella was crowned Rodeo Queen for the Redwood Fortuna Rodeo. Later, in 1950, during the Covelo Labor Day Rodeo, fire broke out in the Sherwood Valley. Fortunately, the Inn and hay were saved due to the back fire efforts of the local ranchers, but the fire wiped out every barn and fence in its path as well as many homes. The James family, along with members of the Grange helped fix the Inn and surrounding properties.

Stella remembers entertainment at the Sherwood School house where families gathered monthly for all night celebrations and children slept on top of desks while parents continue to dance to the music of guitar, violin, and harmonica. Women provided food and coffee, and musicians were rewarded through a collection taken up by the attendees.

Stella's husband Edgar passed on in 1984 and Stella continues to make her home in the beautiful Sherwood Valley. Stella and her family have been featured several times in the Willits News over the years. In the years 2000 and 2003, Stella was honored again with the Willits News features of her family heritage, and portrayal and sketch of the Sherwood Valley from 1919. Today we honor Stella, a true cowgirl, whose life has been wilder than an eight second ride! Congratulations, Stella, our 2010 Willits Frontier Days Grand Marshal!

## Willits Frontier Days 2009

### Event DVDs

*Willits Truck Pull*

*July 3rd & 4th Rodeo*

*July 4th Parade*

*Horseshow Highlights*

*Gymkhana Highlights*

*Junior Rodeo Highlights*

A percentage of the profits will be donated to local volunteer run Willits Frontier Days Inc.

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Junior All-Around Cowgirl: *Rich Huddle*

## Willits Frontier Days Event Sponsorships

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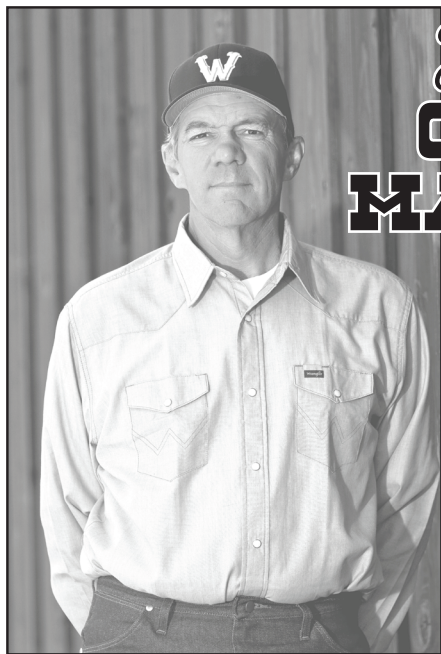
Calf Roping: *Taco Bell*

Steer Wrestling: *Sherwood Rancheria & Casino*

Bucking Chute: *Mendocino County Farm Supply*

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## Honorary **GRAND MARSHAL**

I'm sure you all know our friend, teacher, mentor, coach, and advisor, Greg Randrup. For the past thirty-one years, Greg worked with faculty members of Willits High School to help our youth through teaching Animal Science and Ag Mechanics, as well as

representing Future Farmers of America as an Advisor. Greg even coached basketball for five years during his tenure.

Greg has enjoyed many highlights during his career of teaching and has touched thousands of lives through his efforts to teach our youth about ranching, agriculture, animal science, and the ability to support a local sustainable economy. Since 1977, he has watched children of friends grow from newborns into high school graduates and beyond, stood beside many FFA members winning championships at fairs, and been touched by the smiles of special needs students who completed projects in his classes.

Greg remains married to Peggy, his wife of 38 years, who has also focused her career in education at the Willits Center of Mendocino College. Their daughter, Jennifer, still lives and works in the area. Together they keep busy with various ranching projects and the duties required for maintaining a working ranch through raising chickens, turkeys, pigs, livestock, and according to Peggy, "too many sheep".

Greg remains a member of the Roots of Motive Power. The annual July 4th celebration has become one of Roots' popular free steam-up events since the first event in 1982. As part of Frontier Days, volunteers steam up selected pieces of machinery and give tours of the facility on July 4th only. The Roots steam-up event is free and open to the public. If you stop by you just might get a chance to greet Greg and spend some time reminiscing about the good 'ol days. Greg also provides a lamb BBQ during the annual September steam-up, so if you don't catch up with him during the Frontier Days celebrations, be sure to seek his company in September.

Congratulations and thanks, Greg, for being a positive role model for our children and for this community! Thank you for accepting our appreciation by agreeing to be our 2010 Willits Frontier Days Honorary Grand Marshal.



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In addition to the eight rodeo events, local cowboys and cowgirls from Lake, Mendocino, and Humboldt counties compete in Local Team Roping events. Trophy buckles engraved by Gary Johnson are awarded to the Local Team



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# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

## Special Award

The Willits Frontier Days Executive Board and Board of Directors are pleased to recognize Dan and Laura McBride as the 2010 Willits Frontier Days Special Award Recipients for their hard work and dedication not only to the Willits community, but also to Frontier Days.

Dan and Laura have been married for 43 years and parents of Mike, Lynda and Kristine. Their daughter Kristine competed in and won the 1986 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart completion. They are also the proud grandparents of 6 grandchildren, which they love to spend time with.

