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Holly Madrigal to run for supervisor

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Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal has announced she will run for Third District supervisor in next year's June primary.

Madrigal, 36, has extensive roots in the Willits area. She is the daughter of retired Willits realtor April Tweddell and is married Gabe Madrigal, son to of former City of Willits Public Works Director Dave Madrigal and his wife, Bonnie.

Holly Madrigal was first elected to the Willits City Council in 2004. She has served two full terms on the council and is now one

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From left: top row: senior candidates Tristen Svendsen, 17, Karina Nieto, 16, and Ryan Hendry, 17.

Middle row shows underclassmen Princes and Princesses: sophomores Will Smith, 15, and Sylvia Friend, 15; juniors Wyatt King, 17, and Dara Collicott, 16; and freshmen Roberto Gonzalez, 14, and Camryn Christensen, 14.

Bottom row: senior candidates Monica Gutierrez, 17, Jon Montez, 17, and Adeja Avansino, 17.

Photos by Maureen Moore

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WHS Homecoming Court nominees were photographed Wednesday morning. See who won Senior King & Queen inside on Page 10. Don't miss your chance to see all the crowned royalty at Friday's Homecoming Parade.



Known Pomo site

'destroyed' by bypass construction, Sherwood tribe reports

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The Sherwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians (SVR) got a notice from Caltrans on Friday, September 13 that an archaeological site with Pomo cultural resources known to Caltrans has "been destroyed by construction activities,' said SVR Tribal Chair Mike Fitzgerral in a statement given to Willits Weekly last week.

As per the September 13 notice from Caltrans: "Caltrans has discovered that one of the sites" - CA-MEN-3571 - "is actually located within the ADI [area of direct impact]" of the project. "As you know," the notice continues, "wick drains have been installed in that area and 3 feet of fill has been placed."

The exact location CA-MEN-3571 and of specific descriptions of cultural resources found there and at other known archaeological sites discovered before and after

Will Parrish remains free on his own recognizance following а Tuesday morning hearing in County Mendocino Superior Court.

Judge Ann Moorman denied District Attorney David Eyster's "motion to revoke," which would have resulted in Parrish's incarceration pending his November 12 trial date. Parrish faces 16 misdemeanor trespassing charges related to protest activities over the Willits bypass project.

> Read the rest of Parrish Over on Page 10

Another look at a downtown plan for Willits

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city committee is А revisiting a written plan meant to help guide economic development and promote people-friendly streets in downtown Willits.

Completed sometime in the late 1990s, the "Downtown Specific Plan" could now shape the future

Read the rest of Downtown Over on Page 13

County workers strike

(SEIU) Local 1021 walked off the job Tuesday

to protest what they called unfair labor practices and an unwillingness to bargain in good faith on the part of Mendocino County.

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Employees are angry because, although the county government has socked away some \$8.8 million in its general reserve fund, county workers remain stuck with a 10 percent reduction in wages agreed to in 2009.

Moreover, according to employee representatives, the county has not been willing to bargain in good faith with union representatives.

Within the ranks of Mendocino County's 1,053 employees, SEIU represents more than 700 workers, or about 70 percent of county government's labor force.

In Ukiah, about 50 striking employees gathered at the courthouse at 3 pm to demonstrate their anger and united

Members of the Service Employees International Union power. Another 30 gathered at the South State Street entrance to the Social Services complex at State and Gobbi streets.

> Workers held signs with such slogans as "Carmel's Got To Go" (referring to county CEO Carmel Angelo), "Keep Our Tax Dollars Local" and "Unfair Labor Practices - On Strike!"

> In Willits, about 40 workers manned picket lines Tuesday morning in front of the entrances to the Integrated Services Center at the corner of East Valley and South Lenore streets.

> When asked what was unfair about the county's bargaining tactics, Willits branch librarian Donna Kerr explained: Mendocino County "has been marshalling its recovery largely on the backs of the workers. The county knows we are

> > Read the rest of Over on Page 12 Strike



Service Employee International Union picketers gather at the Willits Integrated Services Center on Tuesday morning during the countywide one-day strike called by the union. The Willits branch of the Mendocino County Library was also closed Tuesday, with a sign on the door citing "unfair labor practices" by the county and a request for patrons to call the board of supervisors.

Read the rest of Pomo Over on Page 13

City approves street use deal with bypass contractors

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The city council has approved an agreement that will allow freeway builders to use five city streets.

Council members ratified the deal Monday during a special meeting, after making several small changes in the agreement's language in the city's favor.

"It should not be an issue, but we do not really know until we take it to them," Mayor Holly Madrigal told the council.

"This is making sure that language in the agreement has proper protection to the city," Councilwoman Madge Strong said. "I cannot imagine they would object to minor changes."

Earlier this year, Madrigal appointed councilmen

Read the rest of Street Use

Photo by Mike Adair

What do YOU think?

I discovered how insignificant one is when greeted by the

was embraced by a presence as comforting as an old quilt.

There is nothing special about me. You can feel it too. You

the useless noise of everyday life. If you can do this the

rewards are great. You will awaken a place deep down

If you can't attend this date for some reason, or have

questions regarding this process, please call Kevin at

456.9429 or Marcia at 354.2801. We want to see you.

"Willits On Stage" is set for one night only - on Saturday,

October 19 at 7 pm at the Willits High School Auditorium.

Advance tickets are \$10 and will be available at Goods'

We want to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge

Loose Caboose Café; Neary and O'Brien, Attorneys at

Law; North Valley Bank; One-O-One Trailer and RV; Savings Bank of Mendocino County; Scott's Tank; SHN

Furniture Center, and Willits Redwood Company.

Stamps, Main St. Music and Video, and Mazahar.

Roni McFadden, Willits

Imagine if everyone listened?

To the Editor:

Pine Streets.

Help us put a great show together!

Help us put on a show!

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

What I support

To the Editor:

I feel called to tell my community what I support. I want to middle age and tried to impart on my children. Lessons of start by explaining what I do not support. I do not support harmony and respect of life. gossip, slander, rudeness, disrespect or bad behavior. There is too much of this negativity around, and it needs to go away.

What I do support is community involvement, positivity, something much older than mankind. I found myself staring sacrifice and truth. I was on the Little Lake Fire Protection District for seven years. During that time I was involved in many ways, including training and leadership. I am no longer with the department because of additional responsibilities that take much more time than I can give this volunteer department. If I had the time, I would still be there.

Now as a fellow community member I encourage everyone to tell us. But, you must open your mind and block out to support our local heroes. Not only firefighters, but also police and ambulance services as well. These people love their community, are engaged in a worthy cause, and show extreme sacrifice as they risk their lives for us daily.

Now, what is the truth? The truth is that this community needs these men and women. The truth is that these men and women need our support. The truth is that this fire department has never let us down. The truth is that a fire chief has a very challenging job.

One of the largest challenges our fire chief has is the efforts involved in building a much-needed new firehouse. We should be united as a community in supporting this Willits Community Services and Food Bank has held two auditions for its upcoming Variety Show, "Willits On Stage." enormous challenge. Willits needs it. That does not mean that everything will be perfect during this growth and So far, we have reviewed and signed up wonderfully development. It just means that it is the right thing to do. talented people for this show. Corey McFadden, Willits We still have room for more acts, and encourage everybody

Another thanks to Mariposa

To the Editor:

Thank you Mary Anne Trevey ... and all past and present employees of Mariposa Market for putting up with all of us and bringing us the "Most-Best" natural organic food available in Willits, plus locally grown, raised and produced as it is available for 34 years.

That's awesome! What a gift to us all. Thank you.... Thank you.... Thank you very much.

Kathy Maples, Willits

Listen

To the Editor:

I live on a mountain. Why? Because that other world holds no interest for me. City life. Blaring horns. Sirens and screeching autos. Neighbors heard arguing through thin walls. Busy people ignoring everyone they pass on the Engineering; Sparetime Supply; Ted Dawson, MD; Willits crowded street.

Everyone in such a hurry. And why is everyone in such a See you on October 19! hurry? Does life ever slow down? Do people ever look up and smile at another human being?

progress across this planet, the Spirits still sing of hope town's founding. and yearn to teach us the lessons of the Ancients. Lessons

2. We will be highlighting the historic buildings in Willits (I I learned as a young girl in the desert and mountains of the bet you didn't know eastern High Sierras. Lessons I have carried with me to

there are more than 20 historic buildings right on the 10,000 step walk).

