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# Happy Fall!

A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits

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## Supes approve temporary 'formula business' moratorium

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Reporter  
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A temporary moratorium on the establishment of "formula businesses" in the unincorporated parts of Mendocino County was approved unanimously Tuesday by the board of supervisors.

A "formula business" is a chain business such as McDonalds, Subway, Costco or Wal-Mart.

According to the one-page urgency ordinance, the county will refrain from "issuing any land use entitlement or determination that would permit the establishment of such formula business within the county."

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**Moratorium**

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## Reporter's arrest claim headed to trial

By Nicholas Iovino

SAN FRANCISCO (Courthouse News) – A photojournalist's lawsuit against the California Highway Patrol and the officer who arrested him as he covered a protest appears to be headed to trial, a federal judge said last week.

Stephen E. Eberhard sued the CHP, the California Department of Transportation and several officers and officials in April 2014, claiming he was unconstitutionally arrested while covering a protest against a highway project in Willits.

Eberhard, who worked for The Willits News, was arrested on July 23, 2013 while reporting on a protest against the Willits bypass.

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**Eberhard**

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## Supes to distribute \$186,000

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Supervisors voted to further refine and define the Community Benefit Fund grant program Tuesday. The program was conceived to distribute some \$186,000 left unallocated during the budget-making process that took place earlier this month.

There was some disagreement between Second District Supervisor John McCowen and other supervisors concerning the types of groups that would be allowed to apply for the funds.

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**Supes**

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Photos by  
Maureen Moore

It is fall, after all!

# Gorgeous Gourds

With the first day of fall crossed off the calendar, seasonal celebrators can finally feel unabashed in downing 20-plus-ounce Pumpkin Spice Lattes daily, layering the bed with several feet of homemade quilts, and allowing the dining room's table-scape to include a shameless display of shellacked, decorative vegetables. Bonus points for placing said arrangement in a wicker cornucopia surrounded with cinnamon-scented candles, because ... it's fall, after all!



# Coastal Cleanup Day

Volunteers give Willits creeks a 'fall cleaning'

Damian Sebouhian

Reporter

Seventeen volunteers, including councilmember Holly Madrigal and 3rd District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, participated in the annual California Coastal Cleanup Day this past Saturday. It is the largest volunteer program in the state. According to the California Coastal Commission, "in 2014, nearly 67,000 volunteers removed more than 1,190,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches, lakes and waterways."

With John Sherman of the City of Willits coordinating, local volunteers met in front of City Hall to register, collect the provided trash bags and gloves, and then spread out to troubled areas of Willits for a thorough fall cleaning.

Sherman had spent the prior week journeying around the creeks, to identify where cleanup crews were most needed. In an announcement Sherman had sent out last month, he stressed, "We have every reason to expect heavier than normal rainfall in the coming winter so it's doubly important that we address the trash before it washes into the creeks and eventually the Eel River."

Areas of high impact were highlighted on a city map, and posted for volunteers to reference. These included Baechtel Creek and Broaddus Creek behind Safeway, Burger King, and behind the Willits Elementary Charter School. The area



Creek Cleanup volunteers Chris Harper, left, Greta Kanne, and Val Nordeman in front of a pile of junk they collected on Saturday.

Photo by Damian Sebouhian

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**Trash**

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## Johnson likely leaving next June

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Superintendent Patricia Johnson has told the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees she will not seek to extend her contract for the next school year at this time. Johnson will work through the close of her current contract, which ends June 30, 2016.

According to Trustee Saprina Rodriguez, Johnson told board members she would not be renewing her contract during Tuesday's special meeting. "The district and the superintendent will work together cooperatively

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**Johnson**

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## Losak resigns as county counsel; new post for Pinnizotto

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Interim County Counsel Doug Losak announced at the board of supervisors meeting Tuesday that he will be resigning his position with the county in 30 days. Losak later told Willits Weekly he will be pursuing a job offer with a Ukiah legal firm.

He added that supervisors have not yet discussed who they might appoint to fill his post.

Losak has been working under a cloud since he was hired as interim county counsel in February 2014, despite a previous encounter with local law enforcement.

Losak was arrested at 2 am on July 3, 2012, while

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**Resigns**

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## Accounting issues occupy retirement board trustees

Ursula Partch

Contributing Reporter

Mendocino County Employment Retirement Association trustees dove deeply into complex accounting issues at their September meeting. They discussed in depth, and eventually approved, the actuarial valuation presented by Segal Consulting, which is required by the new Governmental Accounting Standard Board regulations.

