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### Teenage Willits hunter found safe

Zack Cinek Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com

A 16-year-old Willits boy is safe after being found in the Mendocino National Forest Monday, some 15 miles from where he was hunting two days before.

Kristopher Novo was hunting with family in the area of McCoy Ridge Road when he went missing, according to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Novo was known to be in good physical health and dressed for cold weather. He had a rifle and a small amount of food and drink, according to the Sheriff's Office.

At about 12:45 pm Monday, searchers found Novo in good spirits and The teenager, health.

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### **Eyster slams** Losak, supes

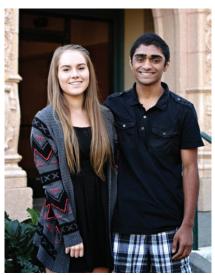
Mike A'Dair mike@willitsweekly.com

County Mendocino David District Attorney Eyster excoriated the board of supervisors Tuesday for its conduct during the process of promoting acting County Counsel Doug Losak to the position of interim county counsel.

Supervisors promoted Losak during a September 22 meeting, but scheduled a time to reconsider the matter during a Tuesday, October 7 closed session.

Although board Chairman John Pinches declined to comment on what went on in that closed session, he

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This week at WHS:

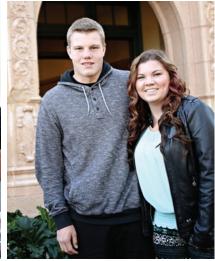
This week has been full of spirit and fun as the students and staff of Willits High School gear up for Friday's big Homecoming game and Saturday's dance. The superhero theme is running strong, as students participated in Superman Day on Monday, Batman Day on Tuesday (shown here), Captain America Day on Wednesday, Spiderman Day on Thursday, and the traditional Green and Gold Day on Friday. The football game starts at 5:30 pm for JV at Maize Field. Alumni are encouraged to come cheer on the 2014 teams.



Top: Senior Homecoming court nominees for King and Queen, from left: Amanda Mason and Ankit Patel, Brandon Slater and Kaylee Seaton, and Izzy Hageman and Antonio Amador. Above: Batman Day participants Chanel Alexander, Nicole Karkar, Vanessa Camp and Sierra Hayes pose in the hallway Tuesday morning. Below: Homecoming Court Princes and Princesses, from left: freshmen Nicole Karkar and Austin Wilcutt (also dressed for the theme day), sophomores Maria Sanchez and Alexis Martinez, and juniors Mitchell McKinley and Gabby Agenbroad.







New building for district office?

### Don't count on it

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

The Willits Unified School District board voted unanimously to defer consideration of a proposal by Superintendent Patricia Johnson to hire local engineering firm SHN to assess district property near the intersection of Locust and Walnut streets as a new, permanent office site for the district's administration.

Johnson told trustees the current situation, cramming district administrators into two classrooms at Blosser Lane Elementary School, is not working well for either the district or the school.

"It's been a strain at the school site, having the

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### City, county candidates challenged

on environmental issues

Kate Maxwell

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Candidates for Willits City Council and Third District answered supervisor questions on environmental issues in front of a full house at a Thursday forum sponsored by the Willits Environmental Center and the Little Lake Grange.

City council candidates Larry Stranske, Ron Orenstein and Robin

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### Stranske, Leler and uestions for the Candidates Orenstein on Willits issues

Here are questions from Willits Weekly's city reporter, Zack Cinek, for the three candidates for Willits City Council: incumbents Larry Stranske and Ron Orenstein, and challenger Robin Leler.

### Summarize your background and tell Willits voters about yourself.

Robin Leler: I've always been independent and resourceful. When I was in high school, my family moved to Ohio. I stayed and worked my way through senior year on my own. In the '70s I volunteered with Common Ground and spent 20 years teaching sustainable mini-farming, moving to Willits in 1982 to help John Jeavons set up his research farm. In the '90s I moved into town, with two daughters, and began a 22-year career teaching public high school (algebra, English and Spanish). I accumulated sufficient business experience over time to understand how deeply economics and ecology are intertwined.

Ron Orenstein: Born and raised in Pennsylvania, graduated from college with a business administration degree, followed by a successful career in industrial management. I bring many years of experience in the private and public sectors. solving problems, getting things done. Before my first campaign, I attended every Willits City Council meeting for four years to learn all I could about the issues and how

the city worked. In 2002, I was elected to my first term on the city council, and I'm currently finishing my second term. I serve on the County Civil Service Commission, Community Care Board, and the Community Foundation.

Larry Stranske: I moved to Willits in 1964, to teach high school woodshop, which I did for 35 years, also working at a sawmill on weekends and in the summer. My wife, Virginia, and I purchased what was to become Kimberly's Jewelry in 1979, and I became a jeweler and jewelry teacher along with the woodshop classes. We have two children and four grandchildren. Experience: teacher, school board member, adviser for vocational education, retailer, jeweler, college instructor, business and property owner on Main Street, and two terms on the Willits City Council.

### How can the city better serve the community with the services it provides?

Ron Orenstein: We are in the midst of a reorganization to make the city's operations more efficient and cost effective. A combination of cost-cutting measures, upgraded facilities and equipment, employee training, and attention to customer (citizen) needs and satisfaction will all work toward delivering more high-quality services to the public. It all comes down to providing the most and the best services at the lowest possible cost to the public. With finite sources of revenue, delivering the services that the public needs and wants is dependent upon making the dollars stretch.

Larry Stranske: We are working on the infrastructure, making repairs before we become responsible for Main Street at the time we assume full responsibility after completion of the by-pass.

Robin Leler: The City of Willits can take steps to ensure safe, clean drinking water.

### What do you think about the future of the Willits Municipal Airport?

Larry Stranske: I think the airport is important, but must pay its own way, not relying on the city to carry it financially.

Robin Leler: It's up in the air (so to speak), but from what I hear at city council meetings, our airport has a good future and new potential.

Ron Orenstein: Several years ago, I realized that the airport was underutilized, and I got involved with all aspects of the facility. Along with several city staff members, we lobbied REACH to bring their operation to Willits, and we are seeing the result of that effort. With REACH as a new tenant, we expect other airport-related businesses to follow suit. I have advocated for

a closer connection between the Read the rest of airport and downtown, with shuttle

service and package deals offered by local businesses to fly-in customers. I want to make the airport an integral part of the Willits economy.

### What are the top three challenges facing the City of Willits today?

Robin Leler: Economic development: I would like to see us develop sustainable jobs using all our resources wisely. Water: continuing our excellent conservation efforts and improving the quality of our drinking water. Transportation: upgrading streets and sidewalks, creating bicycle lanes and developing alternate routes through town.

Ron Orenstein: Water, jobs, and economic development! Without a sustainable water supply, the city could fail. Without good-paying jobs, we would continue to lose our young people, literally the future of Willits, with the result that Willits could become stagnant. Economic development covers a broad range of activities that include job creation and quality of life.

Larry Stranske: The four challenges are water, sewer, roads and the aging infrastructure. All are equally important and work together.

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To the Editor:

# What do YOU think?

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County (HSIMC) in Redwood Valley would like to thank the owners and staff of Coast Hardware in Willits for their many years

of showcasing our cats and kittens in their store.

More than 10 years ago Don and Teri Buchanan, who at the time owned the store, approached HSIMC, suggesting the program. We jumped at the chance and have been adopting out a steady stream of felines from the store ever since. We have not really kept an adoption total, but know it is in the hundreds.

The program has been beneficial to all parties: more cats and kittens find homes and an amazing number of people are drawn into the store to see and frequently adopt the cat or kittens on display. While they are there, they shop.

We were concerned when told that Don and Teri were planning to sell their business. Fortunately the new owners Sean and Wendy Morgan are totally on board and recognize the benefits of the program not only to the cats but to their business.

We expect Humane Society cats and kittens will continue to be available at Coast Hardware for many more years to come. Cats and kittens and dogs and puppies will continue to be available for adoption at our shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, a short drive from Willits. Call 485-0123 for information.

Taffy Montgomery, volunteer cat adoption tasty food. coordinator, HSIMC

### Meal time, game time!

To the Editor:

Building team camaraderie, ensuring a tasty, filling meal and spending time together are all great outcomes from the team dinners we hold before every Willits high School home-field football game.

On the Thursday night before the game, all members of the junior varsity and varsity teams and their coaches gather at the Willits High School cafeteria and enjoy a meal provided, and sometimes even cooked completely, by the team moms. But making a meal for 50-plus people can be a daunting task, so sometimes, we purchase meals from a local restaurant and the kids love it. However, this can

When it was my turn this last week, I decided to purchase the meals from Taco Bravo (which the kids always enjoy!) and hang up my store's banner - Monkeywrench Mens and Womens Wear – on the serving table. I used the cost

of the meal as an advertising cost to my businesses. The idea went over very well, and the moms thought that perhaps businesses would like the same opportunity to feed the kids and use it as a business advertising expense company.