3. As usual it will be FREE for all; our young high school I spent my formative years listening to the spirits of those students will be on hand deserts and mountains. I have touched obsidian chips and

felt a current run through my body telling of the power of to cheer on the walkers; and well-behaved pets on leashes and their owners (on a leash into the night sky where a billion stars laughed at me and

or not) are welcome.

4. Plan to come and tell your friends. universe! I shouted out in sadness at the empty desert and

> 5. We could use some help preparing and pulling off a great event.

just need to be still. To listen. Because if you are quiet you If you would like to participate, drop me a note or give me will hear them. Those Ancient Spirits who have so much a call (Jed@MenAlive.com or 459-5505.

> I guarantee that planning and participating in this walk will be the most fun.

in your soul, the core of your spiritual self, and you will the least hassle, and the most helpful to our community gain the knowledge that you are a caretaker of this planet. than almost anything

else you could think of to do.

So, give me a call, drop me a note, jump in, walk tall, have fun. We'll wait for you. Jed Diamond, Willits

HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY?

Write us a Letter to the Editor!

to share their interests and talents on stage for this event. Feel free to write to tell us about your thoughts, Our final audition date is Saturday, September 28, from 4-7 concerns, suggestions, thank yous and more, pm at the Willits United Methodist Church on School and regarding Willits and our community.

> We are happy to accept letters regarding controversial issues, but require that all letters are signed with the author's name, with address of residence and a phone number for verification. (We won't print your address or phone number.) Letters are preferred via email; remember, shorter

letters are more likely to be read.

our sponsors, who have made this show possible. We Feel free to send letters to willitsweekly@gmail. couldn't do it without you! A big thanks to: Alfred Kerr, com or call 459-2633 with any questions. DDS: Computer Works Unlimited: DripWorks: Earth's Looking forward to what YOU have to say. Treasures; East Hill Veterinary Clinic; Friends of the Eel River Watershed; J.D. Redhouse; Les Schwab Tire Center;



Rockin' it

WHS celebrates Homecoming with week-long spirit days and celebrations in preparation for tomorrow's game



Photo bv Maureen Moore

encouraging dress-up themes and extracurricular clubs and activities.



FFA Paver Party

Crisps for Open House

Willits High School's FFA Chapter made apple crisps with farm-fresh fruit from the school's Ag Farm for Tuesday's Open House

Top from left: Peeling Ag Farm apples on the rotary peelers made work easy. Fearless leader and FFA advisor Becky Bowlds saved the day, removing a disgruntled worm mid-peel from one of the organic apples. Students hard at work preparing apples for the crisps.

Photos by Maureen Moor

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That is why I live on a mountain. It is where life lets me breathe deeply and exhale slowly. Sure I work in the real world and find myself entangled in life's everyday dramas, but I can escape. I can breathe. I can listen.

Have you ever sat in the desert and listened to the guiet? Or on a mountain top and closed your eyes and heard the song of the gentle breezes blowing there? I mean really coming up Sunday, listened with your soul.

the feeling of oneness. A feeling of being fused together with the earth and feeling her heartbeat beating within your own. The ancient inhabitants of this land knew that feeling. Their descendants still do.

We could learn much from our Native American brothers and sisters. As we destroy more and more in the name of

The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters from area residents, focusing on Willits issues, activities, events and people, have priority. Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred.

Letters & Commentaries must have a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No anonymous letters will be published



Walk for Wellness coming up

Community Services and Food Bank

To the Editor: The next big Willis Walk for Wellness and Community is

October 20, beginning with registration at 9:30 am at J.D. If you have then you know what I am talking about. It is Redhouse, 212 South Main Street, in Willits. This is our 15th walk and sure to be one of our best and brightest.

> Here's what you can do. Mark the date and time on your calendar (Go, ahead, I'll wait).

> This will be an exciting walk for many reasons: 1. It will coincide with the 125th anniversary year of our

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Kids help set stones to give sports spectators a nonmuddy place to enjoy games and festivities to come

It wasn't just the football field at Willits High School that received a makeover in preparation for the new school year; the surrounding knoll is also getting a new look, courtesy of the man (and woman!) power of the WHS Future Farmers of America chapter.

Members of the FFA's Plant Science class have been the main force behind getting the job done, along with some help from advisor Becky Bowlds and local contractor Wayne Bashore. They have been hard at work for weeks now, leveling the ground, hauling in dirt and sand, laying ground cover, and then handsetting the hundreds of cement pavers in place.

With this weekend's Homecoming festivities approaching, the group hopes the area will be ready for unveilina.

In addition to the paver patio area, sections have been dug by the Top: Members of the Willits FFA help lay stones by the ticket booth at the entrance to Maize Field. opening to the ticket gate and along the southwest perimeter of the track Above: Brandon Abernathy holds one of the many and are planned to be filled with pavers needing to be set. flowers and greenery Photos by Maureen Moore





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Above from top: I holding the signs and w



A celebration of Willits High School's Chivalrous Gentlemen

Despite all the forms of social media and instant communication, the halls and grounds of Willits High School invite to Avansino on the whiteboard at the front of the class, have been guite a sight to see in the days leading up to which was covered with the pull-down projector screen until Homecoming as a resurgence of chivalry has

taken hold. Designer & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com Sophomore Price Runberg was the first to make his invitation to 14-year-old freshman Kalia Avansino public, asking her to accompany him to Homecoming. Runberg ended up setting a high bar, that others are now striving to raise.



In their Leadership class, Runberg decided to scribe his the moment it was revealed. Maureen Moore

Once everyone was in class and the moment was right, Runberg pulled the screen, revealing his request to Avansino. She happily agreed.

"My brother Palmer helped me with the idea," explained Runberg. "I needed to ask and thought it would be fun to do it with a kinda grand gesture. We brainstormed and came up with a fun way."

As of lunchtime on Tuesday, three other students had followed in Runberg's form.

Damon Niesen set up three large boxes filled with balloons tied with signs, which were strategically opened one at a time, revealing "Will you" on the first, "Go to" on the second and "Homecoming with me?" on the third. Niesen himself popped up from inside the third box holding that last sign. Box-, balloon- and invitation-receiver Leslie Leon happily said

Billy Mann also got creative with his request: a large sign was hung across the lockers in the main cage south of the quad, and two friends tossed rose petals down on Mann and Mikaela Wright as he asked her to Homecoming. Willits Weekly happily caught the fourth declaration on camera on Tuesday during lunch, when Ankit Patel invited Kylie Santos. With the help of several friends, five signs were held, forming a tunnel for Santos when she came down the stairs and out of class for lunch. Signs read "Kylie Santos" "Will" "You" "Go" "To" "Homecoming," then Patel himself held the "With Me" sign at the end of the tunnel. Each sign holder handed Santos a white rose as she passed, and Patel presented her with a red rose at the last sign. She said yes. The lasting question, however, seems to be: are we sure high school boys don't belong to Pinterest.com?



HOW TO PLAY: Make the football: Carefully cut out brown football column below right. Keeping the brown side out, start at arrow on bottom and fold backwards and up towards opposite corner to form a triangle. Continue to fold into triangles, making your folds on dotted lines and working your way up towards the laces and logos. Once logos wrap around outside of football, you will be left with one last triangle. Using this as a tab, insert into pocket created by last fold to create final football. Play the game: Hold football so right angle is facing the hand you wish to flick with. Set one of the narrower angles down on table, stand up the football and balance with your index finger of your non-flicking hand. Flick towards your opponent's goal post. Alternate with your opponent. Earn one point per goal. First to 10 points wins.



Kylie Santos' arrival into the quad.

Ankit and Kylie, who will be going to Homecoming together this year

Ankit presents Kylie with the final rose at the last sign.

Top right: Ankit excitedly awaits Kylie's arrival and answer.

At right:

Kalia Avansino and Price Runberg – the two who started the fun this week































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Thursday, September 26 Landowner Meeting for Coho Salmon Recovery:

Mendocino County Resource Conservation District hosts a meeting on grants and technical assistance for property owners in the Outlet Creek watershed to help with property improvements and conservation practices that benefit fish habitat. 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: Joe Scriven at 462-3664.

WHS Homecoming Soccer Games: first home games on the newly re-sodded field against St. Helena; girls game at 4 pm; boys at 5:30 pm. Maize Field behind Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: 459-7700.

Friday, September 27

WHS Homecoming Football Game/Parade: starts at 5:30 pm at Maize Field behind Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: 459-7700.