Dan and Laura have been active in the community by volunteering for many years by coaching baseball for 4 years, twelve years for youth football, and high school football. In 1998, Dan's Willits High School team went onto win the North Coast Sectional Championship and was chosen that year as the Willits Frontier Days Grand Marshalls for this great accomplishment.

Laura's love for horses started as a young girl, her family could not afford to buy a horse so Laura went to a local ranch and did chores to be able to ride their horses. Two years after Laura got married to Dan she borrowed an ol' Tennessee Walker horse from local rancher and past sweetheart Barbara Hamilton to ride through the parade. Over the years Dan participated with Laura in the parade by riding as a match pair. As Laura said, "Not a whole lot of people know but Dan

actually designed and made their costumes."

As with many of the volunteers who get involved with Frontier Days comes from a phone call requesting use of their expertise and in Dan's case it came with painting. When it became time to paint the bucking chutes, Arena fence, or the Willits Frontier Days Mascot and official greeter "Willie" Dan was the one to get the call. After a few years instead of waiting for the call Dan just started showing each year and did it.

During workdays Laura would show up and ask what she could do to help. Laura pulled weeds, watered plants, helped paint the grandstand seats, clean bathrooms too many other things. Laura always felt because she was lucky enough to be able to ride her horse in the arena, she should spend a little "sweat equity" work-



ing on the grounds.

Laura was also responsible for starting a new tradition by making her business deposit at the drive-up window at the Bank of Willits on her horse. To this day you will see Laura here early in the morning on July 3rd and 4th arraigning the box seat chairs to help take a little pressure off of the other volunteers who have been putting in long hours with little sleep.

As Kathy Goss said, "They are the kind of people that no one ever really notice-and yet when you were in a jam and need help-they are the first ones to show up." This stands as true today as it has over the past; what an honor and privilege to honor these two very special people.

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# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS History

What has been billed as the longest continuous rodeo in the State of California, will once again be a featured attraction of the Willits Frontier Days Celebration in 2010. This year the 4th of July extravaganza represents 84 years of spirit, cooperation and pride in the community of Willits by its citizens.

In 1926, the Willits Development Association came up with the idea of sponsoring a community activity to raise funds for the construction of a much-needed hospital. Through the efforts of many prominent citizens including Dr. Raymond Babcock, Frank Taft, Judge E.M. Whitney, Judge Fred Foord,

Deed Wimmer, Frank and Bill Whitney, Joe Quadrio, Edward Morris, Carl Edensfeldt, Allen Sacry, the American Legion Post adopted the plan. The first Willits Frontier Days Rodeo occurred in July 1927.

It was at this time that Frank R. Howard, young son of Ridgewood Ranch owner Charles S. Howard, was fatally injured in an automobile accident while vacationing at the ranch. Dr. Babcock, who ministered to the injured boy before his death, approached Howard about erecting a hospital in Willits in memory of his son. Howard built the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital shortly thereafter.

Even though the original idea of having a rodeo to fund construction of a hospital was no longer necessary, the American Legion decided to carry on with their plans. They used the meager Willits Frontier Days profits to benefit the community in many other worthwhile ways.

The celebration was an instant success, and the American Legion ran the

show until 1932 when the Willits Volunteer Fire Department accepted the leadership role. Looking to the future, the Fire Department borrowed money to improve the rodeo grounds by having individual volunteer firefighters sign promissory notes.

The Willits Frontier Days Association was born and incorporated in 1950 when a group of local businessman and ranchers took over. The continuity of Willits Frontier Days remains unbroken since 1926.

A non-profit organization, Frontier Days still operates as it did in the beginning with no individual or organization getting any financial reward. Residents and clubs work together to put on the events and decide together how to spend the profits of each show to benefit our community.

The association works throughout the year to provide the maintenance and improvements to the property in order to enhance both the property and quality of the shows performed each year.

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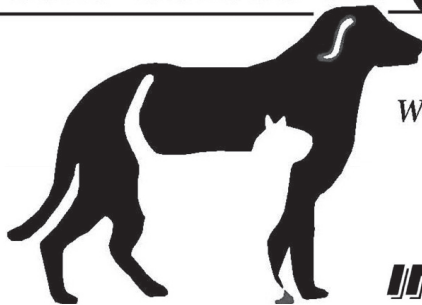
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# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

## Junior Rodeo

Have you ever wondered where all those strong, athletic cowboys and cowgirls come from you see competing in rodeos? Why from strong, athletic little cowboys and cowgirls like the ones you'll see at our Junior Rodeo.

Many of these young folks have been riding since they could walk, and their ages and experience vary. The excitement is always high and the concentration intense—especially for the moms, dads, and many others behind the scenes supporting them. You'll see some real talent here, folks. You'll also get a taste of the hard work and commitment Lee Persico and Bobbie Tilley have put into the Junior Rodeo for over 30 years. They give their hearts to this event and help create the performance of a lifetime for both the audience and these budding young cowboys and cowgirls. It is an action-packed event.