We would also like to extend the invite to the restaurants to maybe offer us Some of the Willits High School football team members enjoying last week's bulk-purchase

price, helping lower the around \$300 cost. Even if a few businesses wanted to go in together and sponsor a dinner, or even if we could get some of the meals sponsored each time, then we could cover the rest. There are only about four or five dinners left in this season, but we are hoping to gather interest for next year and next season.

now, since Marsha Sanderson started cooking for her son

### The Rules: LETTERS

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Wyatt's class four or five years ago. We hope to keep it going for years to come, and also to find a way to help support it through the community. If anyone is interested in donating, please contact me at Monkeywrench Mens and Womens Wear at 456-9647.

Shannon Germann, Willits

### ROOTS: new hospital restaurant

Something that Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital (HMH) excels at - in addition to quality, patient-centered care - is food. Known as the father of modern medicine. Hippocrates is quoted as saying, "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food," which is a philosophy that HMH Chef Kyle Evans wholeheartedly believes in.

According to Chef Kyle, the new restaurant will bring so much to the community, in addition to the patients that will be served on a daily basis. "The new restaurant will be a lot of fun," said Chef Kyle. "It will have an open kitchen which will create a great experience for both our patrons and our cooks to share in the creation of their food. I have always enjoyed cooking and creating culinary offerings in an open kitchen. There is an energy that happens and is shared when patrons are able to see us in action cooking

"This will be a great space for our community to gather and eat healthy and tasteful cuisine with produce that is sourced from the Frank R. Howard Foundation Commonwealth Garden," Kyle continued. "The large dining area will stretch from our open kitchen towards an expansive window that will allow natural light and views of the outside in. We will also have a large communal table inside, for our community to share conversation and dine together. Guests can also delight in an outside patio seating area.

So what will this new space be called? Earlier this year HMH launched an employee-wide campaign to name the new hospital restaurant that will be part of the new facility when it opens in 2015. "We had over 100 potential names submitted by our employees," said Chef Kyle, "There were lots of very creative names. So, it was a really tough decision. The most fitting name of them all was ROOTS."

ROOTS was a name submitted by Human Resources Specialist Leslie Smith. When asked what inspired her to submit that name Smith said: "I happened to be driving with my mom in Vallejo in traffic and we were both just brainstorming names. Most of the names I thought of were based around earth and nature. ROOTS, just really

> seemed to fit with HMH in so many different ways. For instance, roots signify how our that we serve in the cafeteria is grown - fresh and out of the garden. It also symbolizes our deep roots in the community, like the strength of redwood tree's roots in the ground, and storied ties with harles Howard and Seabiscuit. We are rooted" this community and plan to be here for

Taco Bravo meal, by the Monkeywrench sign.

In closing, Chef Kyle shared: "The HMH culinary team is really looking forward to cooking up sustainable highquality healthy food for everyone that comes through their doors. My hope is to have a restaurant for our community that is comfortable and inviting so everyone can enjoy This has been going on as a tradition for some years incredible cuisine prepared by our passionate culinary

So ROOTS it is!

Nick Bejarano, regional communications manager, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital

### Bashing protesters

To the Editor:

I'm glad Randi Covin and Jeanne King and "two or three others" are enjoying their roles as bypass boosters, but if they're trying to "keep it positive," why do they keep on bashing "the protesters" instead of engaging on the issues?

The bypass protests aren't intended to torment Covin or her friends; protesters aren't bragging about "delaying"

followed the laws and the agencies enforced them, the courts upheld them, and our political representatives stood up for them, citizens wouldn't need to stand in front of heavy equipment to

the bypass; if Caltrans

protect un-surveyed bird habitat and fragile stream banks or block dump trucks to prevent the destruction of wetlands and desecration of Native American cultural sites

When all else fails, nonviolent direct action can still focus the spotlight of scrutiny on the bypass' many unresolved problems, bringing awareness to the wider taxpaying public's attention, and proposing solutions, such as redesigning the northern interchange to significantly reduce impacts to wetlands; protecting, reclaiming and restoring Pomo heritage sites in Little Lake Valley; and reducing carbon emissions to combat global climate change.

The emissions from bypass construction are estimated to create about 90 times the amount of carbon saved over time from any potential traffic reduction through town. That reduction is also iffy, as it remains to be seen how many locals will actually drive on the exit-less bypass. I expect Covin and King to lead the pack.

Protesters aren't trying to hurt workers, whose unions should take care of them and who could still be employed on a downsized interchange. The workers we've met say they aren't happy about having to take a bypass job but need the work due to economic pressures.

Bypass protesters aren't Randi Covin's annoying personal pets to be shooed "away" to Richardson Grove. We live here, remember? After all, this is America, where we have the right, even the duty at times, to protest. Unfortunately, there's never a shortage of environmental and cultural degradation to ameliorate. But as far as I know, there's still no such thing as a free lunch.

Instead of braying about delayed construction, bypass supporters might want to take a closer look at the proposal for a smaller northern interchange that actually would save significant time and money as well as wetlands and cultural

Your pesky protester,

Naomi Wagner, Willits

### Holly Madrigal for supervisor

Holly Madrigal and Tom Woodhouse have taken very different paths to their candidacies for 3rd District supervisor. Madrigal studied economics at UC Santa Cruz before returning to Willits to work at Sparetime Supply and, at age 26, won election to the Willits City Council, where she has served for 10 years, six of those years as mayor. Woodhouse has had a long career as a realtor in the Willits area and has worked behind the scenes with various civic organizations. Both candidates have contributed admirably to their community, but which of these candidate's life experience has better prepared them to be our county

Woodhouse likes to point out that though he is not a "career politician," his business and personal experiences have prepared him well for the rigors of public office. But during the course of his campaign he has given virtually no indication of how he would handle Mendocino County's many pressing issues. Other than his stated intention "to use my knowledge and experience to advocate for the needs of the entire district." the closest Woodhouse ever gets to making an actual policy statement is: "I have never pretended to have all the answers and I refuse to make promises that are impossible to keep." (quotes from the 9/11/2014 Mendocino County Observer.) Woodhouse is all sizzle and no steak.

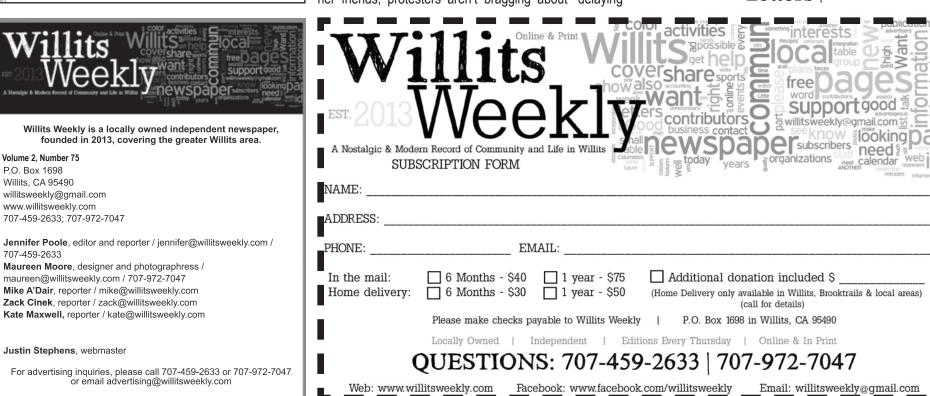
Meanwhile, Madrigal, who gets paid a pittance for serving on the Willits City Council, has worked with four other council members to manage a multimillion-dollar city budget while maintaining the city's public services. As a city councilwoman, Madrigal has also worked with many other groups to successfully bring civic improvement projects to Willits, including installation of solar panels at the water plant and construction of the city skate and dog parks.

The personal connections Madrigal has made working on these and many other projects will hold her in good stead as she works with other supervisors to create a county water budget, promote local agriculture, prepare for the legalization of marijuana, maintain and improve county public services, deal with the economic dislocation caused by the Willits bypass, and protect our precious natural

Besides being the better-prepared candidate based on experience, Madrigal also brings the intangibles of youthful

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Newbie **Private Gabriel** Micah

Congratulations Column

Carl and Neka Huffman welcome their second greatgrandson, Private Gabriel Micah, born September 2, 2014, at 8:59 pm, to Mrs. Tech

Sgt. Chyann Nicole and Mr. Master Sgt. Jeremy Dale Henderson. Gabriel is also welcomed by his big brother Caileb J., age 14. Mom and dad have been in the Air Force for 16 years. Congratulations to all, and a prayer goes out to all our service personnel and their families.



## Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to **Gary and Diane Ford**

Gary and Diane Ford have been sweethearts since their days at Willits High School, and on October 3, 2014, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party of family and friends at the Willits KOA. Cake, barbeque, drinks and a "trip down memory lane" presentation were all enjoyed by the group of attendees. The Fords were married at a church in Reno and are the proud parents of three girls: Deena, Tracey and Tia, all pictured above.

Happy Birthday to Trent

Happy #13 birthday to Trenton. We are so proud of you and are so happy to see you growing in to a great young man. We love you! Love mom, Fankie and little sis Mariah.

Send us your Congrats entries! They're free and fun to read! Email a photo and paragraph to willitsweekly@ gmail.com





Sunday Sale raises \$258 for

"The bake sale was great!" said Willits High School FFA advisor, Kelley Case. The sale was held on Sunday, October 5, in front of ER Energy Kitchen & Hearth at the Safeway plaza, and many students prepared homemade goodies for the event.