GASB 68 requires retirement plan sponsors, such as Mendocino County, to report the actuarially

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# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

**PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 11**

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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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## CLUES ACROSS

- Leg shank
- Small amount
- Roman emperor
- Having ears
- Innocent young woman
- No wrinkles
- Small coin (French)
- 19 hundred hours
- A way to inform
- A seal or signet
- Tobacco smoke residue
- Tai language branch
- Set afire
- Partridge Family's actress Susan
- Canadian flyers
- Faculties of perception
- A light two-wheel carriage
- Was \_\_\_ (looked at)
- Appear with
- Natives of Thailand
- Hill (Celtic)
- Runs PCs
- Visualizes
- Mistake
- Riding horses

## CLUES DOWN

- Small paddle boats
- Usual
- Economic consumption
- Without (French)
- Powder mineral
- Fleshy seed covering
- Indicates
- Stone lined grave
- Feels remorse
- Chemical structure
- Decomposition
- Morally base
- Joins
- Danish krone

## CLUES ACROSS

- Point of purchase
- Lesson reader in church
- Having negative qualities
- 1921 Turkish/Armenian Treaty
- In a way, refutes
- Zoftig
- Fish, hair or inter
- Mains
- Fathers
- Transparent eye membranes
- Stray
- Seafood
- 3 pip cards
- Invests in little enterprises
- Placards
- 1st woman
- Finds a sum
- Thick piece of something
- River in Hesse, Germany
- Inner forearm bone
- 1 of 2 contesting groups
- Olive tree genus
- Metal container

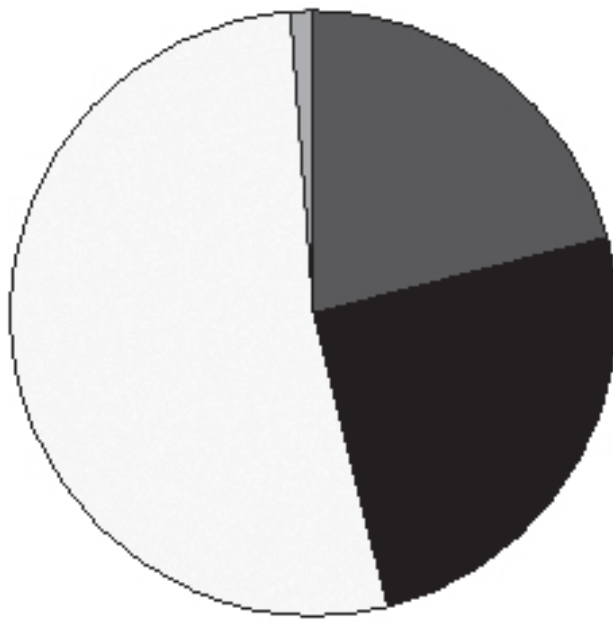
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# WPD Activity Report

September 10 to September 16

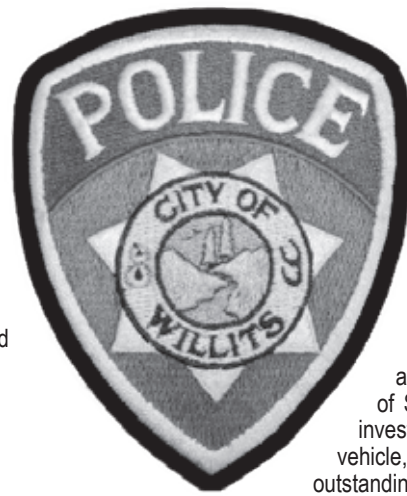
Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 229 incidents this week. The detail of that activity is broken down in the chart at left.

During this seven-day reporting period, WPD officers were assigned 22 criminal investigation reports, made 14 arrests, issued 19 citations, and investigated 4 traffic collisions. Included in the arrests were 4 warrants, 3 public intoxication, 2 weapons violations, 1 drug sales, 1 violation of a court order, 1 DUI, 1 assault, and 1 driver's license violation.

## Of note this week

Suspect: **Brandon Mayberry**, 30, Willits  
Charges: 22210 PC & 21310 PC  
On Thursday, September 10 at about 6:30 am, Willits Police Department officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street. During the investigation, they determined one



of the involved parties, Brandon Mayberry, was in the illegal possession of what is commonly known as a billy club, and an illegally concealed knife. Mayberry was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail.