Willits Community Drum Circle Jam: The drum circle is celebrating two years of fun, free, community drumming with a pot luck and drum jam at Bud Snider City Park at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Shanachie Pub: The Afro-Funk Experience, 9 pm, \$7. "Chunky rhythms mixed with tasty funk-to-metal guitar grooves and blazing horns" deliver original Bay Area funk, Afrobeat, reggae and more. 50 B South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 28

Final Audition for Variety Show: 4 to 7 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church. School & Pine streets. Final audition for "Willits On Stage," to be presented on October 19 at the WHS Auditorium to benefit Willits Community Services and Food Bank, which "encourages everybody to share their interests and talents on stage for this event." If you can't attend this date, or have questions, please call



What's Happening Around Town

relationship counselor, owner of Embrace Conflict (a new business started

in 2013), and Willits Weekly columnist. 8:15 to 9:30 am (stay as long as

Wednesday,

North County Women in

Business Network Meeting:

with quest speaker Doris Wier,

October 2

Kevin at 456.9429 or Marcia at 354.2801.

Autumnal Vegan Potluck Celebration: Laytonville's Organic Vegan Experience (L.O.V.E.) presents a plant-powered potluck at the Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville. Setup at 5 pm; dinner 5:30 to 7 pm. "Come experience the joy and pleasure of eating a meal prepared entirely from an amazing variety of plant foods." From 7 to 9 pm: a screening of "May I Be Frank," about Frank Farrante's journey "from debilitating sickness to vibrant health through a plant-based diet." Please bring a vegan dish (no meat, dairy or eggs), and your own serving utensils and place settings. "All are welcome, no one turned away."

Sunday, September 29

"Voices of Grace" Ensemble: Charlene Larsen (soprano), Carole Hester (second soprano), Diana Ragan (alto), and Marla Bentien (soprano) will perform songs with "great harmony" and "old songs by outstanding arrangers set in today's sound," during the Sunday service at St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive, from 11 am to noon. Hester formed the group in 2010, she said, as "a place for these singers to be able to

work on music and travel to churches and events to sing God's praises." Info: St. John Lutheran Church, 459-2988, or Carole Hester, 463-1231.

"Singspiration": 6 pm, St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. "Evervone is welcome," Pastor Karl Bliese said. "We're hosting; the churches rotate. Everybody brings an instrument or their voices ... and is free to share whatever music, poems, stories they wish, followed by light refreshments." Information: 459-2988.

Tuesday, October 1

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. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Re-Planting the Poet Tree?

Native activist, poet and realist John killed Trudell's wife (Tina Manning). Trudell joins local poets Linda Noel three children and mother-in-law. It and Dan Roberts for "an evening of was through this horrific tragedy that poetry and reality," Friday, October 4, Trudell began to find his voice as an at Area 101 north of Laytonville. artist and poet, writing, in his words, 'to stay connected to this reality." Though the event is "free," donations In the 1980s Trudell began recording will be accepted at the end of the event. All funds raised go to the his poetry to traditional Native music, Lavtonville High School Scholarship and he continues to perform and

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

meeting with plenty of time for questions and answers, and all Brooktrails residents are invited. Info: Brian Weller. 459-4499.

Shanachie Pub: from Montana: The Dodgy Mountain Men, "mixing the rhythms of bluegrass, the soul of the blues and

you can). Topic: "Handling Conflicts With More Ease": "Conflict, instead of being a problem, can be a doorway to the next level of intimacy, mutual

understanding, appreciation, and creativity in our partnerships." City Mendocino College Fall Plant Sale: with "plants of all kinds that grow

Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street. \$5; first meeting is free. The Willits Chamber of Commerce presents these meetings first Wednesday of every month; free to chamber members. Bring a friend and your business cards. Info or RSVP: ncwib2012@ gmail.com or 459-7910.

"A Taste of Honey": a dramatic reading of a "gritty working class play" by Slelagh Delaney "about a teenage girl and her domineering, flamboyant mother." Wednesday, October 2 at 7 pm, and Sunday, October 6 at 2 pm, at Xerogeanes, 468-3218. the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 W. Van Lane. \$5 at the door. See article on Calendar page for more details.

Thursday. October 3

Brooktrails Board Candidates Forum: 6:30 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street. Sponsored by the Brooktrails Property Owners Association. Three of the five seats on the Brooktrails Township board are up for election in the November 5, 2013 election. Three incumbents: George Skezas, Tony Orth and Rick Williams are running for reelection, along with two challengers: David Paland and Gino Zalunardo. Brian Weller will facilitate the meeting. This will be a highly interactive





the energy of rock 'n' roll with a plethora of other musical traditions." 7 pm. 50 B South Main Street. Info: 459-9194. Visit: www.dodgymountainmen.com.

Friday, October 4

Ranch Rodeo: starts at 1 pm at the Willits Frontier Days Grounds. Free



"Roasted Chicken Dinner to Go": Dinner for two: \$25, presale tickets only from the Harrah Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Pickup from 5 to 7 pm. Menu: one-half roasted chicken, rice pilaf, cole slaw, dinner rolls and homemade apple cobbler. Info: 459-6826

Poet John Trudell: "Poet Tree" reading, also with local poets Linda Noel and Dan Roberts. At Area 101, north of Laytonville. Dinner at 5 pm, followed by poetry at 6 pm. Free admission; donations for the Laytonville High School scholarship fund accepted after the reading. Information: 984-7286. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for details.

Shanachie Pub: folk punk from The Crux. 8 pm. 50 B South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Local Investing – What's Happening?'

Following up on a series of forums in 2012, WELL about their "maker space" plans and progress. (Willits Economic Localization) continues to pursue ways to build our local economy and investment Pay It Forward fund.

opportunities: "Invest in Main Street, not Wall Street."

offer an opportunity for any upcoming or expanding This forum, Sunday, October 6 at 4 pm at the Little Lake Grange, features four brief presentations

The "elevator speeches" (about 3 minutes each)

card.

"Quilts and Armadillos": new quilted art pieces by quilt artist Nancy Simpson plus Simpson's unique collection of armadillo miniatures. Willits Cultural Arts Center. ◆ A representative from WELL speaking about our 71 East Commercial Street. Show runs through September 29. Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday, 4 to 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. Info: 459-1732.

local enterprise to let us know their plans and Farmers Market at City Park: Summer dreams. There were 17 such presenters at the WELL Business Fair in February, and we hope to produce, including tomatoes, zucchini, egoplant, watermelons and more from hear progress reports from some of them, as well as new ideas and businesses coming forward. area farmers, plus live music, flowers, crafts, baked goods, dinner and more. Some of these may become candidates for funding Every Thursday at City Park, across from WELL's Pay It Forward revolving loan fund. from City Hall, from 3 to 6 pm. In the park through October. private investors (or prospective employees

Check-in from 8 to 8:45 am with coffee and snacks; rides begin from 9 to 9:30 am. BBQ at 12:30 pm, featuring organic fruits and veggies from Ridgewood's organic garden. 2 pm: Seabiscuit Tour. Advance tickets/entry forms (must be received by October 1) available at www.ridgewoodtrail. org or (in Willits) at J.D. Redhouse. Ride & BBQ: \$50; BBQ only \$15; BBQ child under 12, \$10; guided Seabiscuit tour (optional): \$15. Riders under 16 must be accompanied by adult. Call or email for directions: 459-5640 or ridgewoodtrail@gmail.com.



admission. "Watch cowboys and cowgirls showcase Life-on the-Ranch

Mary 354-0112 or Marcy 272-5395.

Sunday, October 6

events." Calf branding, ranch doctoring, team sorting, ribbon roping,

reverse team roping, saddle cow riding, kid's dummy roping. Info:

and art sale, too. Info: Jim

"Local Investing - What's Happening?": Forum on ways to build our local economy and investment opportunities, presented by WELL at 4 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Four brief speakers: representatives from the Economic & Development Finance Corporation, the Willits Chamber of Commerce, Wowser Academy and WELL. Plus 3 minute "elevator speeches" open to any upcoming or expanding local enterprise "to let us know their plans and dreams." Info: Madge at mstrong@willitsonline.com or 459-1493 or Holly at one_visionary@yahoo. com or 459-0447. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for

more details

Ongoing **Events:**

"Two Across": Final weekend: Thursday at 7 pm; Friday & Saturday at 8 pm; Sunday at 2 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 W. Van Lane. Written by Jerry Mayer, directed by Dick Graham, and starring Mike A'Dair and Kathy de Bané. Tickets are available at Goods' Shoppe or by calling WCT at 459-0895 and reserving seats with a credit

"A Taste of Honey": this gritty working-class play about a teen-age girl and her domineering, flamboyant mother, will be staged as a dramatic its understanding of being human," a "reading" at the Willits Community Theatre on Wednesday, October 2 at 7 Trudell guote on the top of his website pm, and Sunday, October 6 at 2 pm. states

The play, written by Slelagh Delaney, then 18, was a sensational theatrical His official biography reads: "John success when staged in London in 1958. It has been re-staged many times, as recently as this year in the Edinburgh's Royal Lyceum Theatre, and it was made into an award-winning movie.