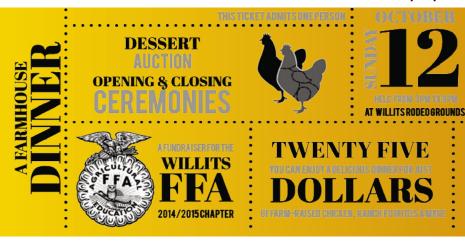
"We had lemon bars, cupcakes, coffee cake, Key lime pie, chocolate chip cookies, sugar cookies, pumpkin bread, banana bread and other yummy goodness," Case

The sale raised \$258.75 for the chapter, which will go toward much-needed supplies, travel expenses and other agriculture needs.

If you would like to contribute to the ag department at Willits High School or get involved with the budding Willits FFA Alumni Group, contact Case at 459-7700.

Tickets are also still available for the Farmhouse Dinner that will be held Sunday, October 12 at the Willits Frontier Days Grounds. The dinner will be from 3 to 6 pm and will feature chicken, tri-tip, salads, bread from Emandal and ranch potatoes. Beer and wine will be available, and the famous dessert auction will follow the meal. The current FFA officers will perform the opening and closing ceremonies, and information will be available about the FFA Alumni Group. Tickets are \$25 each and are available by calling 459-6588.

Above: Willits FFA's Jessie Turner, Sierra Skinner, Kylie Reed, Morgan Riley, Hailey Riley and Colton Pinson pose at the bake sale table. Not pictured: Ben Branscomb, Bailey Ferguson and Marina Beckwith. Below: FFA Farmhouse tickets are still available!





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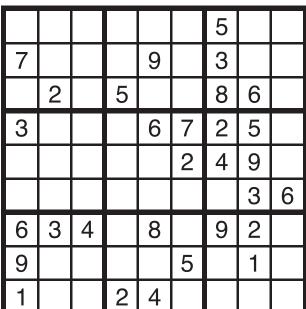


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**SAGITTARIUS** 

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you know that

complaining about a situation

is not likely to make it change

anytime soon. Instead, put your

words into action and attempt to

CAPRICORN

**AQUARIUS** 

cannot come to a resolution on

your own, ask a friend to share

**PISCES** 

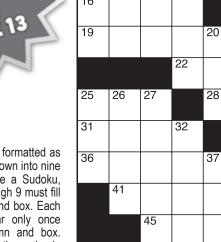
Simplify your life any way you can

this week, Pisces. You will benefit

from few responsibilities and no

his or her perspective.

change things for the better.



### Mar 21/Apr 20

In The Stars

Aries, you have a natural sense There's more to you than meets of what people want. You may find yourself playing the role of peacemaker this week, and it's a gleam from the surface. This role you will excel in.

### **TAURUS** Apr 21/May 21

Your goals are commendable, Taurus. By Friday you may find there are some things you need to take charge of. Don't worry when things get hectic, as you will get the job done

### **GEMINI** May 22/Jun 21

This is a good week to reshape and renew a personal philosophy on spirituality, Gemini. You'll experience breakthroughs in compassion and communication.

### **CANCER** Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you are pondering a trip out of town. A secluded cabin or campsite may be the way to go. You will find plenty of great options if you ask around for

## **Famous Birthdays**

the eye, Leo. But people often seem content with what they week you will show them a

**VIRGO** Aug 24/Sept 22

Dec 22/Jan 20 You're not content to be just part Restlessness has you looking for of the party this week, Virgo. You a brief vacation to somewhere want to be the center of attention. within driving distance, Capricorn. You just may get your chance It is a great time of year for a road later in the week when a social trip to take in the foliage. occasion pops up.

### LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, don't grow discouraged when your first try at something doesn't work out as you had expected. You will have plenty of opportunities to try again.

### **SCORPIO** Oct 24/Nov 22

Patience has not always been your strong suit, Scorpio. When you set your eyes on a prize this week, you will do anything within your power to get it.

Harrah

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Letters

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voice: two qualities our board of supervisors sorely needs right now as we head into the complex challenges of the future. Holly Madrigal has my vote for 3rd District supervisor.

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

### WELL's 10th anniversary

### To the Editor:

As noted in last week's article celebrating WELL's 10th anniversary, it all got rolling in 2004 when Jason Bradford and his family chose Willits as their new home, in part because of its location and natural resources, and in part because it was already a spawning ground for innovative thinkers and doers (not just salmon)

He started with showings of the film "End of Suburbia" – an eye-opener that predicted we would need major changes in light of peak oil and other global challenges. Each month more people showed up. Those who had already seen the film began organizing working groups: food, energy, water, housing, transportation, and social structures.

Bradford's ideas met with fertile soil: people in the Willits area were eager to work on the solutions to global issues by acting locally. Indeed many had already been doing so for years, but now they were coming together with group

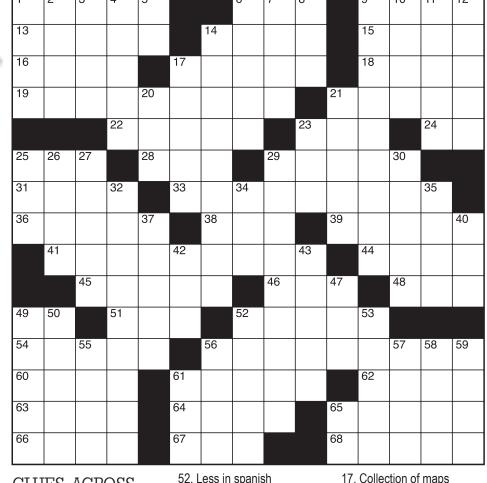
Eventually (not without some growing pains), the group called itself Willits Economic Localization (WELL) and became a membership-based non-profit organization with an elected board to oversee the various activities. For several years, with grant funding, WELL had a staff and office. It has been almost entirely volunteer-run and locally

funded for the past five years. Many guest speakers came to Willits from near and far. Two regional conferences were held to stimulate localization efforts in other communities. WELL became, in part, the model for the Transition Town movement that now has spread across the world. The idea is that localization - more self-sufficient communities - is the solution to the

unsustainable globalized economy.

In addition to its own projects and events, WELL has helped spawn many spin-off groups and continues to play an important role in networking, publicizing, as a fiscal sponsor, or providing seed grants. To name just a few: Grateful Gleaners, Now & Then Films, local community gardens, Local First, Grange Grains & kitchen, Willits Community Alliance, Willits Town Halls, Willits Healthy Action Walks, Wowser, solarization projects, Community Rights Network, and many more.

## **Crossword Puzzle**



### **CLUES ACROSS**

1. Pottery brand 6. Contemporary hit radio 9. Tatouhou

### 14. Whale ship captain 15. On \_ \_ with

13. Modeled

16. Dirty fossil fuel 17. The same 18. Wealthy 19. Actress Baranski

### 21. Bangladesh's capital, old 22. Gross receipts 23. Runs PCs

24. Yukon Territory Aquarius, it may take a while 28. Have the ability to to wrap your head around a particularly trying problem. If you 29. City of light

### 31. Person from U.K. (abbr.) 33. Helper 36. Walking steps

38. Cablegram (abbr.) 39. Slang for famous person

### 41. Skin cancers 44. Body fluids

- 45. More dry 46. Roman seven
- 48. Actress Farrow 49. 1st Lady of Song's initials 51. Disorderly crowd

### 1. Prevents harm to young 2. Children's tale bear 3. Eskers

CLUES DOWN

4. Small food stores 5. - , denotes past 6 .Mentums 7. Gadoid fish

68. Ruhr River city

- 8. Rainbow effect
- 11. Informal term for
- 12. One who has attained nirvana

# 9. Live in or on hosts 10. Long narrative poem tobacco (Br.)

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  - 40. Bleat 42. A bird's beak
  - 43. Performs a song 47. Note of hand 49. Icelandic poems
  - 50. Ludicrous, empty show 52. Peter Pan illustrator
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  - 55. Tibetan Buddhist teacher 56. Mire and mud 57. Frozen drinks
  - 58. Irish Gaelic 59. Viewed with the eyes
- 61. Blackguard 65. Olde English 14. One who estranges

vigor and We're commemorating WELL's 10th Anniversary on Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 pm at Little Lake Grange The event will include excerpts of "End of Suburbia" and "Escape from Suburbia" (featuring Willits), a brief WELL Power Point, special guests, and displays of archival articles and photos.

> We will celebrate some of the amazing success stories of the past 10 years and gather renewed energy and ideas for what still needs to be done to make our community more resilient and self-reliant. We will also have delicious locally baked cake. We invite the community to come and enjoy this momentous anniversary: look at where we've been and where we're headed!

> > Madge Strong, Willits

### CAL FIRE grants

CAL FIRE is announcing the release of new Cap and Trade

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and one-time droughtrelated fire prevention grants. These grants are aimed at reducing the threat of large wildfires and meeting Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s goal of transitioning California to a sustainable, low-carbon emission future.

"We are excited about this opportunity to expand these programs and bolster the momentum of the work on the ground being done thorough public private partnerships," said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director and state forester. "We will be hosting grant workshops throughout the state to help facilitate the grant application process for individuals and groups interested in applying for these

The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grants will target improved carbon sequestration through CAL FIRE's existing resource management programs focusing on the following areas: Urban and Community Forestry, Fuels Reduction, Reforestation, Forest Pest Control, Forest Practice and Demonstration State Forests Research.