Suspect: **Ryan Roy-Downey**, 26, Covelo  
Charges: 11378 HS

On Thursday, September 10 at about 7:30 am, Willits police officers responded to a reported vehicle collision in the 1400 block of South Main Street. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the driver of the vehicle, Ryan Roy-Downey, was the subject of an outstanding Mendocino County warrant. Upon his arrest, Roy-Downey was searched and found to be in possession of over half an ounce of methamphetamine, and other items indicative of sales of narcotics. Roy-Downey was booked into the Mendocino County Jail.

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# Wolverines Soccer

Boys and girls teams lose to Kelseyville; host spaghetti dinner

The Willits High School boys and girls soccer teams both put forth valiant efforts against the Kelseyville Knights last week, but in the end last year's champs proved to be too tough. The girls team lost by one goal, 4-3, and the boys were shut out, 3-0.

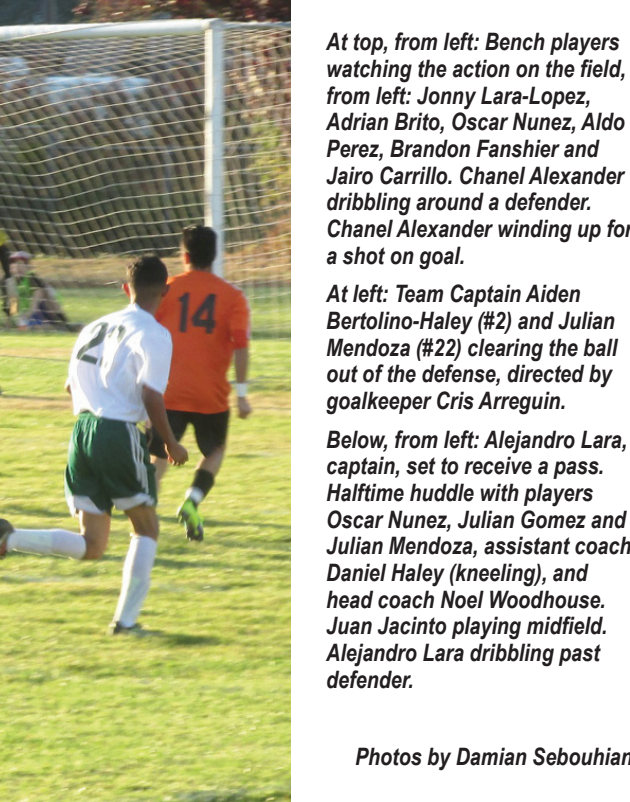
**Damian Sebouhian**  
Reporter

"Kelseyville has basically the same players as last year, but I think their team is even better this year," said head coach Noel Woodhouse.

The Knights spent almost the entire first half on the Wolverines' side of the field, scoring two goals, and adding their third at the beginning of the second half. From there, the Wolverines clamped down defensively and got aggressive, with the ball being moved mostly on the Knights' side of the field.

"I'm really proud of Aiden Bertolino-Haley (#2)", Woodhouse said. "He plays sweeper for us, and it's a thankless job." The sweeper is the last line of defense before the goal keeper. "He played extremely well against a very good opponent."

Coach Woodhouse also praised midfielder Juan Jacinto for a strong game.



Assistant coach Daniel Haley noted that goal keeper Chris Arreguin made several tough saves.

"It was good to see the team respond," Haley said. "Down by three, they didn't give up, they fought harder. The last 20 minutes of the game, we were the aggressors." Haley said he hoped it would act as a confidence booster for the Wolverines in this week's game against Middletown.

The games were originally scheduled to be played at Kelseyville, but due to the Lake County fires, the Kelseyville auditorium was being used to house families who had lost their homes.

As a gesture of gratitude for Kelseyville's honorable community service, both Willits soccer teams hosted a spaghetti dinner after the games. The dinner was organized by Margaret Bertolino and Jocelyn Miller, mothers of players Aiden Bertolino and Brandon Fanshier, respectively.

The Wolverines boys soccer team heads into Tuesday's game against Middletown with a 2-2-2, 1-1 record. The girls' team record is 0-5, 0-2.

Megan Touros was named Kelseyville's player of the game, scoring a hat trick (3 goals) in the girls' match.