Along with plays such as John Osborne's "Look Back in Anger," "A Taste of Honey" ushered in a theatrical movement called "kitchen sink realism" in which "anti-heroes" – street people, losers, whores and the unemployed - became heroes on the stage.

This dramatic reading, directed by local playwright Don Samson, has a cast of five: Tara Logan, Mary Burns, Steve Marston, Alec Wade and Garrett Vincent.

All tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Calling all artists!

Willits Center for the Arts is accepting entries for the 27th Annual Holiday Craft Fair. Friday, December 13, Saturday, December 14, and Sunday, December 15, at the Willits Community Center. All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs should request application forms by e-mail to: Bonnie Belt at belt.bonnie@gmail.com or Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Drive, Willits, CA 95490 (enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope). Poets, left to right: John Trudell, Dan Roberts of Willits, and Linda Noel, a former Poet Laureate of Ukiah Apply early as booths fill quickly.

Fund and specifically benefit the Tina record. He also has played roles in Manning Award and the Leonard a number of feature films, including "Thunderheart" and "Smoke Signals." Peltier Award.

Trudell's life was featured in a 2005 Dinner at 5 pm, followed by poetry at documentary film entitled, "Trudell." 6 pm: the event will wrap up promptly at 8 pm. Information: 984-7286. A Native Californian of the

Koyungkowi Tribe, Linda Noel grew "John's played there half a dozen up in Willits. A former Poet Laureate times," said poet Dan Roberts, who of Ukiah who regularly presents her will be taking his turn on stage with work in live settings, Noel and her Trudell at this year's event. "Each work have been featured in numerous draws their own crowds," Roberts anthologies, journals and magazines. said, of the three poets.

Roberts is a Willits local who describes "I'm just a human being trying to make himself as "poet, photographer, it in a world that is very rapidly losing up in the Bay Area, earning a creative arts degree from U.C. Davis in 1970. Roberts moved to the Willits area in

1976 after a few years up in southern Trudell is an acclaimed poet, national Humboldt county. recording artist, actor and activist In addition to publishing books of whose international following reflects the universal language of his words, Willits schools and has done so for work and message. Trudell (Santee more than two decades. In the year Sioux) was a spokesperson for the 2000, he started "Youth Speaks Out," Indian of All Tribes occupation of a monthly radio program on KZYX/Z, Alcatraz Island from 1969 to 1971. He "a show by, for and about young then worked with the American Indian

people," which has won two national Movement (AIM), serving as chairman awards. of AIM from 1973 to 1979. In February of 1979, a fire of unknown origin

Harvest Moon

Annual fall-time downtown festivities planned for October 18

The recent cold nights and nippy mornings can only mean one thing: it's almost time for the annual Harvest Moon celebration in downtown Willits

The Local First Program of the Willits Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 7th Annual Harvest Moon Celebration, to be held in downtown Willits on Friday, October 18, from 4 pm to 8 pm. painter and radio producer." He grew Local businesses and restaurants along the Main Street corridor will be hosting extended store nours and special sales for the event. Businesses will be staying open late, and there will be vendor booths throughout the downtown area. The public is welcome to come and join in the fall-time fun.

> Two new facets have been added for this year's Sheriff Tom Allman event: a pumpkin carving contest and an "Art

in the Alley" show. The pumpkin carving contest will be held for the businesses poetry, Roberts teaches poetry in the participating in the Harvest Moon celebration. A pumpkin (or several!) should be carved and displayed at the business or booth for the public to come and judge during the event. Along with obvious bragging rights, two awards will be offered: a people's choice, which will earn the winning business a pizza party for their efforts, and a judge's choice, the winning business of which will be presented with a trophy. The "Art in the Alley" showing will showcase talented artists from around the community with a hanging of their works in the alley between the Noyo Theatre and The Bistro restaurant.

> Sign up forms for stores and vendors are available at the Willits Chamber of Commerce office at 299 East Commercial Street (Skunk Train Depot), by calling - Cat Lee the chamber at 707-459-7910 or by email (info@willits.org)



Community members enjoy last year's festivities the 2012 Harvest Moon



followed by "elevator speeches" from new or growing local enterprises, such as CSAs, coops, industrial spaces, builders and makers, food services, etc.

The four guest presenters will be:

John Kuhry or Richard Cooper of EDFC In other cases, this venue can serve to introduce (Economic & Development Finance Corporation), speaking about (a) a potential meat processing plant, (b) the Mendocino Broadband Alliance, and interested (c) bio-char proposals in Mendocino County.

Lynn Kennelly or Ron Moorhead of Willits at mstrong@willitsonline.com or 459-1493 or Holly Chamber of Commerce, discussing their Local First at one_visionary@yahoo.com or 459-0447. campaign and revitalization ideas.

Two Across

This is the final weekend for "Two Across" at Willits Community Theatre: Thursday, September 26 at 7 pm,

Friday, September 27 & Saturday, September 28 at 8 pm, and Sunday, September 29 at 2 pm. The WCT

Raffle Grand Prize winning ticket will be drawn at the closing performance. Tickets are available at Goods'

Shoppe or by calling WCT at 459-0895 and reserving seats with a credit card.

A representative of Wowser Academy talking

Questions, ideas to share, or for more info: Madge Final Weekend for

and customers) to enterprises in which they are 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 – Madge Strong Wednesday at 8:40 pm. Sign-ups start at 3 pm.

Save the **Date:**

Harvest Moon Downtown Celebration, October 18

"Willits On Stage," WHS Auditorium, Mike A'Dair October 19 and Kathy de Bané star in

15th annual Willits Walk for Well-"Two Across," a play by ness and Community, October 20 Jerry Mayer,

and directed by Dick 'A Taste of Graham: "Two strangers, a man and Theatre' a woman meet on a BART train

at 4:30 in the Thursday, October 10 at 7 pm at the morning. Both Willits Community Theatre. All ages are are doing invited to this free sampling of WCT's The New York Times upcoming series of Master Classes crossword including Playwriting, Directing, Acting and puzzle." Theatre Tech. Learn how theatre is really Photo by Creek made. Willits Community Theatre, 37 W. Norris Van Lane. Contact 459-0895 or www. willitstheatre.org for more details.



For the Foodies Offering a little taste of some fun and food



WCS students sell pies at Farmers Market

Do you have a recipe

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with Willits Weekly

and our readers?!

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or late-night snack or even

just what you eat when

there's nothing else that

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At left: One of the WCS students' tasty pies. Above: Ralph Mandeville, standing, and students Keely The Farmers Market Ahders and Trinity Barrett work the booth at the September 12 market class at the Willits Charter

School is now bringing pies and other seasonal desserts to the Willits Farmers Market on Thursdays. At the September 12 market, students offered apple crumb and pear pies, and last week they had pumpkin pies as well as pear pies. The fruit is donated, and all proceeds go back into keeping the program going. This is the second year WCS students

through October, before moving into the Little Lake Grange for the winter. Parent volunteer Ralph Mandeville, also a board member at WCS, was "instrumental in getting these students to Farmers Market, by helping them make these delicious pies," said Heidi Ahders, from WCS.

As the season changes, they will be have offered pies at the market, which making many other delicious desserts, continues at City Park from 3 to 6 pm with seasonal ingredients.

Grandma's Apple Cake

1 c wesson oil "/2 apple 2 well beaten eggs sence

Feel free to substitute applesauce for half the oil

walnuts, and reduce the sugar by 1/4 to 1/3 cup

4 c apples

2 c sugar

2 tsp van

2 c flour

2 tsp cinn

1 tsp salt

Recipe Notes:

1 tsp baking soda

1 c chop nuts

APPLE. CAKE

Photos by Keeley and Heidi Ahders COLUMN | The Medicine Chest Garden

The students plan to be at the market every week, starting again on October 3; the charter school is going to Camp Wente for a long campout weekend this week.

The school is happy to take pre-

leave a message for Ralph Mandeville for a pre-order.