The State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund grants are one-time funding intended to address the risk and potential impact of wildfire on habitable structures in the State Responsibility Area due to the severe impacts of the extreme drought California is experiencing.

CAL FIRE would like to encourage a wide range of applicants throughout the state to apply for this funding. Interested parties can visit CAL FIRE's grants webpage at: www.fire.ca.gov/grants/grants.php for more information, program contacts, and a list of statewide grant application

> Daniel Berlant, public information officer, CAL FIRE



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.









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beautiful truly arves Harvest Moon in the sky this week signals that it's time for the annual Harvest Moon Hometown Moon Celebration in downtown Willits, on Saturday, October 11, from noon to Hometown Celebration

For the eighth year,

the Willits Chamber of

Commerce's Local First

Committee is celebrating

local businesses and the

benefits of shopping locally

instead of a Thursday evening.

"Everybody seems to be looking forward to it," said Lynn

had a lot of positive comments about it being on a Saturday

By Jennifer Poole

this Saturday

"The stores are open

on Saturday afternoons," she said. And given how early it gets dark this time of year, "the luxury of having it be light" for the whole celebration was appealing,

The Hometown celebrations are always family-friendly: this Saturday's activities for kids include the Boy Scouts' Monkey Bridge, the jump house donated by Yokum's Body Shop, lots of face painting (by Kennelly, executive director of the Willits chamber. "We've the PTOs of Brookside and Blosser Lane schools), henna Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli.



Double Rainbow pumpkin ice cream. The Hometown Celebrations are a great opportunity to bring your family, tour downtown, and check out the local businesses, Davis said. "I think of the Harvest Moon Celebration as a kick off to the holiday season.

Live music on Saturday includes harmonies by the New Blu Trio, funky dancing music by Funkacillin, jazz by the Dorian May Jazz Trio, acoustic swing by High Five, and

The Little Lake Fire Department will be offering rides on a fire engine making a loop up and down Main Street "Sometimes it's like a little taxi service," said Fire Chief painting, and a kids pumpkin carving contest sponsored by Carl Magann. "We'll have the fire station open for Open House, too. It's nice to meet people other than in their









Rascal's Rescue Mission Statement:

Rascal's Rescue is dedicated to raising money to help pets in need whose families cannot afford emergency care. To bring awareness of taking general care of your pets, understanding how important it is to spay and neuter, and to learn about adopting versus breeding. We strive to help our local community and give their pets a second chance.

Come see us at the Hometown Celebration October 11 from 12 to 6 pm Awareness for general care

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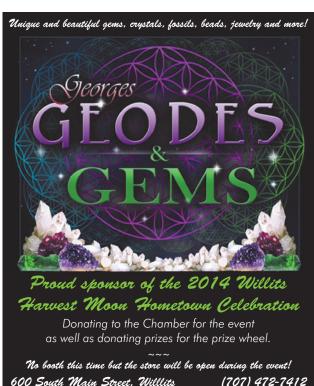
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month subscription, to buy a T-shirt, or pick up recent

back issues. In addition to hosting the fabulous Chamber

of Commerce Prize Wheel, Harvest Moon sponsor J.D.

Redhouse is also hosting a festive fall photo booth, as a

fundraiser for the Willits Charter School. From 1 to 3 pm,

"Photographress" Maureen Moore will take fall photos of

you, your pet, friends and family for \$5 a photo. Photos will

be posted online at http://

photographress.zenfolio.

com/harvestmoonphotos

where they will be free

to download. Check the

October 11 Calendar listing

at the chamber website,

www.willits.org, for more

details and a full list of



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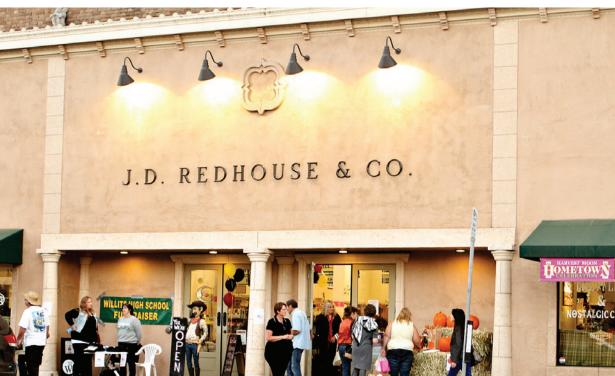
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emergencies." Colorful T-shirts designed by firefighter Eric of J.D. Redhouse to enter a drawing to win a free six-Alvarez will be on sale, too

Other highlights: the REACH Air Ambulance Service will have a booth for the first time; the Willits Center for the Arts will be open with their October show, "Songs in the Key of Life"; and new sponsor Peter Mann of TnT Market will be offering Indian food at 15 percent off at his West Commercial Street market a couple blocks west of the highway.

A few blocks east on Commercial Street, the Wowser industrial arts facility will be open for tours on Saturday afternoon. Wowser will have a booth downtown, too, said Wowser's Roger Wilson, and those interested in what they learn at the booth can visit the facility that afternoon to take

Don't forget to stop by Willits Weekly's booth in front festival sponsors.

Opposite page: top left: booths and passers-by about their services and products. Top right: David and Geri Hulse-Stephens stopped for a quick photo op during the 2013 celebration. Below left: American Legion Post #174 members pose at their booth. Lisa and Kylie Reed show off their festive scarves in Wolverine Green and Gold.

This page: Above: J.D. Redhouse is always a popular stop at the Hometown Celebration events. Right: Willits Fan Page's Eldon Miler and his wife, Kristen, pose by the prize wheel at the 2013 event.





Fax: 707 459-6369 **NEW BASE...** 



### **Willits Base Opening** in November 2014

For \$65 a year, your out-of-pocket costs for an emergency air medical flight is covered if we transport you or anyone in your household. For more information, call Nicole Vice, Membership Manager

707-239-2505 Nicole.Vice@amgh.us www.REACHair.com/membership

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# **Photography Basics** and Beyond

**Small Group Tour on the Carnival Inspiration** 



## Improve your Photography Skills with **Professional Photographer Chris Hansen**

This tour is for those who really want to take their photography skills up a

notch. But mostly, we want to have FUN! No pressure or competition!

In addition to three classroom sessions on board the Inspiration, our group will go together on excursions to Catalina Island and Ensenada. These "field trips" will offer you the opportunity to put the skills you have learned to practice under the helpful eye of an expert.



**Stop by my Hometown Celebration booth,** next to Buster's, to learn more about the **Photography Basics and Beyond Cruise** 

FESTIVAL SPECIAL: We can take sign-ups at our booth from those who are interested and then give a \$25.00 discount, per photographer, when the cruise is actually booked. Hurry, space is limited.

We also have a small group sailing down the Rhone from Lyon to Arles on a wine-themed river cruise over Thanksgiving 2015. Optional additional days in Paris and Barcelona available. We will have information on why this is a great travel option.

Other travel plans?

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### Thursday, October 9

Alateen Support Group: for teens ages 12-17 that are friends and family members of problem drinkers October 5. Info: Healthy Start and/or addicts. For teens only. Every Thursday, starting October 9. 6 to 7 pm, Room 44 at Willits High School, north of gym near pool. Contact: Aurelie at 707-489-1258 or Cindy at 707-972-4748 or cynlamon@gmail.com.

### Friday, October 10

WHS Homecoming Football Games: All alumni welcomed back to Willits High School for tonight's events: Junior Varsity game starts at 5:30 pm; Varsity at 7 pm. WHS leadership class has a cake for the alumni when they enter the gate. At halftime of the varsity game, check out the Parade of Floats and the Homecoming King and Queen are announced.

Shanachie Pub: The Crux. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Pub info: 459-9194.

Diggers Dancehall Fridays: Joey presents: Dancehall, Dubstep, Hip Hop, Reggae, Trance, Latin: Positive Music Positive Vibes at Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street. 21+. 10 pm to close. No cover. Tonight: DJ Chris Tafari of Mountain Lion Hi-Fi Birthday Kickoff Bash along with DJ Rhett of Blazing Fire Sound.



### Saturday, October 11

Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration: from noon to 6 pm in downtown Willits. Local businesses and downtown restaurants will offer deals, samples, goodies, special deals and activities. Live music by New Blu Trio, Funkacillin, Dorian May Jazz Trio, High Five, and more. Plus food vendors, fun activities for kids (including a pumpkin carving contest, a bounce house, and face-painting), the Chamber of Commerce's famous prize wheel, and more. Don't miss Willits Weekly's table and your chance to win a free six-month subscription. See article elsewhere in this week's edition for more

"Autumn Art on the 101": Join local artists, crafters, and food vendors for a community art event centered in downtown Laytonville. A raffle will be held at the end of the day! 10 am to 5 pm. All silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, proceeds will benefit the Laytonville Healthy Start and live music with Steven Bates Angel Fund for the Arts. Registration still open and the Raging Grannies. \$10

for booths: \$25 fee, plus a donation of artist's work for the raffle; registration deadline is at 707-984-8089.

Shanachie Pub: Them Travelin' Birds. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, Pub info: 459-9194.