**Come cheer on the soccer players at their upcoming home games**

**Wolverines:**  
Thursday, October 8 against St. Helena at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 5 pm.  
Tuesday, October 13 against Kelseyville at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.  
Tuesday, October 20 against Clear Lake at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.  
Tuesday, October 27 against Fort Bragg at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.  
Thursday, October 29 against Lower Lake at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 5 pm.  
**Lady Wolverines:**  
Thursday, October 8 against St. Helena at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.  
Tuesday, October 13 against Kelseyville at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 5 pm.  
Tuesday, October 20 against Clear Lake at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 5 pm.  
Tuesday, October 27 against Fort Bragg at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 5 pm.  
Thursday, October 29 against Lower Lake at the Willits High School field. Varsity game starts at 3:30 pm.

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Columnist

## October 2015

**Osho Zen Tarot:** The Creator, Experiencing, Aloneness  
**Medicine Cards:** Owl, Squirrel  
**Mayan Oracle:** Manik, New Myth

**Ancient Egyptian Tarot:** Two of Disks, Ten of Disks  
**Aleister Crowley Deck:** Peace, Completion, Ace of Disks

**Healing Earth Tarot:** Grandmother of Feathers, Grandfather of Crystals, Four of Shields

**Words of Truth:** Elimination, Listening, Family

Are you listening to your family? Now I don't mean necessarily your biological family, but your spiritual family. As we move into the fall and we have finally had gotten past those darn eclipses, you would think that there would be a moment as we enter into the new season that we could have a chance to reconnect to what is really important.

Looking at the fact that the first week we are still in a Mercury Retrograde in Libra, I believe that we are longing for the balance but struggling to find out how to exactly do that. There is wisdom at times to be somewhat blind to the outcome so that the longing of our soul begins to reach beyond our mind and body and into the essence of creation. There are many out there that are feeling lost, alone, and in fear of the future.

The clarity will come when you use the Owl Medicine to see beyond your own self-deception. Within all of us are the dark and hidden parts of ourselves that can sabotage our external and conscious selves. It is time to seek out the darkness that has been lurking in your shadows. It is time to call those parts into the light and allow them to show you the depth and potential that they have been holding in silence. Peace comes when you look beyond the known and into the unloved and untouched parts of your psyche. The answer is not readily available this month, but it can be uncovered and discovered if you are willing to trust the intuitive flow and pay attention to the signs and omens that are speaking to you in your dreams and from those inner voices that seem demanding to be heard.

The quality of movement is in the medicine of the Squirrel. You have to be prepared. You have to save up some energy for something that will be coming a bit later. This is your moment to gather together all the pieces of energy, love and light, because you are going to need that energy later. When is unclear, but you would be wise to save for that time in the future where you will need all your resources. You are being told to ready yourself for change.

Now, I know most of you are really tired of all the shifting that each of you has been through over these past grueling eight years. But astrologically we are not done. It is time to lighten the load, simplify, and restructure around what is most important for you.

You do not need to fear the future; you only need to let go of the past. The subtle energy body is demanding you to pay attention to it. There is great power when you step outside of the obvious world and into the patterns of energy that run constantly below the surface.

There is a flow. This will all make sense later. Meditation becomes an essential practice to be able to watch the patterns of your thoughts without becoming swept up in them. It is time to retreat to find that inner clarity.

You may find with the archetype of "Manik" that it is time to finally finish something. Completion is going to be difficult because you are being asked to complete without the outcome you have desired and longed for. But in this month, taking on too much is going to make you feel scattered, overwhelmed and pressured. Step back or step away for a moment until you find the center and recognize that your ego is not in control of the outcome. Your ego needs to be released into a bigger truth unveiling now.

Suzanne Wagner is a professional psychic who teaches the intuitive arts throughout the United States. She is the author of "Integral Tarot" and "Integral Numerology," which can be found on Amazon.com. For more information: visit [www.suzwagner.com](http://www.suzwagner.com) or call her at 707-354-1019.

**At right: New and returning Willits 4-H members participate in an ice-breaker activity at Monday's sign-up meeting.**

**Below, from top: 4-H officers lead the 4-H pledge at the beginning of the meeting.**

**Parents, including Alyson Gregg, at left, and Sarah Mayfield, right, get their kids signed up for 4-H.**

*Photos by Maureen Moore*

**The Forrester girls, Caitlyn (FFA) and Madison (4-H) show in round robin at the Boonville Fair last weekend.**

*Photo by Amy Forrester*



## 4-H Sign-Ups and Boonville Fair results

### Willits 4-H gains new members; Youth exhibitors place at county fair

The Blosser Lane Elementary School auditorium was full of enthusiastic students Monday afternoon, when returning Willits 4-H members welcomed new members and their parents during the 2015 enrollment meeting.