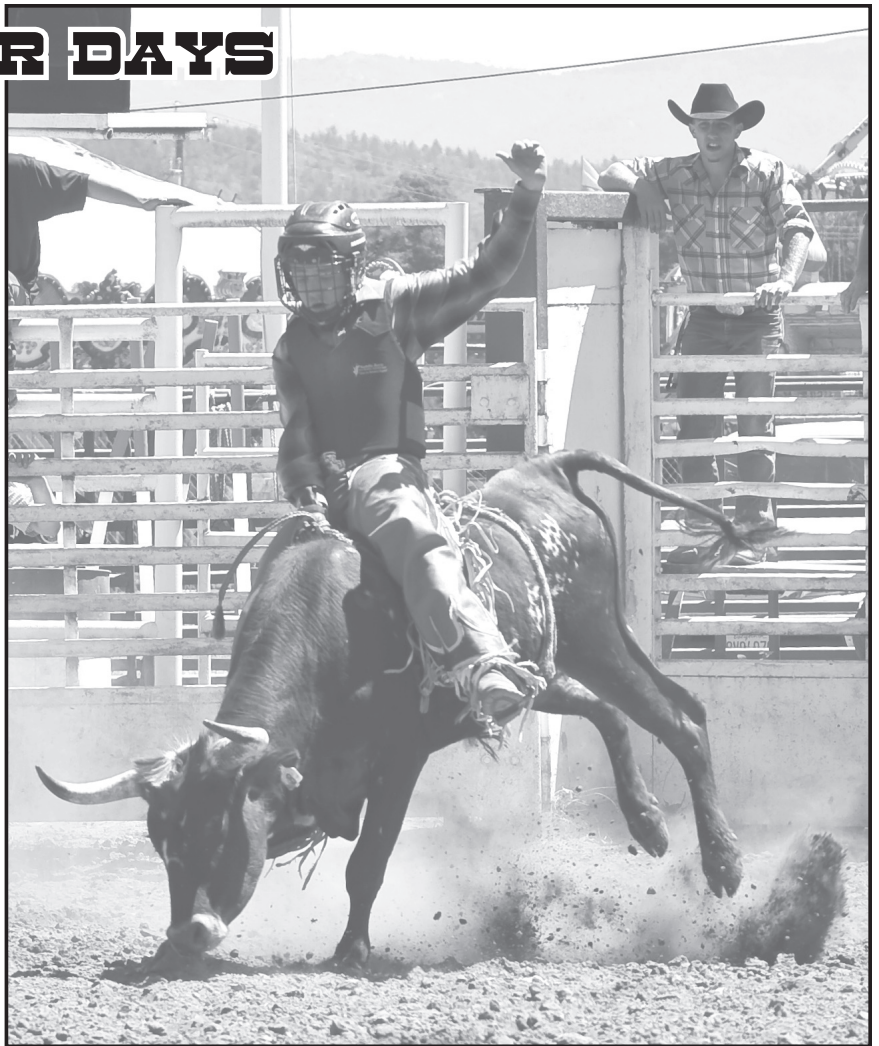
Mike Mora and Lou Bugenig of West Coast Rodeo Company provide the stock. And never fear, veterinarians Michelsen & Witt and Sheri Cronin will be on hand to ensure the animals' safety and well-being.

Kathleen Goss will once again be our announcer. She always does a fantastic job, and we are always delighted to have her help. We are also pleased to have Mary Burgess and Diane Ford on board as our timers. Timing is often overlooked, but it ensures all the contenders have a fair chance at the coveted All-Around Buckle. We always remember our judges, too, and gratefully applaud Art Cooley and Mike Persico for their willingness to be up front and center. We also want to acknowledge our bullfighter Tim Goss who has volunteered for one tough and sometimes-

risky job. These folks make it all happen, and we can't thank them enough.

Stick around for the announcement of this year's All-Around Cowboy and All-Around Cowgirl. Sparetime Supply and Rich Huddle sponsor the buckles for these events. The overall high-point winner for the day will have the honor of receiving the Bud Suttles Memorial Trophy.

Bring your family and friends and join us on Monday, July 5th at 12 Noon. You just might catch a glimpse of a future big name in rodeo.



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# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

## Gymkhana & Horse Show



The fun starts at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 26th for this year's Willits Frontier Days Gymkhana. The fast-paced display of horse and rider talent exhibited in these speed events is amazing to watch. Riders compete in their age group for the High Point and Reserve High Point awards. There will also be three lead line events. This gives our littlest cowpokes the chance to participate.

Free to spectators, the Gymkhana is put on by hardworking volunteers. We'd like to thank each and every one of these dedicated individuals because without them events like this and the horseshow couldn't happen. We would also like to thank the riders, parents, and spectators for their great sportsmanship and participation.



Come join us on Sunday, June 27th at 8:00 a.m. at the Jack Tharp arena for the annual Willits Frontier Day's Horseshow - it's as old as Frontier Days itself.

First held in conjunction with the first Frontier Day's rodeo and July 4th celebration in 1926, the show was held on the rodeo grounds during the rodeo performances giving spectators the benefit of watching the rodeo or the horseshow. In 1976, it was moved from the race track and was scheduled as a separate event during the Frontiers Days celebrations.

2003 Past Sweetheart Mattie Pinon is our Show Manager and is assisted by her sister Dina Pinon Parker, the 1989 Past Sweetheart. They are giving back to Frontier Days like their family has done for many years beginning with their great grandfather and including their grandmother, mom and dad, and brothers.