### Sunday, October 12

Harrah Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am at the center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Pancakes, eggs, and your choice of ham, bacon, or sausage. Adults \$7, Members \$6, and kids \$5. Info: 459-

Willits Junior Horsemen Schooling Horseshow: final event for the season. Starts at 8:30 am at Willits Horsemen's Arena, 901 Hearst-Willits Road. Free

to spectators, and refreshments and lunch available for purchase. Riders will compete in English and Western disciplines and trail and halter classes, as well as a bareback event and horsemanship class which challenge riders a step further. Info: Kathryn at 707-489-6565 or willitsjrhorsemen@

Willits FFA Farmhouse Dinner: A farmhouse dinner featuring farmraised chicken, Emandal bread, tritip, ranch potatoes, salad, lemonade, iced tea. No-host wine and beer. 3 to 6 pm; dinner at 4 pm; dessert auction at 5 pm at the Willits Frontier Days Grounds on East Commercial Street. To raise awareness and community support for the Willits Future Farmers of America and Willits High School

ag department." Funds to go toward a new ag truck, money for conferences, travel expenses, farm improvement and more. Sponsored by Willits Frontier Days. Check event page on Facebook for: "Willits FFA Farmhouse Dinner" Tickets: Annette Pinon / Flowers By Annette / 459-6588 or Maureen Moore / Willits Weekly

**Community Rights Road Show:** presented by The Community Rights Network of Mendocino County at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, to support the passage of Measure S. 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Featuring Jeff Clements, author of "Corporations" The evening will also include a





Enough and David Partch at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. 7 pm. Tickets range from \$5 to \$15. For tickets and information call 459-7054. Just Enough is a Willits-based trio made up of friends Kate Black, Clancy Rash and Helen Falandes. Each has played and sung in a variety of configurations as long as any of them can remember, reaching back to roots in Oklahoma, Washington and Maine. Close harmony vocals, acoustic guitars (and the occasional ukulele) mix up a variety of tunes: some folk, some rock and American roots music. David Partch is a singer-songwriter, poet, philosopher, permaculture designer and a few other things, who's been playing, writing songs and poetry for over 40 years. He recently published a collection

### Monday, October 13

demonstrate a variety of styles.

Willits Garden Club Meeting: This month's Willits Garden Club meeting features author Oliver Kolkmann, who will discuss his book titled "Birds of Mendocino County," starting at 1 pm. Monday, October 13. Meeting starts with social time at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshments, and continues to 2:30 pm. Guests are welcome and there is no

of his poems titled "The Hard and the Soft of It."

His songs are rooted in the folk-rock tradition and

charge. Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, six miles south of Willits. Info: contact: Lucille Garcia, 459-9995 or Gary Bodensteiner, 459-

## Tuesday, October 14

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all

ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Annabelle" and "The Boxtrolls." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.



707-937-3116.

Tom Woodhouse and

Holly Madrigal and

candidate for county

schools Warren Galletti

is set for Wednesday,

October 15 at 6:30 pm

at City Hall, 111 East

Commercial Street.

Moderated by Joe

Oslund. Candidates

will speak for three

minutes each and

questions and written

questions from the

audience. "Come meet

the people who may be

prepared

making decisions for your future!" Also, Mendocino

Women's Political Coalition will host a discussion

on the State Ballot Propositions and Measure

S, the local anti-fracking measure. Cablecast

live on Comcast Channel 3 by Willits Community

Television. Sound by Modern Music Sound Service.

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Bird Photography' Local photographer Chris Hansen 'Coffee with your will speak about his new book "Secrets Backyard Bird Photography" at the Willits Library, 390 Commercial Huffman." A new date from 6 to and venue: Wednesday, October 15, 8:30 to 10 3 pm. "The book

Wednesday,

October 15

Congressman":

The public is invited

to attend "A Casual

Congressman Jared

Willits Economic

Localization

Is Celebrating Its

10th Anniversary!

"End of Suburbia" Displays, Special Guests

and Birthday Cake!

nurs, October 16 @ 6:30pm Lake Grange, 291 School St, Willin info: 459–149

with Films including

Conversation

am at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East

Commercial Street. One of a series of district events

Huffman is doing around the Congressional district.

This is a free event; please RSVP to Huffman.

CAscheduling@mail.house.gov or 707-962-0933.

Mendocino County Mental Health Advisory

Board Meeting: The MHAB meeting will be held in

Willits this month, at 10 am at the Mendocino County

Museum, 400 East Commercial in the Wonacott

Room. "The meeting is intended for members of

the public interested in supporting their local mental

health services system. Public members are

encouraged to attend the meeting to ask questions

and give testimony." Agenda: www.co.mendocino.

ca.us/hhsa/mh\_board.htm. For info: contact MHAB

chair John Wetzler at johngwetzler@gmail.com or

Voters Education Community Forum: A

community forum with supervisorial candidates

lessons and photographs from Hansen's many years of experience as a professional nature photographer in and around the Little Lake Valley to create 'a step by step comprehensive guide to photographing birds in the convenience of your own backyard . perfect for photographers and birders alike." With slide show and booksigning. Visit: www.rockynook. com/shop/photography/secrets-of-backyard-birdphotography.

Secrets of Backyard

Bird Photography

### Thursday, October 16

Register to Vote at Farmers Market: 3 to 6 pm at

Willits Chamber of Commerce Mixer: hosted by North County Friends of Mendocino College. Mendocino College North County Center, 372 East Commercial Street. 5:30 to 7 pm. Short program, tours, light appetizers.

Fall Book Sale for the Willits Library: Opening night tonight of this annual 4-day sale put on by Friends of the Willits Library. FOWL members night only tonight, but new members are welcome to come and join before shopping! 6 to 9 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 Commercial Street. Sale continues for the public, Friday, October 17, Saturday, October 18, and Sunday, October 19.

Willits Economic LocaLization 10th Anniversary Party: 6:30 to 9 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. WELL & the Now and Then Film Series Presents "End of Suburbia" and "Escape from Suburbia" (excerpts featuring Willits) plus a brief WELL Power Point, and displays

of archival articles and photos. Plus a special guest you have been missing in our community, and short presentations of some of the success stories of the past 10 years, such as the Grateful Gleaners, Now & Then Films, Local First, new local gardens, WHAT walks, Town Halls, solarization projects, Community Rights Network, and more. Lend your

energy and ideas to launch the next 10 years! Join WELL at our website: www.well95490. org. Donations will help sustain our localization programs. Organic popcorn and chocolate,

cake! Info: 459-6362.

### Friday, October 17

Fall Book Sale for the Willits Library: annual 4-day sale put on by Friends of the Willits Library. 10 am to 6 pm today at the Willits Community Center, 111 Commercial Street

Friday Night Dance Party: 10 pm at John's Place, 255 East Commercial Street, with DJ Mikey T. October 17 and October 31 (Halloween Party!) this month. No cover, drink specials,

pool tables, darts, new dance floor. Light show! 21 years or older.

Productions presents: Dancehall, Dubstep Hip Hop, Reggae, Trance, Latin: Positive Music / Positive Vibes every Friday at Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street. 21+. 10 pm to close. No cover. Tonight: DJ Selecta Konnex.

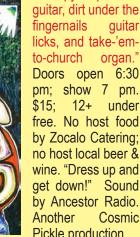
### Saturday, October 18

Fall Book Sale for the Willits Library: annual 4-day sale put on by Friends of the Willits Library. 10 am to 4 pm today at the Willits Community Center, 111 Commercial Street.

Annual Oktoberfest Dinner: a fundraising event hosted by the Willits American Legion, Post 174. 5 to 7 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Menu: marinated roast pork, red cabbage, white potatoes w/parsley, green beans, salads, dessert and apple cider. \$15; \$7 per child under 12; free for kids under 5. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Library, 390 East Commercial Street (not a library-

Funk for the Farm Costume Ball: A Grange Farm School Benefit featuring Jelly Bread and Living Drums. Jelly Bread (www.jellybread.net) plays music for dancing: "a dash of alt-rock with soul refreshments for sale by the Grange ... and and funk ... highlighted by dual vocals, four part harmonies, in-the-pocket drum and bass grooves,



free. No host food by Zocalo Catering; no host local beer & wine. "Dress up and get down!" Sound by Ancestor Radio. Cosmic

The Screaming Js, boogie woogie piano band. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Pub info: 459-9194.

### Sunday, October 19

New Howard Foundation Medical Campus. East Hill Road & Haehl Creek Drive. Registration opens at 9:15 am. Say goodbye to the old hospital. See the new Medical Campus. View the Commonwealth Garden. Walk the new Haehl Creek Trail. Learn about Avenues to Wellness. "It's Fun! It's FREE! Special Treats at walk conclusion." Info: Willits Healthy Action Team (W.H.A.T.), Jed Diamond:

4-day sale put on by Friends of the Willits Library. Final day today: 10 am to 3 pm. \$3/bag all day: Bring your own book bag! at the Willits Community Center, 111 Commercial Street



## **National Fire Prevention Week**

make a life-saving difference in sleeping area and on every a fire. That's the message behind level of the home, including the this year's Fire Prevention Week hasement campaign, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

CAL FIRE is joining forces with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide during Fire Prevention Week, October 5 to 11, to remind California residents and visitors about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home and testing them monthly.