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9x13 bake dish

ing 50 to 60 min, bake 1 hr. 350

orders for Farmers Market pies, too. Call WCS at 459-5506 to see what pies are being made that week, and to

Foeniculum vulgare

The fennel plant is native to the Mediterranean, where it has been used for food and medicine for thousands of years. It is a hardy, easy-to-grow plant that has also naturalized itself throughout the California landscape.

> The seeds are ready to harvest now; place a paper bag over the seed heads, tip the plant over, and shake the loose seeds into the

A tea of fennel seed is an excellent digestive home remedy for gas, belching, bloating, heartburn and helping to digest fats. It is gentle enough to be used for colic in infants (to be used in this way, a nursing mother drinks the tea)

The tea also increases the flow of mother's milk. The Latin genus for fennel, Foeniculum, translates as "little hay," because it was used as animal fodder to increase the quality and fat content of goat milk.

Fennel tea can also calm a chronic cough.

or with a meat-tenderizing tool. Put 1 teaspoon seed into a pot with 8 to 10 ounces of boiling water. Reduce heat, stir well, and simmer (don't boil), in the covered pot for 10 minutes. Strain seeds before

eaves and spend their entire life cycle on or around fennel plants.

[This information is not intended to diagnose, prescribe or replace the advice of a qualified health professional.]

Donna d'Terra is a Willits area herbalist who has been teaching herb classes for 25 years.

PUZZIE Page Activities & fun for kids of all ages **Crossword Puzzle**

In the Stars...

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| Aries, try not to pick sides when asked for your opinion on a dispute between close friends. Giving the impression of picking sides may strain a friendship. | bags packed and ready to depart at a moment's notice. You can | | | | | Sagittarius, it could be in your best interest to remain out of the spotlight at the next social gathering. You might have a more enjoyable time as a fly on the wall. | | | | | | |
| TAURUS | | VIR | GO | | | CA | PRI | COR | N | | | |
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City Planner Alan Falleri discussed

'There are so many different

opinions about how to get there – that

is the difficult part," Falleri said. "It

is not some new magic answer. It is

City staff works with limited people-

power and money, Moore noted. She

suggested forming focus groups, and

called for people in the community to

"We need people who are

Falleri said he liked the idea of

branding Willits as a healthy and

vibrant small town: "It is small enough

so people know each other and can

what makes a healthy community,'

Moore said. Moore made available

a "strength, weakness, opportunity

and threats" - or SWOT - analysis

There were not a lot of young

people in the room Sunday – a point

made throughout the meeting. Falleri

said he thought getting younger

people and kids in the mix would help

to solve some of the city's problems.

worksheet for people to take home.

"The driving question for me is

experienced grant writers to step up

and help us," Moore said.

talk to each other."

looking at Willits for what works."

help

the city's hand in planning.

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Willits' future examined

at Sunday town hall meeting

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Fennel

Donna D'Terra Columnist

bag. What can one do with all this seed?

To make the tea: bruise the seeds slightly in a mortar and pestle

A note to gardeners: swallowtail butterflies lay their eggs on fennel

Sudoku, the n 9 must fill each row, col box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column 6 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!

COLUMN | Self-Help Legal

Search warrants

A search warrant is an order signed by a judge that authorizes police officers to search for specific objects or materials at a definite location at a specified time. For example, a warrant may authorize the search of "the premises at 10000 Hydroponic Lane between the hours of 8 am to 6 pm," and direct the police to search for and

Zack Cinek The peop In coming zack@willitsweeklv.com said, the Mendocino County Rail Society plans to hold a meeting about Members of the community, nearly multi-modal transportation. "We really all of whom lived outside city limits, want you to look at the idea of a trolley filled the chairs in City Hall on Sunday being on the tracks now that they are during a community-organized town not in use." Waters said. hall meeting Vern Ostrander felt members of the In a roundtable arrangement, the Willits City Council do not represent group shared concepts about what the him and other community residents. town should do. "The main reason we "I think the five people on the city did 'town hall' was so that you could council do not represent us at all, and be heard," organizer Carlin Diamond it turns into the 'good old boy' system told the crowd. we have here." Ostrander said. View from City Hall Roger Wilson described a former Willits, one he was told was a timber Willits residents need to find town with major machining. "Those common ground, City Manager are not here now," said Wilson. Adrienne Moore urged, as she and

Thoughts and ideas



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seize "marijuana, cash, guns, scales, record books, and every other means used in connection with growing medicine.'

Police officers obtain search warrants by convincing a judge or magistrate that they have probable cause Marc Komer to believe that criminal activity is occurring at the place to be searched or that

evidence of a crime may be found there. Usually, the police provide the judge or magistrate with information in the form of written statements under oath, called "affidavits," which report either their own observations, or those of private citizens or police undercover informants. If the

magistrate believes that the affidavit establishes probable cause to conduct a search, he or she will issue a warrant.

The suspect, who may be connected with the place to be searched, is not present when the warrant is issued and therefore cannot contest the issue of probable cause at that time. However, the suspect can later challenge the validity of the warrant before trial.

The police can search only the place described in a warrant and usually can seize only the property that the warrant describes. The police cannot search a house if the warrant specifies the backyard, nor can they search for weapons if the warrant specifies marijuana plants. However, this does not mean that police officers can seize only those items listed in the warrant. If, in the course of their search, police officers come across contraband or evidence of a crime that is not listed in the warrant, they can lawfully seize the unlisted items. If the warrant specifies a certain person to be searched, the

police can search only that person, unless they have independent probable cause to search other persons who happen to be present at the scene of a search. If an officer merely has a reasonable suspicion that an onlooker is engaged in criminal activity, the officer can only question the onlooker and, if necessary for the officer's safety, conduct a frisk for weapons (but not do a full search).

Most searches occur without warrants being issued. Over the years, the courts have defined a number of situations in which a search warrant is not necessary, either because the search is per se reasonable under the circumstances or because, due to a lack of a reasonable expectation of privacy, the Fourth Amendment doesn't apply at all.

If the person in control of the premises freely and voluntarily agrees to the search, the search is valid and whatever the officers find is admissible in evidence. Police officers do not have to warn people that they have a right to refuse consent to a search. If a police officer wrangles a consent through trickery or coercion, the consent does not validate the search.

Many disputes about consent have to do with who has the right to consent. If there are two or more separate tenants in one dwelling, courts often rule that one tenant has no power to consent to a search of the areas exclusively controlled by the other tenants (for instance, their separate bedrooms). Similarly, a landlord lacks authority to consent to a search of leased premises. The same is true for hotel operators.

On the other hand, an employer can validly consent to a search of company premises, which extends to an employee's work area but not to clearly private areas such as an employee's clothes locker. A tricky twist is that the consent in these types of cases will be considered valid if the police reasonably believe that the consenting person has the authority to consent, even if it turns out they don't. Marc Komer is a legal document assistant and notary public in Willits. He can be reached at 459-2775 or www.mendolegaldocs.con

Wilson said more campgrounds, providing up to 1,000 new campsites, could pull young families to the area that would otherwise skip lodging in Willits. "Let's make sure they have a way to stay here to empty their pockets downtown," he said.

Councilman Ron Orenstein suggested figuring out how money spent would increase business Bill White said he had waited a long time for a forum like Sunday's town hall meeting. White talked about city streets with people bustling about, "You get

to know people - you pass people and you get to know people," White said. He described Willits' downtown celebrations as "soul in the city."

John Almida worked at Remco, and has seen Willits thrive on timber and manufacturing. "It was a booming town - let's not just depend on small business," Almida said. "We are a melting pot, let's make it all work together.

Jeanne King said she felt a contradiction in wanting industry to come to Willits and the area's marijuana industry. When she was a teacher, King said, she had students pulled out of school

to process marijuana. "Some students

An abbreviated crash course from Sunday's Town Hall meeting Freeway stub roads bring unwanted gas stations and maybe weird food to bypass interchanges Dogs at the Farmer's Market - Willits Healthy Action Team walks - City grants managed by the community City marijuana laws and opening a collective in town - Pursue Federal Enterprise Zone grants Highway 101 signs postbypass - Willits as a "maker" place (the "maker movement") - A niche park at the video store parking lot - Start an Architectural Board of Review - Remove fence at the Skunk Train Depot Rails to Trails - Relocating Willits' Craftsmanstyle train depot to the Remco property - Get funding for a north-south corridor now Good swimming holes close to town Zoning laws, best practices and guidelines Open city-owned watershed for public use - Hemp's potential and an emphasis on things that were started in Willits A private lake by KOA could become a park - Willits High School improvements, a call to get involved with kids

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Adam's Restaurant. Dish washer, cook, food server. Flexible hours; day shift. Call Adam for appointment: 707-456-9226

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Position available for a registered veterinary technician. Please bring resume to the Willits Pet Care Center at 90 South Street.