There are five local perpetual trophies. Three of the trophies are in memory of Barbara Hamilton, John Fish, Randy Clark and Don and Petie Coleman. The other two are sponsored by R-Horse Ranch, and the Goss family. These trophies are for local riders 17 and under who live in Mendocino County. The first perpetual trophy was offered in 1980.



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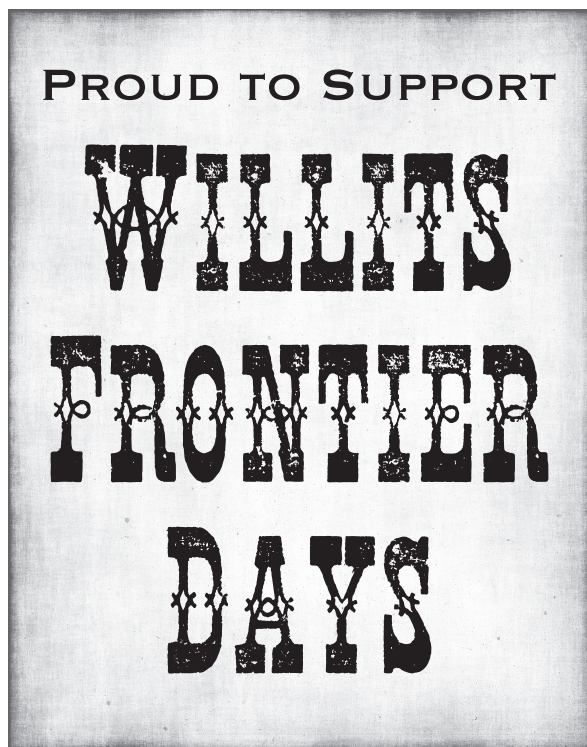
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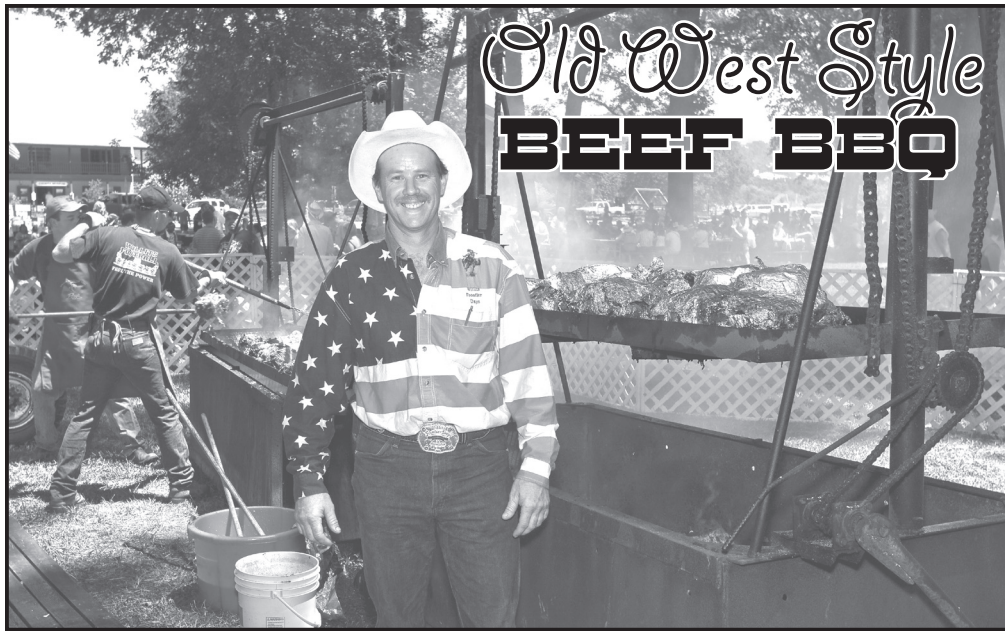
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Putting this monumental meal together takes the combined efforts of many local individuals, service clubs and businesses. However, under the direction of Mike Frahm and the help of many others, we manage to satisfy the appetites of nearly 4,000 hungry buckaroos who have come to celebrate the birthday of our great nation in the tradition of the Old West.

Anita Tharpe and the barbecue

fire crew light the coals around midnight to make sure they are just right by the time the cooks arrive around 6:00 a.m. The Odd Fellows Lodge, Rotary Club and many dedicated volunteers work through the night and into the day preparing cowboy-style beans, salad fixin's, and garlic-buttered French bread. Anyone with a spare minute helps shuck and clean the freshly-picked corn on the cob. Roasted over oak coals since the crack of dawn, the Black Angus Tri Tip Roast provided by Ray's Food Place is absolutely delectable. Everyone involved is proud to help make this what is widely acclaimed to be the "World's Best Beef Barbecue."

At noon the familiar sound of the dinner bell calls everyone to "come and get it."

## LION'S CLUB Cowboy Breakfast



A local favorite, our Cowboy Breakfast draws hundreds to Willits' Recreation Grove for great grub prepared by the Lion's Club of Willits. Please join us on Sunday, July 5th from 7:00-11:00 a.m.

A traditional fare of hotcakes, ham, eggs, and good hot coffee is the perfect remedy after an evening of kicking up your heels at the Street Dance! Purchase tickets from any of our Sweetheart contestants - \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Tickets are also available the morning of the breakfast at the serving line.