According to the latest national research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages: ca.gov. Install smoke alarms in every

Working smoke alarms can bedroom, outside each separate

• Make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. This way, when one sounds, they all do.

 Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

 Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly

Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

For more fire safety tips, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.

**Free Feral Cat Fix Day** 

Thursday, October 16 in Ukiah

On Thursday, October 16, Mendocino County Animal Care Services and

Anderson Valley Animal Rescue will team up to provide a Free Feral Cat Fix Day.

A feral cat, often referred to as a "Community Cat," is a feline who has lived

independent of human contact. They are working cats who keep the rodent population

in check and provide a valuable service in fields and neighborhoods. However, un-

altered they produce most of the hundreds of kittens that come into Mendocino County

## Day of the Dead **Celebration**

Please call 459-5908 to reserve your seat.

how to package a grant proposal.

'Grants 101': a free workshop

Willits Library is delighted to provide a free workshop, "Grants 101: An introduction

to grant seeking and grant writing for community organizations," on Monday, October

27, from noon to 4 pm. This presentation by Michael Kisslinger will teach where to

find information on grants and grantmakers, the parts of a good grant proposal, and

Kisslinger is the supervisor of the Foundation Centers Funding Information Network

partnership for the Mendocino County Library. He has been helping local non-profits

with grant seeking, fundraising, governance, and management issues for 20 years.

Thursday, October 23

An evening of celebrating the tradition of the Day of the Dead, presented by the Willits AAUW (American Association of University Women). 5:30 to 8 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 7. "We will be decorating an altar dedicated to the women in our lives who have passed on but have been an inspiration to us. Remembrances for Maya Angelou and Angeles Arrien will be included. Guest speakers will share with us the history and traditions of this very special holiday.

Dia de los Muertos is a vibrant & colorful celebration of life, and everyone is invited to come and bring photos or memorabilia of women in their lives who are no longer with us. Craft materials are provided but bring any you would

like to share. Children, ages 8 and up, and families are

Christian Community

# **Harvest Party & Coat Giveaway**

On Friday, October 31 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Agape Bible Church will host a Harvest Party and Coat Giveaway put on by several local churches. This is Agape's annual costume party, with a giant bounce house and game booths. There will be hot dogs, nachos, chili and cheese, popcorn, cake and candy available for everyone. Families and individuals can choose from a variety of donated gently used coats and hats. This is a community outreach for all ages, and everyone is welcome at no cost. Agape Bible Church is located at 290 South Lenore Avenue. Questions? Call 459-1905

6 pm. Produce, plus cut flowers, local meats and fish, dinner, baked goods, bread, crafts,

available to pick fruit that you aren't able to they will return your call as soon as possible. The Emandal Chorale: this community chorus based in Willits is in its 20th season, and you are welcome to join! Every

Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm. No auditions necessary. The Chorale meets upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts. 71 East **Ongoing** Commercial Street.

"Art in the Key of Life": October show at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. 7 to

9 pm. Featured artists: Kat Emerson, Ann Maglinte, Laurel Miller, Margaret Pirrouette, Nancy Nazarian Reed, Leslie Rich, Jeannie Smith, Lynne Whiting Robertson and Robert Yelland. Gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays, 4 to 7 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3 pm. Visit www. willitscenterforthearts.org.

Junior Grange After-School Program: an after-school program for kids ages 5 to 14, Mondays from 3 to 6 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Membership fee: \$1, plus \$1 annual dues. Activities - including chess, fundraising projects. organic gardening, cooking, and a new skill each month: October: "Sewing Halloween Costumes" - are free to members (except for singing classes on Tuesdays taught by Nancy New, info: 459-1276). Visitors of all

ages are welcome! Info? Contact Zeynep at 707-972-8558 or zeyny34@yahoo.com. Cards and Games at Willits Library: free games in the Willits Library's Community Room. All activities are free! Tuesday bridge sessions from 1:30 to 3:30 pm; Thursday bridge sessions from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Info: Donna at 459-9035. Tuesday evenings: "Dungeons and Dragons, the Adventurers' League," from 6 to 10 pm. Both newbies and experienced players, ages 13+, are welcome to join. Info: Dan at 972-3154. Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 pm: bring your chess set and have some fun with friends. All ability levels welcome. Info: Raymond at

841-0473. Willits Library Cyber Cafe: Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee in the conference room while browsing the internet. Coffee is \$1 a cup. Bring your own cup from home or buy a ceramic cup from the library for 50 cents. The cafe is open most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 to noon, or until the coffee runs dry. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

Grange Farm School Volunteer Work clothing, knife sharpening and more.

Willits Farmers Market: Still at City Park Days: Every Wednesday at the Grange Farm through October: every Thursday from 3 to School, 16200 North Highway 101, south of Willits. Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy under the cool shade of redwood trees or at the reservoir from noon to 2 pm. Starting Grateful Gleaners: This volunteer crew is at 2 pm: guided farm tours and construction sessions for volunteers, of all ages and skill use, to donate to local organizations in need levels are welcome any time from 2 pm until of fruit. If you're interested in having fruit dusk to assist in projects with the Farm School picked by the Gleaners, or in volunteering team and to tour the school. Please bring water and gloves, and your favorite gardening mail, 513-9489, and leave a message, and tools. Contact info@grangefarmschool.org

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

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

> studiojoywillits.com Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital Every Wednesday at the HMH Conference

Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome Willits Frontier Twirlers: Monday nights at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, beginners' class from 7 to 8 pm, then dancing until 9 pm, with

will teach and call. Info: 459-9526. Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 11 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www. facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffs YouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-

professional caller Lawrence Johnstone, who

**Brooktrails Lodge:** Open Mic every Friday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge. Live jams featuring local artists: all performers please see Mr. Larry when you arrive. 24675 Birch Brooktrails Lodge: Ladies Night every

Thursday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge, 8 pm to 2 am. \$3 drink specials. The Dream capsule Band presents live music and karaoke. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596. Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. New time: 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. New: World Music Open Mic every Monday this fall at 8 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: every Wednesday night, karaoke in the bar. 207 South Main Street. 459-2444. Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays from

2:30 to 4:30 pm in downtown Laytonville Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, jewelry, aprons, children's

## A Farmhouse **Dinner**

Fundraiser for the Willits FFA WHEN: Sunday, October 12th: 3 to 6 pm

dinner at 4 pm, auction at 5 pm WHERE: Willits Frontier Days Grounds on East Commercial Street in Willits

WHAT: A farmhouse dinner featuring chicken, Emandal bread, tri-tip, ranch potatoes, salad, lemonade, iced tea

WHO: Benefits Willits FFA, sponsored by Willits Frontier Days

WHY: To raise awareness and community support for the Willits FFA and WHS ag department program. Goal of new ag truck, money for conferences, travel expenses, etc., farm improvement and more

HOW MUCH: \$25 per ticket / checks need to be made out to "WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS"

WHAT ABOUT DESSERT: The famous dessert auction will follow the meal - bid on homemade goodies

WHAT ELSE: A presentation of the official FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the

**CONTACT:** Willits FFA Facebook page has link to Facebook event:

"Willits FFA Farmhouse Dinner" https://www. facebook.com/events/664256110336247/ Tickets: Annette Pinon / Flowers By Annette /

459-6588 or Maureen Moore / Willits Weekly / 972-7047

## Town Hall Meeting video up online

Part 1 and Part 2 of a video by Willits Community Television of the "Meet the Candidates" Town Hall on September 21 is available online for viewing at https://vimeo. com/107430192. With candidates for 3rd District supervisor Holly Madrigal and Tom Woodhouse and candidates for Willits City Council, Robin Leler, Ron Orenstein and Larry Stranske. A DVD available for those without high speed internet: Order DVDs from "Pistachio Films LLC," 75 North Main Street, PMB 230, Willits, CA 95490. Price \$8 (\$5 for the DVD and \$3 for shipping and handling, priced only to recoup costs of the production

## Willits Yes on Measure S event features pro-democracy crusader

On Sunday, October 12, starting at 6:30 pm, the Community Rights Network of Mendocino County hosts a fundraiser for Measure S at the Little Lake Grange in Willits.

Measure S bans fracking by ensuring that decisions about water protection are made by residents, not fracking corporations. The Willits event features attorney and author Jeff Clements, who has worked much of his life confronting corporate power and promoting community empowerment.