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Street

Hospital Rummage Sale

Howard Hospital Auxiliary Rummage Sale. Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 am to 3 pm, outside Scoops on N. Main St. Gently used items plus hot dogs donated by Scoops. Proceeds will purchase needed equipment for the hospital. Call 456-3245 if you have donations.

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Wanted

The Mendocino County Youth Project runs a free clothes closet for teens in Willits and surrounding communities. We are in need of clothes racks and hangers. If you have any you aren't using, we would love to have them.

The rest of From Page 1 Holly

year into her third term. She has served as mayor of Willits once and is the city's current mayor. She worked for Sparetime Supply for nine years.

In 2010, she ran against Brooktrails Township board member Tony Orth and incumbent John Pinches for supervisor. In the November general election, she was defeated by Pinches, who pulled 52.03 percent of the vote (3,314 votes) to Madrigal's 47.46 percent (3023 votes).

Madrigal currently is working with several community-based groups and organizations. She is president of the Willits Economic Localization group and currently serves as both a regional advisor to the Mendocino Community Foundation and as

a board member for radio station KZYX and its affiliates. She is also a member of the Little Lake Grange. "My current focus has been increasing

manufacturing and business in Mendocino County." Madrigal said. "I look forward to addressing tough issues that the county still faces, like an unsustainable pension

The rest of Street Use

Shell Lane. repaved.

> The deal upset some area residents At previous meetings, the council was accused of "rolling over" and told they should have bargained for more.

> > Monday afternoon the crowd was small; about four bypass supporters and two department heads came to City Hall to watch the vote.



Holly Madrigal and the Brooktrails Second Access road

"I plan to continue my work localizing our economy to strengthen our community," Madrigal said

Current Third District Supervisor John Pinches has announced he is not running again. Madrigal is the first candidate to announce her campaign for supervisor.

From Page 1

The reworked deal allows truck traffic Bruce Burton and Ron Orenstein to negotiate a deal with contractors. to exceed contractors' estimates by 20 percent. The agreement states freeway contractors have permission to haul on Strong expressed concern about a East Hill Road. East Commercial Street. 15-day period for the city to respond to East Valley Street. Baechtel Road and contractors' monthly notices for damages to city property beyond normal wear and In return, the city collects a \$20,000 tea

administration fee, and an almost one-"We should be able to identify any issues half-mile portion of East Hill Road will be in a pretty short time frame," Moore said.

> Strong disagreed. "I personally would prefer longer – but I am not going to hold us up for that.'

The city intends to make sidewalk improvements before the East Hill Road repavement. Lance said the sidewalk work will be done to meet American's with Disabilities Act standards.

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The agreement stated contractors In recent weeks, the city and attorney will provide monthly reports to the city Jim Lance ironed out the deal's language. regarding the streets. The estimated number of truckloads now

How they voted: Strong: yes; Burton: no; includes concrete trucks. "We asked that they please do so for proper transparency," Madrigal: yes; Orenstein: yes; Stranske: no City Manager Adrienne Moore said. vote, left early for a previous obligation.



Eyster said the stay-away order was "accepted and

"Being on OR often has conditions. The conditions were

accepted," Judge Moorman explained. "He can 'not' agree;

I can revoke OR and set bail. Otherwise he has to comply."

fenced, the delineation is clear," Moorman said, noting

she believed this was the understood intent of the original

order. "The spirit of the order is just as important as the

terms," she said: "Stay 100 yards away from the site. Stay

100 yards away from the fence. Don't interfere with coming

and going.... If contacted by law enforcement, don't run."

Eyster quickly confirmed Parrish's status as a reporter

does not exempt him from the stay-away order. "I want to

"There isn't a press exception for this," Judge Moorman

said, citing the previously explained "conditions" of

Parrish's bail. The stay-away order permits Parrish to be

on Highway 101, Moorman clarified, "driving in his car ...

that is not a violation." If Parrish stops and gets out of the

car near construction activity or protests, "then there is a

Parrish's next scheduled court date is October 4, to

finalize pre-trial motions. His trial is scheduled to begin

Moorman denied the DA's petition to "revoke OR," and

"There's not a whole lot of ambiguity when the site is

Homecoming

King & Queen:

Jon Montez &

Adeja Avansino

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Above: CatyAnn Fellman of Smartsville catches air as her horse blows out of the roping box.

High School Rodeo District 2 holds first annual event

Even Saturday morning's downpour didn't stop the Maureen Moore members of the California High School Rodeo Association. esigner & Photographress District 2. kick off their season at the Willits Frontier Days grounds. Things started Friday evening with the cutting being "on stage" - like those events, and continued Saturday and Sunday with the who hope to play college traditional rodeo go-rounds.

This year. District 2 (comprised of kids hailing from Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Sonoma, Marin and Napa counties) has more than 70 participants, including junior members (sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders) and high school members (freshman through senior). Members must have a 2.0 grade point average and be in good standing with their respective schools.

Team members from Willits include Sarah Caldwell, Shanna Gavski, Haley Schuck and David Wells, and Covelo contributed a few junior members, including Jocev Thieman and Gracie Bauer.

Over the next few months, District 2 team members will compete in breakaway roping, barrel racing, team roping, cutting, goat tying and pole bending for the ladies and bareback riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, cutting, team roping and bull riding for the boys. They will all hope to outdo their fellow competitors for a coveted top-five place in their event.

These top five winners in each event will then go on to compete at the State District finals in Bishop, in Inyo County, in June. There, the top competitors will compete against the other eight districts in the state, for the top of the leader board and point standings.

From Bishop, the top four competitors in each event move on to the National Finals, held in Rocksprings, Wyoming in July.





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OBITUARY

Cliff Walker

Longtime Willits resident Cliff Walker passed away on Friday, September 20. Services will be held Saturday, September 28 at 1 pm at the Agape Bible Church Multi-Purpose Building, 290 South Lenore Avenue. Anyone interested in bringing food, please contact Marcy Barry at 272-5395.

Congratulations



PAGE.

her calf.

football or other scholarship-awarded sports at chosen

colleges around the country. Recruiters and scouts can

often be seen checking out the up-and-coming youth riders

who will be able to go on and compete on a college team or

The next District 2 event will be October 11, 12 and 13,

also at the Willits Frontier Days grounds. On November 1.

2 and 3, the group will rodeo in Potter Valley. The first rodeo

of 2014 will be held January 17, 18 and 19 in Ferndale, with

another round in Ferndale on March 14, 15 and 16. Then

the District finals will be held on May 2, 3 and 4 in Covelo.

"We were really appreciative of several of the local

businesses who really offered our kids [and their families

also staying here!] great deals," explained District 2

President Marco Luna. "Old Mission Pizza offered 10

percent off pizzas, J.D. Redhouse offered 30 percent

clothing discounts, Solid Waste of Willits gave us a great

deal on garbage and bathroom services, and Best Western

and Super 8 also offered discounts. It was very nice of them

and we look forward to coming back to Willits next month.'

Luna also encouraged everyone to "come out and

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Above: Carson Parker of

Ferndale throws a loop. Below:

Lauren Luna of Loleta catches

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Puzzle Answers From Page 9

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In filing the "motion to revoke" Parrish's "own posited. recognizance," Eyster argued Parrish violated the "stay away" order condition of his bail agreement on understood" by Parrish when originally given by Judge three occasions: September 10 (164 feet from the work Richard Henderson, as well as when modified by Judge zone), September 16 (30 yards from the work zone), and

John Behnke and "shouldn't need to clarify ... previously September 18 (60 yards from the work zone). On the night of September 10, Eyster said, Parrish was seen "standing with actively protesting ... protesters blocking" the highway.

On September 16, Eyster continued: "Mr. Parrish was at that time ... 55 yards away from the entrance (Gate 1 on the south end of the work zone) where there was protesting and construction going on."

On September 18, Parrish reportedly was behind a gate on private property near the area of a tree-sitter extraction in the ash grove on the north end of the work zone, when he was observed by CHP officers.

"He was with the other protesters," Eyster said, and he "ran away" when officers attempted to contact him.

Parrish's attorney Omar Figueroa admitted his client was in the area of the protest actions on the given dates, but as a journalist at the request of his employer. At Parrish's last pre-trial, Figueroa asked the judge to give Parrish specific permission to travel on Highway 101 to Willits, since the original "stay away" order prohibited this due to the bypass project's close proximity to the highway.