Many thanks to the Lion's Club members for their endless achievements and work in our community.

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## FRONTIER DAYS

# Black Bart Gunfighters

The Black Bart Gunfighters are a theatrical group who specialize in taking a humorous look at the Old West.

"One of the main purposes of our club is to go out and enjoy ourselves, while at the same time making sure everyone has a good time. We strive to have fun providing good-olde western entertainment while keeping the memory of the Old West alive. We don't just come out and put on a show. We mingle and invite our audience to participate in some of our skits."

The Black Bart Gunfighters Club is affiliated and insured through the National Rifle Association. Each and ev-



ery member goes through an extensive gun safety course before participating in any skits involving gunfights. At the beginning of every show a gun safety demonstration is given so the audience can see the dangers of what a blank can do.

The Black Bart Gunfighters Club is a nonprofit organization. In addition to local performances, they book

shows in advance and travel to various locations outside of Willits. Occasionally they make surprise appearances and are known to perform shotgun weddings.

Donations are all directed toward scholarships and are gratefully accepted by Al (Crusty) Robinson, P.O. Box 862, Willits, CA 95490, or you can give him a call at (707) 459-3409.



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# Willits Frontier Days Carnival



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Childhood carnival memories always stay with you. When you visit this year's carnival, let the magic of the sights, smells, and sounds transport you back to your childhood. It's in our heart-of-hearts where the carnival and its rides, games, stuffed animals, and smells stay with us into adulthood. In its own special way, the carnival makes us kids forever.



The Sacramento Sheriff's 911 Drill Team is proud to carry all American flags in the most patriotic way, galloping on the backs of America's heritage, the quarter horse. These great gals love to entertain crowds and pay tribute to all those who have come before them, ensuring the freedom we enjoy today in this great country of ours.

The Sacramento Sheriff's 911 Drill Team also rides to promote awareness of heart disease. They know that a healthy lifestyle like the cowgirl way of life can help prevent heart disease. But when that's not enough, they turn to the American Heart Association. That's why a portion of every dollar earned goes to the American Heart Association to help prevent the number 1 killer of women in America. Because a cowgirl has got to have a lot of heart to ride.

The Sacramento Sheriff's 911 Drill Team is an all volunteer group affiliated with the Sacramento Sheriff's Posse and is not subsidized by any local or state funds. The hours of practice required to reach their level of performance, and the days away from their professions, are all donated in the interest of drawing positive attention to horsemanship, law enforcement, and good sportsmanship. The team has partnered with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and is proud to be in sponsorship with such a prestigious organization. MADD & the Sacramento Sheriff's Posse / 911 drill teams work in conjunction to raise awareness to the community in all walks of life promoting responsible consumption. Together we can continue the public outreach of education and awareness to the community.

Some of you may recognize one such cowgirl with a big heart (remove) member among their ranks (add), Nicol Persico Kunka, and her big black horse Pete. Nicol's family has a long standing connection with Willits Frontier Days. Her Grandfather Lee 'Dink' Persico was one of the founding members. He attended the annual celebration every year until he passed away, it was just a part of him. Also following in Dink's footsteps were his two sons, Lee Persico and Nicol's father Chuck Persico who are past Presidents of WFD. Nicol and two of her cousins, Kathy Persico Graves and Liz Persico Day, are past WFD Sweethearts. The Persico family has been connected with WFD in some way since the beginning and this is just one more great way to participate in the fun of the WFD celebration. Nicol is so proud to return home, as a member of the Sacramento Sheriff's 911 Drill Team and hopes you will enjoy watching their patriotic performance as much she does performing it. Happy Fourth of July!



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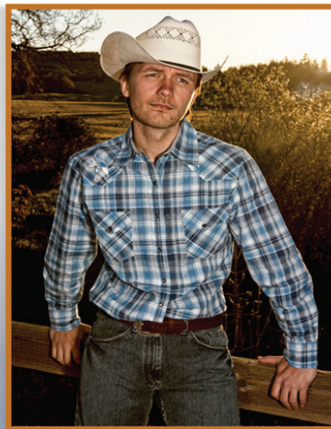
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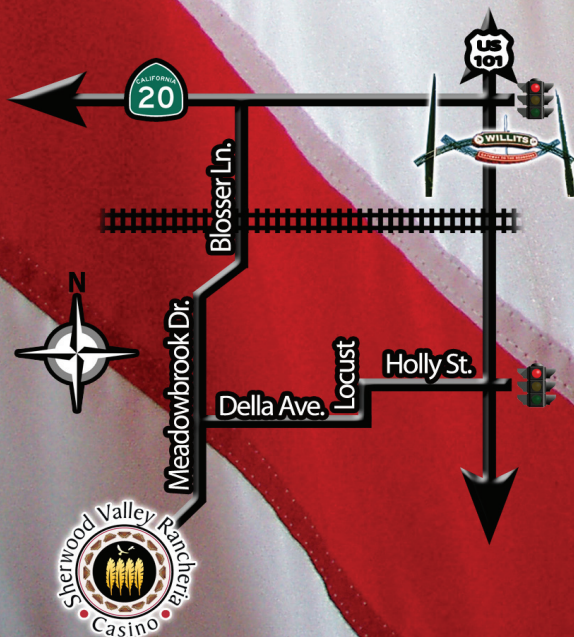


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The American Legion Color Guard has led the 4th of July Parade each year. It also presents the colors at each Rodeo, and raises the huge garrison-sized flag while the National Anthem is sung. Each year Post 174 hold its "Community Programs Drawing" to raise funds for our many community programs. Winning tickets are drawn at the last CCPRA Rodeo. Winners need not be present. Drawing tickets will be available at each rodeo, or you can call Commander Bob Sisson at 707-456-0399 or Finance Officer Paul "The Elder" Bliss (Paul Jr. is known as "The Younger") at 707-459-2965.