Clements, former assistant attorney general for the state of Massachusetts, is the author of the bestselling and award-winning book "Corporations Are Not People: Reclaiming Democracy from Big Money and Global Corporations." He also co-founded Whaleback Partners LLC, which provides cost-effective capital to farmers and businesses engaged in local, sustainable

This is Jeff Clements' only appearance in Mendocino County and an extraordinary opportunity for the people of Mendocino County to meet and converse with a man

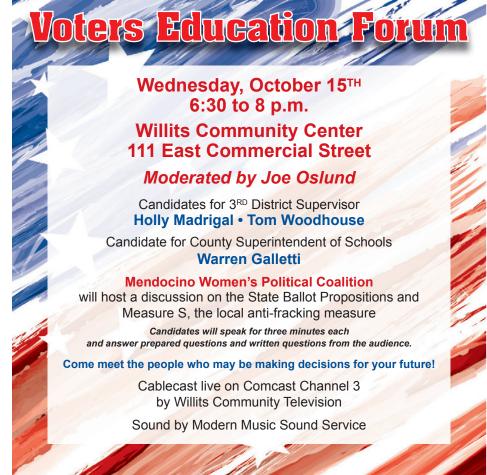
deeply knowledgeable about many of our local concerns. Come listen to a prominent anticorporate crusader, enjoy a glass of wine with hors d'oeuvres, bid in the silent auction, listen to the Raging Grannies and dance to rocker Steven Bates while helping to raise funds for YES on S! Info: crnmc.org, YESonS.me, and facebook.crnmc.org

- Submitted by Jim Tarbell

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FOREWORD BY BILL MOYERS



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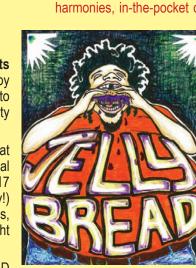
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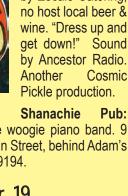
Diggers Dancehall Fridays: Joey D

Workshop on Measure S: 1 pm at the Willits

sponsored event). One of a number of conversationbased, 2 to 3 hour free workshops around the county to explore Measure S, "a Community Bill of Rights Ordinance that Bans Fracking in Mendocino County." "What exactly does the ordinance contain? How will it impact people personally? What are Community Rights? What consequences might occur if the ordinance passes? Who decides that fracking can happen in Mendocino if the ordinance does not pass?" Workshops designed and presented by Willow Rain. Participants will be provided with a hard copy of the ordinance text accompanied by illustrative diagrams designed to aid understanding, remembering and sharing with others. Info: Willow Rain at peoplesvoices@yahoo.





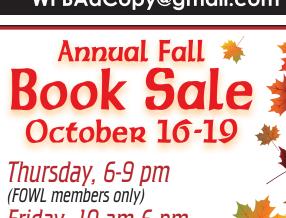




Fall Book Sale for the Willits Library: annual







Friday, 10 am-6 pm Saturday, 10 am-4 pm Sunday, 10 am-3 pm (\$3 a bag day!) Community Center 111 E. Commercial St.



Annual Fall Book Sale!

## **New Balls** for Blosser

I want to give a shout out to Les Schwab Tire Center in Willits, who recently donated 20 playground balls to Blosser Lane Elementary School without even being asked to donate! We just want everyone to know how much we appreciate Mr. Kirk Reed and his crew!

- submitted by Windi Kvasnicka, **Blosser Lane PTO** Right: Students pose with the





### We've got Spirit, How About YOU!?

Students dressed up for superhero days this week during Willits High School's Spirit Week and Homecoming Celebration, including counterclockwise from left: Superman Rachel Kanonchoff, Batman Brian Huddle, Lois Lane/Superman and Career Center Tech Juliana Kang, Batman and Yearbook Editor-in-Chief Izzy Hageman, and Supermen Naomi Ramirez and Hailey Riley. Don't forget, the Homecoming football game will be Friday, with JV starting at 5:30 pm at Maize Field, and the students' Homecoming dance will be Saturday from 9 pm to midnight. Go Wolverines!





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At top, left: This table shows off the work of

October's featured artist, Lillian Rubie

At top, right: Chickadoodles owner

Malissa Donegan and her husband.

Daniel Rockey, Sr., with their

children Kainen and Kalaya.

by artist Barry Parmely.

the Dead.

Above: A raccoon intarsia piece

Above: Masks and other items

At right: Barry Parmely's intarsia

# **Chickadoodles:**

## a showcase for local artisans

If you're looking for unique gifts - or looking to sell items you have made - Chickadoodles Artisan Gifts and Novelties may be the store for you. The new shop, located at 377 South Main Street (between Peter's Sushi and Monica's Laundromat), features a variety of items from local artists, authors and artisans,

"I'll take one piece or 100 pieces." owner Malissa Donegan told Willits Weekly. Kevin Klav Her only requirements are: "It's gotta be handmade, local, and a

"I've been open three weeks."

Donegan said. "People come in and say, 'Wow, this is so cool!' They get really excited.' Chickadoodles does include a few items that are not

locally made, Avon products being chief among them. Donegan said she'd sold Avon for about a year, but the costs of booth space at events, bazaars, and festivals where she sold the beauty products were expensive.

"Then I got offered this building," she said. "I thought, 'I'll bet I'm not the only person who's had that problem. Everyone wants to keep their taxes local and shop local, so I decided to get local artwork, price it reasonably, and showcase it here. "Some bazaars have really cool stuff, but now there is a place where people can come all the

Donegan plans to feature the work of a different artist each month. Octobers' featured artist is Lillian Rubie. Rubie has been making art since she was a child, when she first showed attention to detail by drawing eyelashes on her early portraits. People have always been her favorite subject. Today, her love of portraiture includes custom

portraits in paint and pencil, as well as Old Hollywood style photographs. Rubie has prints, cards, and jewelry, as well as original works of art.

> is also featuring Rubie's current holiday pieces, inspired by her love of autumn

Chickadoodles

displayed is intarsia artist Barry Parmely. Intarsia is a form of wood

Parmely told Willits Weekly he started his craft after quitting cigarette smoking: "I needed something to keep

One day while he was online, he saw intarsia art pieces and thought to himself, "I do wood working, anyway." Parmely says he bought a book and got started.

Parmely's primary tools are a drill press, band saw, and a scroll saw. "But it's 90 percent the scroll saw," he said. "All the wood is natural, domestic or imported hard wood and some soft woods. I use a gloss coat instead of a matte finish: it brings out the real color of the wood."

Parmely used an imported dark wood called "bocote" in his piece depicting a dragon. "It took a while for me to find that piece of wood: to find something that would really

The dragon has already been purchased by Marilyn Bickell of Fort Bragg, who saw it online and drove right over to purchase it. "I love this dragon. It's really cool. Now I just gotta figure out where I'm gonna hang it," she

Parmely does special orders, and creates pieces that vary in size. The smallest pieces he's made are hummingbird Christmas tree ornaments, and the largest is a 3 foot tree, which he has also replicated in a few smaller

Parmely recently returned to Willits from an extended stay in Redding. He states that he tried selling his work there, but had little success. "Now things are going very well. I'm glad to find this store."

Other items Chickadoodles has on display include: earrings by Cindy Rasmussen; earrings and bags by Geraldine Stephens; baby booties made by Ashley Lopez; cards by Lisa Bernard; turquoise bracelets from Joe Carrio; feather work by Tina French; headbands from Yvonne Quintero; copper bracelets from Russell Maidrand; mustaches on a stick, badge holders, and necklaces by Amber Valente; and books authored by Erlene Gleisner.

"I've got music CDs from local artists coming soon," an excited Donegan said, "and a mural coming outside from

"It's a work in progress," she said. "Once you buy inlaying that is similar to marquetry. something in here, you'll never find the same thing again.





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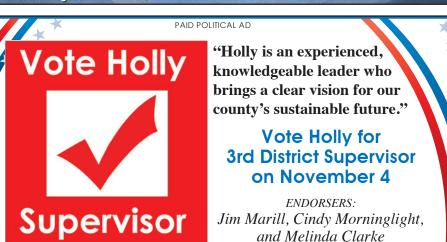


Top left: Katelyn Germann on Rusty and Samantha Arms on Callie ride around barrels at the Willits Junior Horsemen Arena during the September 27 event. Above: Jaden Doak stands with her palomino Goldie.

Below: Kiera Dragness rides Princess between two barrels at the last Buckle Series gymkhana event.







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# 2014 Buckle Winners

Final event of WJHA buckle series held September 27

for the conclusion of the Willits Junior Horsemen and fifth to Carolyn Simpson on Wrangler. 15 to 18: Buckle Series Gymkhana events on September 27. Daily high point and reserve winners were named in each age group, including Jennifer Irwin who won high point and Bob Cronin who won reserve in the 35 Emma Wade. 10 and under: first place went to Hazel and over group, Lindsey Decker who won high point and Carmen Coleman who won reserve in 19 to 34, Thais Reed who won high point in 15 to 18, Emma Wade who won high point and Jaden Doak who won reserve in 11 to 14, and Samantha Arms who won high point and Hazel Cooke who won reserve in 10

Since this was the final event in the series, the overall highest point holders for all the gymkhanas and therefore winners of the Year End Buckle Awards were: Misty Gayski in 35 and over, Lindsey Decker in 19 to 34, Shanna Gayski in 15 to 18, Jaden Doak in 11 to 14, and Samantha Arms in 10 and under.

Willits Junior Horsemen mentioned their thanks to those who sponsored the year end buckles, including 10 and under: Monkeywrench Mens and Womens Wear; 11 to 14: T&T Towing; 15 to 18: Fred and Marcy Barry; 19 to 34: Pacific Coast Timer; and 35 and over: Willits Junior Horsemen.

The final event for the season overall will be the Willits Junior Horsemen Schooling Horseshow, which will be held on Sunday, October 12 at 8:30 am at Willits Horsemen Arena, 901 Hearst-Willits Road. The event is free to spectators, and refreshments and lunch will be available for purchase. Riders will compete in English and Western disciplines, and trail and halter classes, as well as a bareback event and horsemanship class which challenge riders a step further. For more information call Kathryn at 707-489-6565 or email willitsjrhorsemen@gmail.com.