"He did not willingly violate the court order," Figueroa said, addressing Eyster's allegations.

Eyster said Parrish's "running away" and having to be "chased down" suggested otherwise. "Seems strange to take off running if it was OK for him to be there," the DA said.

"Perhaps the stay-away order can be clarified," Figueroa November 12 at 9 am in Courtroom B. Above from left: A group waits outside the arena for their chance to ride. Junior members Josie Collins of Calistoga and Cameron Graham of Middletown compete in ribbon roping. Drina LaRose of Potter Valley tries her best to rope a calf. Photos by Maureen Moore



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devoted to the public, that we will go to Knopp said. "That's about 6 percent the mat for the public. And they have of the county's general fund. So what used that knowledge, that certainty that the board of supervisors decided on we will never walk out, as a negotiating is really on the low end of the GFOA tool against us." recommendation.

"Ten million dollars sounds like a lot,"

reserves to ride out the situation, to

fund departments experiencing deficits

and so forth. If you are having a long-

term contraction, you could use those

funds to actually help your employees

move on to other positions in other

organizations. You can give what is often

called "golden handshakes" - money,

really - as an incentive to take early

retirement. It's an amicable way for the

county to restructure, and for employees

to separate from the county and move

"The wisdom of having adequate

reserves is unchallengeable," Knopp

said. "The \$10 million figure is on the

lower end of what is acceptable. The

SEIU is saying, the county is withholding

their money and they want their 10

on with their lives.

Kerr said SEIU's offers have been rebuffed. "We offered to accept the Knopp acknowledged. "But when you 10 percent pay cut back over five are running an organization with a \$155 years. They wouldn't even take that. million general fund and a \$230 million They basically offered zero. That's not total budget, \$10 million is appropriate. negotiating in good faith," Kerr said. "We It's on the lower end of nationally are always the ones to make an offer." accepted standards for reserve levels."

Kerr's accusations of bad faith and When asked why the county needs unfair labor practices were echoed by to have a \$10 million general reserve another Willits striker, Judi Butow, a fund, Knopp said the funds could be clerk in the Heath and Human Services used in different ways, depending Agency's Adult Protection Division for on the financial situation. "In shortthe past 18 years. term downturns, you could use the

"They've walked out on us, twice," Butow said. "A couple of years ago, they imposed a 12.5 percent pay cut on us. That stood for a couple of months. We sued them at the Public Employees Relations Board, and we won. So they moved it from 12.5 back to 10. This year, they don't even want to talk with us."

One county employee on the picket line in Willits told Willits Weekly she was especially angry at a recent comment by incumbent Third District Supervisor John Pinches, who praised Angelo's administrative philosophy when the board of supervisors approved the county's final budget. "What really makes me mad is something Pinches said, that the county has cut its labor force by one-third, but the level of service is the same. Pinches can say that because he doesn't work here. He doesn't deal with the public."

reserves are exhausted. In a telephone conversation, Assistant County CEO Kyle Knopp defended the and basically go back to deficit financing. county's position. He pointed to the Government Finance Officers of America That would put us right back where we were in 2008 and 2009. It's not (GFOA), which has recommended local sustainable. governments keep reserve accounts worth between 5 and 15 percent of their annual budgets.

cuts," Knopp said. "It's unfortunate the "Our board of supervisors has

SEIU has taken the stance that now is adopted a policy that says the county will the time to force the issue in order to have a general reserve of \$10 million," attain this myopic goal of theirs."



Strikers with signs. props, noisemakers and matching T-shirts stretch out to fill the block in front of the Mendocino County Courthouse on North State Street in Ukiah.



FUPPY FPICIOS Hoping for a home

percent back. But the SEIU has not Sparkle is our pet of the week: She is a cute young identified a sustainable manner of Jack Russell Parsons Terrier mix. She has a best paying those higher salaries once those friend forever, Molly, a shepherd mix, who tested positive for heartworm. So wherever Molly goes for "They want to liquidate those reserves treatment, her BFF goes too. Now that Molly is well, come meet them both at the shelter. They are waiting to go home - preferably together - at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County. The shelter is

located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. The "Now is not the time to roll back those hours are from 1 to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and Saturday and Sunday, from 11 am to 3 pm. Info: 485-0123. Adoptable animals may also be seen on Petfinder.com.







The rest of From Page 1 Pomo

construction started in the bypass area - is not public information. Federal and state law keeps this information confidential due to the potential for theft or vandalism.

According to the tribe's statement, CA-MEN-3571 was identified by Caltrans in 2011, during archaeological investigations of the area, as part of the bypass footprint's "area of potential effects" (APE), but: "later, in 2012, Caltrans claimed that changes to the ... APE for the project resulted in the site no longer being located in the project footprint."

"However," the statement from the tribe continues: "Caltrans has just confirmed that the site does indeed exist within the APE for the project and has, over the last four months, been severely impacted by the removal of topsoil and the installation of 1400-1500 wick drains. What little, if anything, remains of CA-MEN-3571 is now inundated with 3 feet of fill."

A September 18 letter to Caltrans from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent federal agency in Washington, D.C., characterizes this destruction of CA-MEN-3571 as a "major breach of the protection of a historic property that Caltrans committed to protect as part of its determination of 'No Adverse Effect' [in the project's environmental impact statement]."

The Advisory Council is charged with administering the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 review process for agency projects, which includes identification and analysis of historic properties, analysis of the proposed project's effects, and exploration of ways to avoid or mitigate those effects.

In the environmental impact statement for the bypass project, on page 3 of Appendix A, Caltrans states: "If buried cultural materials are encountered during construction, it is Caltrans' policy that all work in that area must halt until a gualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find."

Willits Weekly asked tribal chair Fitzgerral and consultant Lee Rains, who's been working with the tribe since May on bypass issues, why the Caltrans notice about CA-MEN-3571 came so long after topsoil was removed, with wick drains already installed and the fill process well underway.

The rest of From Page 1 Downtown

of Willits' downtown area.

Photos taken by Maureen Moore earlier in September: a big earth-moving machine and wick drains installed on the northern end of the bypass route.

"The undertaking is being carried out in a way in which

historic properties that were supposed to be avoided are

now substantially affected," the letter states, "and the

The Advisory Council is recommending that Caltrans "re-

the California State Historic Preservation Officer and "other

Section 106 consulting parties" on "appropriate steps to

resolve the adverse effects of the undertaking on historic

Re-opening the Section 106 consultation process.

the letter states, could result "in an outcome that would

sufficiently address all of the historic property concerns

Tribal council members believe "the unnecessary

destruction of CA-MEN-3571 serves as a powerful

illustration of what non-compliance with Section 106 of the

National Historic Preservation Act can reap." the statement

"SVR can only hope that this stark realization will now

compel Caltrans to heed the tribe's long-voiced call for the

agency to re-open consultation under Section 106, review

their previous identification efforts, revise their Finding of

Effect, and create a Memorandum of Agreement for this

project that would, from this point forward, ensure that

injuries like that experienced by CA-MEN-3571 are not

repeated," the statement continues, "and that the history

and the homeland of the descendants of the original

inhabitants of the Little Lake Valley are treated with all due

Note: This story was first posted as breaking news on

Willits Weekly's Facebook page on Saturday, September

properties and to resolve concerns."

with this project to avoid further delays."

by chair Fitzgerral reports.

"That's the \$20 million question," said Rains, who accomplished."

consults on historic preservation law and regulatory The letter from the Advisory Council on Historic compliance. "What actions took place, or didn't take place Preservation also reports three and potentially four "postas far as what Caltrans is calling 'an error,' we don't know," review" discoveries of "NR eligible" historic properties that chairman Fitzgerral said. have occurred during construction of the bypass project.

Willits Weekly called Phil Frisbie, public information "NR eligible" means the sites are eligible for listing on the officer for Caltrans, for comment on the tribe's statement National Register of Historic Places. and the letter from the Advisory Council. In response, Frisbie sent this statement via email on Wednesday morning: "Caltrans appreciates the added expertise the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation brings to the undertaking activities are affecting NR eligible historic table as it works with the Sherwood Valley Rancheria on properties within the APE " the issue of Native American historical sites. We respect the tribe's concerns and will redouble our efforts to monitor and safeguard cultural resources moving forward." open the consultation" and work with the Sherwood tribe,

The tribe hopes to get "a thorough accounting" in a meeting scheduled with Caltrans staff. But, the tribal council has been "frustrated" by previous meetings with Caltrans, Fitzgerall said, "where a lot of words were said," but nothing seemed to change as far as consultation with the tribe or actions on the ground.