American Legion Post 174 and its Ladies Auxiliary have been an active part of the Community and assisted Veterans continuously since October 15, 1920—that's 90 years! Post 174 and its Ladies Auxiliary meet at 7:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Veterans Memorial Building at 189/191 North Main Street. We have numerous functions open to everyone, and we warmly welcome all Veterans and their families to participate with us. All inquiries can be addressed to the Commander Bob Sisson at (707) 456-0399.

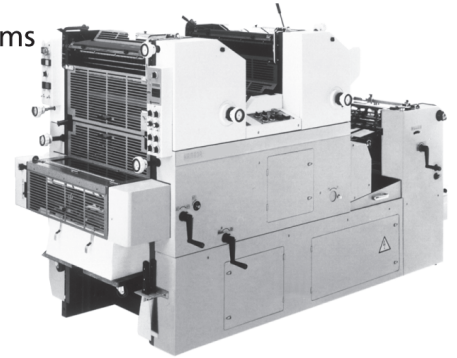


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# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

## Sweetheart Contestants 2010



### Stephanie Standley

A senior at Willits High School, Stephanie Standley lives in Willits with her parents Kent and Jackie Standley. Brother Jacob is currently serving in the United States Air Force.

Stephanie is a 2010 Willits High graduate. She has been active in 4-H and FFA since the age of 7 participating in showing chickens, swine, horses, and pygmy goats. She also competed in presentations taking gold in state. She is the current president of the Willits Junior Horsemen and has been a member since 1999.

Stephanie rode in her first Willits Frontier Days parade when she was 5 and has been riding in the parade every year since. In her spare time, Stephanie enjoys riding her horse Bailey and competing in many gymkhanas, rodeos, and local playday events.

Stephanie would like to thank the community, businesses and friends and family that have supported her and the Willits Frontier Days over the years and wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable 4th of July.



### Brittany White

Hello, I am Brittany White and want to represent Willits Frontier Days as their 2010 Sweetheart.

I am a 5th generation resident of Mendocino County and represent 3 generations of participation in Willits Frontier Days. My grandfather, Richard White, uncle, Chris White, have both served as president of the organization, with other family members serving as volunteers over the years.

In addition to my family heritage, since I was 5 years old, it has been a dream of mine to run for Sweetheart. I hope to fulfill that dream this year.

I have been involved in 4-H and FFA since I was 8 years old. I have raised and shown swine and am raising a market lamb this year. I am a senior at Willits High School, volunteering in various activities and serving as Business Manager of the Willits High Year Book.

I have enjoyed running for Sweetheart against a great competitor like Stephanie Standley. Steph and I have been friends since we were really young. We have traveled together for meetings and ticket sales throughout the contest and have shared and learned a lot together. I wish her well.

If I do win the Sweetheart competition, I look forward to serving as a positive role model to kids here in our community and representing Willits Frontier Days with honor and pride.

Thanks to those who have supported and sponsored me. My friends and family have also been there for me. Thanks.



A secret to reaching our 84th continuous year of successful rodeo and 4th of July festivities is the enormous efforts made by the Sweetheart Contestants and their pre-sale of tickets to all the Frontier Days events.

The annual Sweetheart Contest has been conducted by our local Sorooptimists club since 1973. They do a great job of orchestrating the competition. Dedicated young women vie for the honor of being named Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart. Contestants are judged on their horsemanship, appearance and personality, as well as their advance ticket sales to various Frontier Days activities. While some incentive might come from contestants earning 15% of their ticket sales, a stronger motivation is their love of horses and rodeo combined with their desire to see rodeo succeed as a way of life.

You can show your support by purchasing your tickets from a contestant. Or you can call the Willits Frontier Days office at (707) 459-6330 and leave a message, or email us at [frontierdays@willitsfrontierdays.com](mailto:frontierdays@willitsfrontierdays.com). Tickets may also be purchased from the Willits Chamber of Commerce.



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The Frank R. Howard Foundation hosted a fundraising event called, "A Day at the Races" last August featuring hospital bed races, a BBQ, live music, and arts & crafts booths. Fourteen teams representing various community groups hurtled hospital beds down Haehl Creek Drive in a furious competition.

The hospital bed races served as the cornerstone of the event with each team eligible for prizes and recognition. Contests ranged from the best-decorated bed to teams that raised the most money by collecting sponsorships



and donations. Due to the leadership of President Chris White, Willits Frontier Days won the best-decorated prize and was one of the top three fundraising teams.