Willits 4-H parent and community leader Kara Garman said that there were about 48 new members who signed up at the event.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world." Those with September birthdays were sung to, and the group did an ice breaker to help connect new and returning members.

The group was divided in half, and each half was given a specific number. The two groups were then encouraged to mingle and to find their matching friend who had the same number from the other group. They were then asked to find out two things about the other person.

Meanwhile, parents and leaders filled out paperwork and enrollment documents, and signed up for various volunteer positions.

If you have a child who is interested in signing up for Willits 4-H, come to any of the meetings for more information. Meetings are held at 7 pm at Blosser Lane Elementary School and are planned for the following Mondays: October 19, November 16, December 14, January 25, February 22, March 21, April 18 and May 16.

There is also a group on Facebook, "Willits 4-H Group," where information is posted.

One of the fun activities 4-H (and high-school-aged Future Farmers of America members) can do is to attend the local fairs, including the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show (the county's official "county fair") in Boonville in September.

Some of the 4-Hers who exhibited at the Boonville this year, and their placings, follow.

Grant Forrester took first place in novice meat goat showmanship, second place in advanced meat goat showmanship, first place in junior spring percentage doe kid, second place in senior percentage doe, won champion percentage doe, took first place in novice pygmy goat showmanship, second place in advanced pygmy goat showmanship, first place in junior unregistered pygmy goat kid, first

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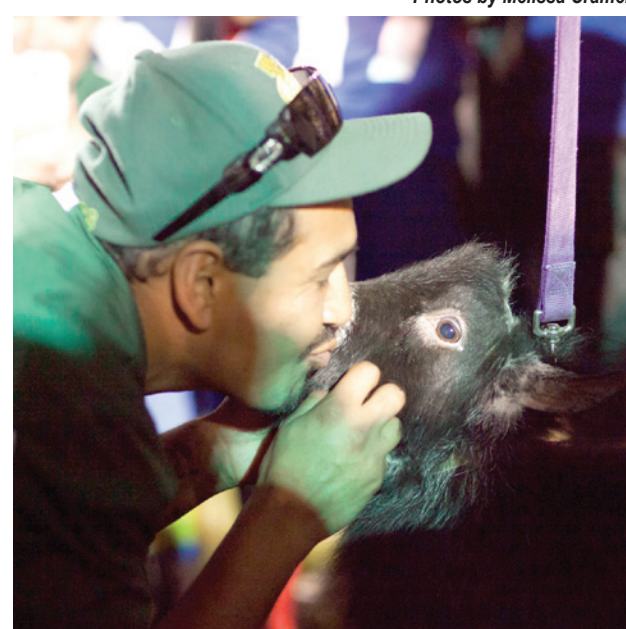
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**At right: The view from the Willits versus Lower Lake game.**

**Below: PeeWee Head Coach Israel Ramirez was the "winner" who got to give the goat a smooch.**

**Below, right: The goat awaits its smooching fate.**

*Photos by Melissa Cramer*



## Helping Football Families

### Willits Youth Football fundraises for families of Middletown team

It was an ominous scene the afternoon of Saturday, September 12, when the Willits Youth Football Cougars took to the field during an away game against the Lower Lake Trojans. The Valley Fire was growing rapidly, and the smoke cloud that crept over the Lake County football field eventually forced the teams to stop playing.

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The Willits Youth Football board of directors called an emergency meeting the next morning and started gathering donations, camping gear and blankets, which were delivered to the Bu-shay Campgrounds on Lake Mendocino later that day. The board had also received word that the Middletown Colts were playing the Fort Bragg Cubs in Fort Bragg when the fire broke out, and

board members were heartbroken to hear that those families didn't have the chance for the "mad dash to collect keepsakes" that others had, and they decided they wanted to do a fundraiser for those families and players.

The following Saturday, Willits Youth Football had the opportunity to play Lower Lake again to finish out the game cut short the previous week. It seemed only fitting to hold the fundraiser in conjunction with the Lower Lake game. The plan was set.

A bake sale was held earlier that day; cheerleaders and their families baked tasty treats for sale to the community and raised \$2,690. The gate fees for the game were also directly donated to the fundraiser, and those monies added another \$1,716 to the total.