The tribe has asked Caltrans repeatedly since May to "plot all known cultural resource locations onto existing project plans so as to avoid damaging the resources" and to ensure "responsible in-field monitoring of these locations."

The tribe has also requested that Caltrans place protective barriers around seven known archeological sites, including CA-MEN-3571. These requests have been "summarily dismissed" by Caltrans, the statement says. Requests for explanation have gone "unanswered."

The Caltrans draft environmental impact report for the Willits bypass project reads (page 3 of chapter 5 of the DEIR): "ARCH-1: Once a preferred alternative is selected, and if that alternative is one of the 'build' alternatives, Caltrans will conduct a detailed examination of archaeological properties. The Final EIR/EIS will report the findings of this examination and determine the level of impact and if further mitigation is required."

But in the final environmental impact statement (page 3 of Appendix A of the EIS), that paragraph is struck out, with this sentence added under it: "Mitigation Measure ARCH-1 is no longer required. This has already been 21.

respect and protection."

Last week, committee members, city officials and some committee member Tom Woodhouse said.

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It's more important than food truck policy: "It has got to be done right; we cannot rush this thing," Councilman Ron Orenstein said.

Willits' Revitalization and Economic Development Committee began talks about boosting business - post-Willits bypass - two meetings ago.

"If we chose to, this could be a forum for writing it all down," Mayor Holly Madrigal said.

The plan assesses streets, creeks, buildings and establishments of cultural or civic importance, like parks and the Willits Center for the Arts.

Among its recommendations: the development of a business recruitment plan and the addition of a budget item for streetscape maintenance and parks upkeep.

The committee also needs to work with employers and potential new employers to coordinate with Mendocino College to provide required training, the report stated.

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nmunity members shared their thoug take the town forward and what is holding growth at bay. Health care and assisted-living businesses are trying to live in the community, Willits Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman said. "These are businesses that require

full-time certified employees providing 24-hour care," he said Getting started on a money-making plan for the

community could be the hardest part.

"We do need to find some sort of a selling point. I think this is going to grow and go whatever direction it flows in," said Peter Koch. "We can get bogged down in conversation forever."

A good quality of life, local businesses and healthy and happy people could attract people to town. "Allow that to flourish and create conditions to let it go," City Planner Alan Falleri advised.

The "main attraction we have is being kind to each other,"

City Manager Adrienne Moore noted work on planning needs to be done daily. "If this bypass is three years out we have to be ready for that," she said.

The committee agreed that planning efforts should extend to the entire town, not just the half north of the railroad tracks and the Willits Arch.

"There is a renewed desire for action. We have talked about it for a long time - let's do it," Madrigal said.

It is not clear how the town will get a plan in place. Businesswoman Linda Matz said she wanted to know how any of the talk was going to get done.

"We could go into groups and come up with ideas, and I have been on these groups before," Matz said. "We come up with ideas, and then we are told there is no money" to implement them.

Note: If you care to go, Revitalization and Economic Development Committee meetings are open to the public. Revit-Ed next meets at 4:30 pm on October 15 at City Hall.











A harvest tradition...

Farm to Table Dinner at the Little Lake Grange

A sold-out-plus crowd filled the Little Lake Grange hall for the annual Community Harvest Farm to Table Dinner on Saturday night, to chow down on colorful plates of seasonal dishes.

The centerpiece of the regular menu table was organic chicken with rosemary, garlic and lemon. Vegan dishes included stuffed squash, beans and rice, with salad. Plates of thick slices of juicy red, yellow and green heirloom tomatoes starred on both menus, along with salsa fresca and tomatillo sauce. Pasta salads, tabouli salads, purple pesto made with purple basil, stuffed zucchini, garden fresh cucumbers - the choices were many and delicious. Diners were offered a discount to the dinner if they brought a side dish or salad of their own.

The Little Lake Grange has been putting on Harvest Dinners since 1965, said Granger Annie Waters, who was one of 40 volunteers who helped put the dinner together.

A bar served wine and beer, and delicious flavored water - lemon verbena was one unusual choice – was also available to accompany dinner.

Although there were many beautiful pies displayed on the silent auction table, the main dessert was apple crisp that the volunteer cooks in the Grange's certified commercial kitchen had made enough of for 200 dinners (including the volunteers). "I've been cooking for two days," said volunteer Sarah O'Brien. O'Brien wanted to thank all the businesses who donated, or made available at a great discount, food and drink, including Anderson Valley Brewing Company, Shanachie Pub, Frey Winery, Safeway ("they donated the pumpkins," O'Brien said), and Mariposa Market.

Three of the pies were put up to bid by live auctioneer Rachel Britten, whose authentic auction-house patter and gestures delighted and encouraged the crowd: they eventually sold for \$40, \$36 and \$75. Britten also auctioned off a homemade chile relleno dinner for four, cooked by David and Ellen Drell, for \$120.

The after-dinner program included "music, dancing, and inspirational words," with headliners the Dirt Floor Band. Proceeds from the dinner went to benefit Little Lake Grange and Save Our Little Lake Valley.

- Jennifer Poole

At left from top: Marlena River shows off her plate; one of many plates of fresh-picked heirloom tomatoes; Dick and Maggie Graham selling tickets for the bar

At right from top: Bill Bruneau shows off his plate; Alea, left, and Salvio, enjoy extra whipped cream after dinner; a strawberry rhubarb pie up for silent auction

Photos by Jennifer Poole

Orchard gets a work day at **Brookside School Farm**





Autumn is here, and Common Vision has launched its Fall Fruit Tree Tour. Brookside School Farm in Willits was on the tour schedule this past Sunday for a "Fruit Tree Blitz."

About 20 volunteers joined the "Blitz" on the Brookside Farm orchard, performing a variety of seasonal tasks in preparation for the new (soon to be announced) farmer who'll be working at the Brookside School Farm.

The entire orchard drip system was replaced, and the old system was scavenged for usable parts. Downed fruit - apples, pears and peaches - were gathered, as were any fruits still hanging in the trees.

The tree trunks were painted with a watered-down latex paint for sun and bug protection. For weed abatement and to keep "suckers" down, the bases of the trees were surrounded by a guard (recycled pot); given a surrounding layer of landscaping fabric (donated by Sparetime Supply); then topped with a fat layer of redwood mulch.

The mulch came from on-site, Wendy Copperfield said, "where the preschool is. Copperfield wears many hats in the school system, as well as at Brookside Farm. She currently serves as "Garden To Table Coordinator" through Willits Charter School and as Brookside School Farm caretaker.







"One of the issues was accessibility," Copperfield said. The area where the farm is located is in a back portion of the school

farm "grows."

property with little demarcation for how to access it or where to park.

NCO donated the materials for a fence to be laid which now lines the farm's driveway and parking area. A bonus, Copperfield said, is that NCO contracted with a vineyard management company for the fence installation, and the company donated their labor.

No worries if you missed out on the work party this time. There's always another chance.

"We're focusing on the trees today; gonna leave the grapes alone for now," Copperfield said. "We'll replace the drip on the grapes eventually."

Also on Sunday, PG&E representative Erin Creekmur awarded a plaque to Brookside School Principal Olga O'Neill for the school's participation in its Arbor Day Celebrations.

"Since 2011, PG&E has donated 56

Top: Brookside School Principal Olga O'Neill accepted a plaque from PG&E representative Erin Creekmur, surrounded by the remains of the work party at Brookside Farm.

Above left: Though the vineyard was not the focus of the "Tree Blitz," the grapes made a delicious snack as the day heated up. Right: Wendy Copperfield shows her son, Spencer, who earned school community service hours for his farm work, how to scavenge useful parts and hardware from the old drip irrigation system that was replaced in the farm's orchard Sunday.

Photos by Cat Lee

She credits Susan Lightfoot of North Coast Opportunities Gardener's Project with helping her to make fruitful connections to benefit the farm.

"I'm telling you," Copperfield said, "without them, none of us would be here."

Regarding NCO, she added that in getting ready for the new farmer, they helped identify issues to focus on as the

fruit trees for Arbor Day (to WUSD), six of which have gone to the Brookside Farm," Creekmur said.

"The remaining trees have been planted at Blosser Lane, Willits High, and Sanhedrin. PG&E has also held Arbor Day education events in the classroom in both Brookside and Blosser Lane since 2009."

PG&E has distributed hundreds of powerline friendly trees, shrubs and educational literature at Arbor Day celebrations across California via its Vegetation Management Department.

– Cat Lee





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