As the Howard Foundation carries on its mission of creating the first rural "green" or LEED certified hospital and healthcare campus in the country, Willits Frontier Days remains committed to its original mission by supporting this important

community investment. On August 15, 2009, the tradition will continue with the return of "A Day at the Races."

We invite you to join us as we watch Willits Frontier Days compete once again to take the lead.

Contact Ian Fitzpatrick, Howard Foundation fundraiser at 459-3047 or [ian@howardfoundation.org](mailto:ian@howardfoundation.org) for more information.



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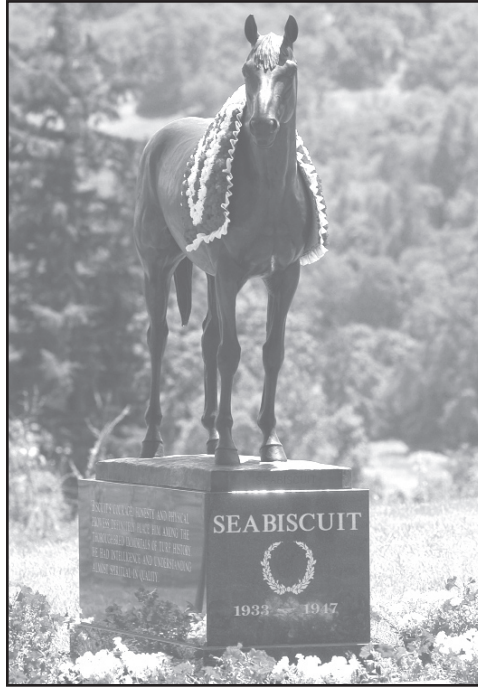
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*Photo Courtesy of the Frank R Howard Foundation*

You’re invited to spend some time at Ridgewood Ranch—home of many historic buildings. A guided walking tour includes several buildings important to the Howard ranch operation. Stops along the tour include the upper mare barn with hand-penciled notes on stall walls about Seabiscuit’s mates and offspring, and the house the Howards called home, with a special guest room set aside for crooner and horse race aficionado Bing Crosby.

The crown jewel of the tour is Seabiscuit’s barn! Charles S. Howard had the barn constructed for Seabiscuit’s homecoming after his triumphant win of the 1940 hundred-grander at Santa Anita. This structure was renovated by the Rotary Club of Willits, including its signature Howard logo and jockey and horse weather vane.

For reservations and information call 707-459-7910 or visit the Willits Chamber of Commerce web site at [www.willits.org/seabiscuit.htm](http://www.willits.org/seabiscuit.htm).

The Golden Rule Church Association is actively working with the Mendocino Land Trust for the long-term protection of Ridgewood

Ranch. A conservation easement is being developed that would protect 4,600 acres of the ranch. The California Department of Conservation has already committed up to \$1,000,000 for a farmland easement on the property. In addition, plans are being developed to preserve most of the historically significant buildings of this extraordinary ranch.

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## Dances & Karaoke



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### Karaoke - Sunday, July 4

Following the CCPRA Rodeo on Sunday, July 4, it's karaoke time with Grand Slam Mobile DJ. Here's an opportunity to showcase your own vocal talents beginning at 9:00 p.m. See you at the Rodeo Grounds!



## 4TH ANNUAL

## Cutest little Cowboy and Cowgirl Competition



The Willits Frontier Days Association is please to present the 4th annual "Cutest Little Cowboy and Cowgirl" competition.

The competition will be for youngsters from four and five years old and ages six to eight years old. One boy and one girl from each age group will be chosen as a winner. The children are judged by poise and personality, with no props allowed.

Winners will be introduced at the July 3rd rodeo and receive a custom belt buckle by Willits Frontier Days President Chris White.

If you have a little cowboy or cowgirl that is interested you can go to [www.willitsfrontierdays.com](http://www.willitsfrontierdays.com), Willits Chamber of commerce for entry forms.

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After nearly 20 years, Roots of Motive Power in collaboration with the Mendocino County Museum and Mendocino College realized their "Redwood Empire Railroad History Project (RERHP)." Roots was first organized in 1982 and began with a single piece of equipment. The new RERHP building is a monument to superb woodwork construction. It has two railroad tracks within the building and provides over 5,000 square feet of display space in the "Engine House" for heavy steam-powered equipment. It was made possible with a "Transportation Enhancement Act" grant through the Mendocino Council of Government Office of Ukiah. To learn more, visit their web site at [www.rootsofmotivepower.com](http://www.rootsofmotivepower.com).

## MENDOCINO COUNTY Museum



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Located at 400 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call (707) 459-2736 for more information or visit [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/museum](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/museum).

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As Dave Shelton recalls, the Annual Water Fight got started in the late 40s or early 50s to promote community awareness of the need for Volunteer Firefighters. The object of a water fight is to drive a barrel, by means of water pressure and hose handling skill, into your opponents' area.

Initially, the water fight was between Willits firefighters team and a firefighting team from Fort Bragg. They battled each other for a perpetual trophy—first in Willits on the 4th of July and then in Fort Bragg during Paul Bunyan Days. The match was the best two out of three, and was originally fought on East Commercial Street in front of Willits City Hall.