Then, there was the Kiss the Goat event, held at the half-time break of the varsity game. Willits High School's David Mann loaned his goat to the effort, where \$1 votes were placed for who would be the lucky one to pucker up to the fuzzy muzzle.

"Peewee Head Coach Israel Ramirez was our lucky winner and kissed the goat," said Willits Youth Football's Melissa Cramer. "Board President and Junior Varsity Head Coach Brad Coleman was a very close runner-up and may have contributed additional votes at the very last second to bump Coach Israel into first place."

"Yes, yes I did!" laughed Coleman. "Right out of my own pocket!"

The Kiss the Goat fundraiser raised a total of \$490, while an additional \$170 in cash donations was also received,

which, coupled with the other funds, created a grand total of \$5,066.

Coleman noted, though, that the donations keep rolling in. "We've had another \$500 donation and a \$150 donation, too," said Coleman. "I'm so proud of these kids stepping up to help the other teams. We may be mortal enemies on the field, but everyone steps up to help when it matters. Ever since that emergency board meeting, it's just taken off."

Monies and other donations are planned to be delivered to the Middletown Colts board of directors President Shaun Simms this Friday. Willits will be playing away at Kelseyville on Saturday, but will be back on their home field for a game against Fort Bragg on Saturday, October 10. PeeWee kick off is at 4 pm. Come cheer on these great kids!

Interested in learning more about Willits Youth Football? Check them out at [www.willitsyouthfootball.com](http://www.willitsyouthfootball.com) or on their Facebook fan page under "Willits Youth Football and Cheer."



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Above, from left: Fiber artworks by Stephanie Hoppe, Anita Sisson and Ursula Partch.

## 'Common Thread' Art Center's October show features three fiber artists

By Ursula Partch, contributing writer

In association with "American Craft Week," October 2 through 8, the show "Common Thread," opening Friday, October 2 at Willits Center for the Arts, features three fiber artists, Anita Sison, Stephanie Hoppe, and Ursula Partch. All three artists are inspired by the natural environment around their homes in inland Mendocino County, where they are surrounded by mountains, rock formations, trees, lichens, water, and the night sky. This environment provides the shapes, patterns, textures, colors, mood and light in the artists' work.

All three artists use the dye pot as their palette, but with very different results.

Anita Sison concentrates on using natural dyes, which she applies to commercial silk and wool fabrics in a variety of techniques, including pole wrap shibori and eco printing. The resulting cloth is rich in the subtle color gradations found in nature. Anita's compositions are complex, inviting the viewer to ponder the secrets and mysteries of the plant and soil material forming the images.

Stephanie Hoppe dyes wool yarns and cotton fabric strips with modern dyes, which she then weaves into rugs and tapestries. Stephanie uses a simple vertical frame loom with a technology perfected more than 1,200 years ago by the ancestors of the Native peoples of the American Southwest.

The weaving is slow and requires close and

constant attention. It also yields the physical and spiritual rewards of all contemplative practices, as well as a sense of participating in and perpetuating ancient rhythms of work. Stephanie's loom may be simple, but her images and weaving patterns are complex, subtle and rich.

Ursula Partch dyes wool fibers coming right off the sheep and silk fibers coming right off the cocoon, with both modern and natural dyes. She often blends the various colors of the wool fibers further, using hand carders to achieve the most subtle color combinations and gradations possible. Ursula then felts the wool fibers into cloth, either by itself or combined with her handwoven cloth or commercial fabrics. Silk fibers are adhered to the surface of the cloth during the felting process for pieces that are worn, such as garments, hats or slippers. For wall hangings, Ursula attaches silk fibers separately in multiple layers, using glue or acrylic medium, creating depth, translucency and texture.

"Common Thread" can be viewed from October 2 through 25 at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. The opening reception is Friday, October 2, from 7 to 9 pm. An artist talk is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, at 10:30 am. Regular gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 3 pm. To arrange for viewing times by appointment, call Ursula Partch at 459-7054.

Willits Center for the Arts in association with "Celebrating American Craft Week" presents

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**Oct. 2-25, 2015**

**Ursula Partch:**  
felt and mixed media

**Stephanie Hoppe:**  
woven rugs and tapestries

**Anita Sison:**  
natural dyes on fabric

**Opening Reception**  
Oct. 2, 2015 7-9 PM

**Gallery Hours**  
Thur.-Fri. 4-7 PM  
Sat.-Sun. 12-3 PM

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