Dave remembers one year when he was Willits' nozzle man. He went head-to-head with Fort Bragg's nozzle man for three hours in just one of the rounds. In the end, they both collapsed with no winner declared. After that a time limit was set, and because of liability, the loose barrel was tethered (the loose barrel would sometimes end up in the crowd).

Come have a blast, literally, in saluting our Volunteer Firefighters. You might just want to "cool off" in the mist after watching exciting CCPRA Rodeo on the 4th of July.

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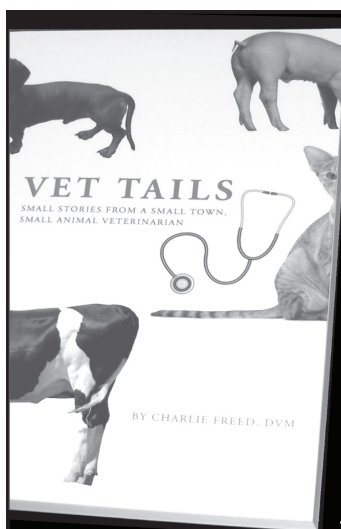


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Each year the Willits Frontier Days Board of Directors presents scholarships to deserving Willits High School seniors. Three Board members interview all potential recipients to determine their qualifications based on moral character, academic achievement and community involvement. This year's Willits Frontier Days Scholarship Fund recipients are:

### COLTER KING

Colter was born and raised in Willits and will be attending West Hill College in Coalinga, Ca. Colter Will be attending the Heavy Equipment Operating program and the College Rodeo program. Colter's ultimate goal will be to follow in his father's footsteps by working as a heavy equipment operator for Cal Fire and Rodeo.

### RACHEL BELVIN

Rachel is a lifelong resident of Willits and will be attending U.C. Davis with the goal of becoming a veterinarian. Rachel's affection and love for animals started at a very young age and been the focus of her education. Rachel also as a love for music and helped raise funds for school programs.

### AMBER GRABLE:

Amber is a native of Willits and will reach a lifelong dream of attending Chico State University and work towards receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Animal Science. During high school Amber served as an FFA Officer, and competed in Extemporaneous Speech contest and with the WHS Poetry Slam Team.

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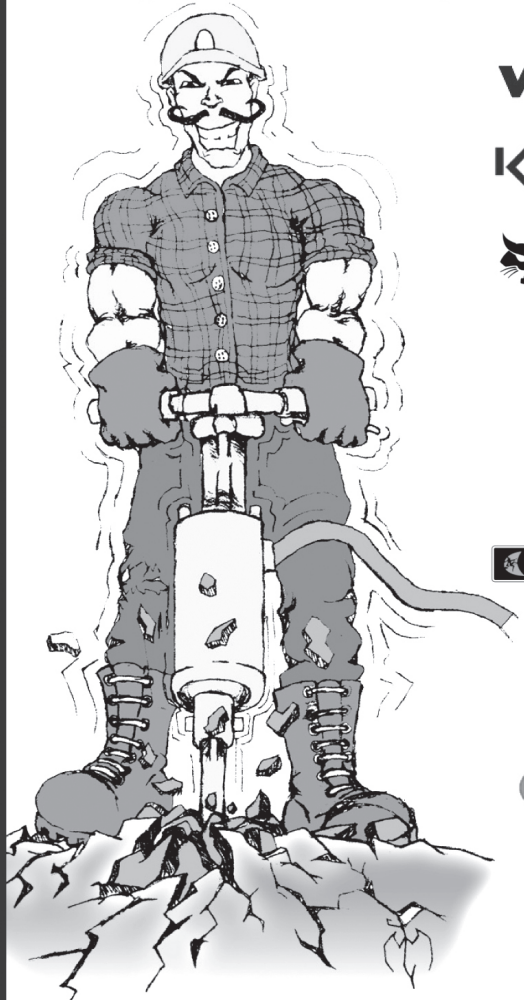
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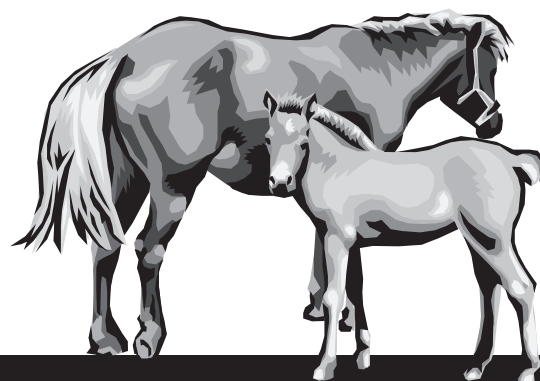
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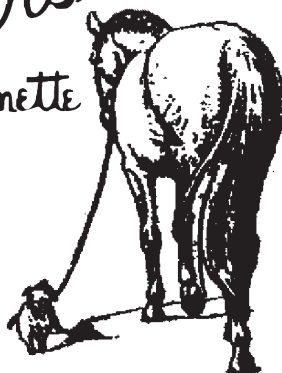
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We sincerely apologize if we have missed listing any of our “caretakers” and hope you will understand and forgive us. With so many of you showing up over the past few weeks, it is near impossible to keep track of all the comings and goings. Please know this is far from being a complete list of those we want to publicly acknowledge, but our gratitude is heartfelt just the same.



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