A listing of additional class results from Sunday's gymkhana follows:

Cloverleaf barrels: 35 and over: first place went to Jennifer Irwin on Mad Eyed Jack; second to Bob

Cronin on Joe: third to Briana Jenny on Big Bill: fourth to Sheri Cronin on Nyx; and fifth to June Richmond on Cash. 19 to 34: first place went to Aura Johansen on Mesa; and fifth to Brandi Gamble on Pineapple. 15 to 18: first place went to Brooke Hanson on Boo and second to Thais Reed on Zephyr. 11 to 14: first place went to Emma Wade on Purdy; second to Jaden Doak on Goldie; third to Lillyanna Fridley on Willie; fourth to Jessica Cronin on Otis; and fifth to Emma Wade on Cash. 10 and under: first went to Samantha Arms on Callie; second to Hazel Cooke on Poppy; third to Canella Coleman on Red; fourth to Katelyn Germann on Rusty; and fifth to Kiera Dragness on Princess.

Slot Barrels: 35 and over: first to Jennifer Irwin, second to Bob Cronin, and third to June Richmond. 19 to 34: first to Lindsey Decker, second to Lana Vlastelica,

With summer coming to an end, it was also time third to Carmen Coleman, fourth to Aura Johansen. first place went to Thais Reed. 11 to 14: first place went to Emma Wade, second to Jaden Doak, third to Lillyanna Fridley, fourth to Jessica Cronin, and fifth to Cooke, second to Samantha Arms, third to Canella Coleman, fourth to Katelyn Germann, and fifth to

Washington Poles: 35 and over: first place went to Jennifer Irwin, second to Bob Cronin, third to Briana Jenny, and fourth to June Richmond. 19 to 34: first place went to Carmen Coleman, second to Lana Vlastelica, third to Lindsev Decker, fourth to Aura Johansen, and fifth to Brandi Gamble, 15 to 18: first place went to Brooke Hansen and second to Thais Reed. 11 to 14: first place went to Jaden Doak, second to Emma Wade, third to Lillyanna Fridley, fourth to Emma Wade and fifth to Lillyanna Fridley. 10 and under: first place went to Samantha Arms, second to Katelyn Germann, third to Kiera Dragness, fourth to Canella Coleman and fifth to

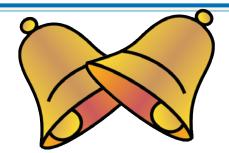
Single stake Race: 35 and over: first place went to Jennifer Irwin; second to Bob Cronin; and third to June Richmond. 19 to 34: first place went to Lana Vlastelica; second to Carmen Coleman; third to Lindsey Decker; fourth to Aura Johansen; and fifth to Carolyn Simpson. 15 to 18: first place went to Thais Reed. 11 to 14: first place went to Emma Wade; second to Jaden Doak; third to Lillyanna Fridley; fourth to Emma Wade: and fifth to Jessica Cronin. 10 and under: first place went to Samantha Arms: second to Hazel Cooke; third to Kiera Dragness; fourth to Canella Coleman; and fifth to Katelyn

Birangle Poles: 35 and over: first place went to Jennifer Irwin; second to Bob Cronin; and third to June Richmond, 19 to 34: first place went to Carmen Coleman; second to Lindsey Decker; third to Aura Johansen: fourth to Lana Vlastelica: and fifth to Carolyn Simpson. 15 to 18: first place went to Thais Reed. 11 to 14: first place went to Emma Wade: second to Jaden Doak: third to Lillyanna Fridley: Lindsey Decker on Stella; second fourth to Emma Wade; and fifth to Lillyanna Fridley. to Carmen Colmen on DJ; third to 10 and under: first place went to Samantha Arms; second to Hazel Cooke; third to Katelyn Germann; fourth to Kiera Dragness; and fifth to Canella

Back through Barrels: 35 and over: first place went to Jennifer Irwin and second to June Richmond. 19 to 34: first place went to Lindsey Decker; second to Lana Vlastelica; third to Aura Johansen; fourth to Carmen Coleman; and fifth to Carolyn Simpson. 15 to 18: first place went to Thais Reed. 11 to 14: first place went to Lillyanna Fridley; second to Emma Wade: and third to Jaden Doak. 10 and under: first place went to Samantha Arms; second to Hazel Cooke: third to Katelyn Germann: fourth to Kiera Dragness: and fifth to Canella Coleman.

Lead Line Participants: Cole Simpson on Wrangler, Arya Sizemore on Goldie, Maycie Harbour on CoCo, Stoney Bauer on Bill Bill, Jenna Bean on Mare, and Tessa Simpson on Callie. Lead line participants did Cloverleaf Barrels, Slot Barrels, Washington Poles and Single Stake Race.

Results provided by Willits Junior Horsemen



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Death Notice | William John Efford

### William John **Efford**

William John Efford of Willits passed away on October 2, 2014 at the age of 87. No services will be held. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



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OBITUARY | Leonard R. Munson

### Leonard R. Munson

Leonard R. Munson, a lifelong resident of Willits, passed away on Wednesday October 1, 2014 at the age 87. Brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, greatgreat grandfather, and lifelong friend of so many, Leonard now joins Grace, his recently departed wife of 58 years, never to part again.

Leonard graduated from Willits High School in 1945, and joined the United States Navy. After basic training, he was shipped to the Pacific Theater and deployed in Guam, being one of the youngest and last of our World War II veterans. After the war he returned to Willits and soon joined his father working in the family automotive business.

After his father retired, Leonard joined Standard Oil of California, an independent dealer, continuing with Shell Oil and Union Oil Company until his retirement. He then worked from his garage in the rear of his home for another 26 years. Len's greatest love and blessing came through his work, helping those in need and being a loving husband and father.



Leonard was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, following in his ancestors'

He leaves behind his sons, Rick and Steven Munson: daughters. Karen Patereau and Debra Chezik; grandchildren, Darbi, Derek, Beau, Roger III, Matthew, Kristine, Joe, Bryan, and Monica: and many greatgrandchildren and one great-greatgranddaughter.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation Friday, October 10, 2014 at 2 pm, followed by funeral services at 3 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 265 Margie Drive, Willits. Interment will follow at the Willits Cemetery on Highway 20.

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### **Finding** what works

COLUMN | Who What Wear

Genevieve Bonnet

Fashion is a fun way to express your personality on the outside. Finding what works best for you can be challenging,

but with the right tools, it can be

Establishing your body type is key. Whether you're athletic, pear-shaped, hourglass, or straight up and down, there are ways to play up your shape! Find what looks good on you and go for it!

Well-fitting undergarments are the foundation to any outfit. Make sure you're wearing the right size bra: most womer are wearing the wrong size! "Invisible" panties, whether thong or full coverage, go a long way. You don't want to be lumpy underneath your fantastic outfit

Playing with balance and proportion will help the overall look. If you have on a snugfitting top, pair it with a wide leg pant or A-line skirt. Skinny pants? Wear a loose top that floats away from the body. If you're wearing something that's too tight and too short, you'll be tugging at your outfit all day, and that looks good on no one.

Be comfortable! This does NOT mean wear baggy, illfitting clothes! This means: find what you feel good in, that's also flattering. Play up the parts you do love, accentuate them! Vearing large, loose clothing only makes you look larger: shy away from the "mumu" look. Fit doesn't mean skintight: it means that it flatters your best features and takes the focus from what you'd like to hide.

you're uncomfortable showing your arms, add a cute cropped sweater, or a scar draped over your shoulders Tummy troubles? A top that doesn't cling to every bump will

Mixing patterns and prints can be fun, as long as the size of the print is proportionate to your body, and the colors are all in the same family. Fashion should be about function (does it cover everything it needs to? Is it seasonally appropriate? and FUN. If you're bored by your outfit, do something about

You don't have to spend a lot of money to look good. way to change your outfit Scarves, belts, hats, and jewelry go a long

way in altering a look

Go through your closet and toss out anything that doesn't make you feel fantastic I put all of my hangers on the rod facing backwards, and after I wear something, turn it around the right way. After a year, i there are things that haven't been worn, donate them. Get your friends together, and swap clothes! Getting dressed in the morning will be much easier when you only have good things to pick from

There are plenty of stores in Willits that are happy to lend a hand to get you dressing in a way that sets you apart. Get out there and find your look!

Genevieve Bonnet, a Willits native graduated with a degree in Fashion Design from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in San Francisco. She now enjoys playing dress-up at Mazahar She would love to hear from readers wit questions or comments about fashion please email her at hautemama22@gmail

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Robin Leler



Of these challenges, pick one and tell us about a

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Ron Orenstein: The city is working to secure our water supply by upgrading the water treatment plant, along with plans to repair and replace most of the aging water infrastructure, and we are well into the construction of an emergency water supply system. I have identified a potential threat to the Little Lake aquifer that could affect everyone who pumps water. The state is just starting to implement regulations that cover ground water. This leaves the possibility open that a water speculator could buy land in the valley and pump water for sale on the open market. I'm proposing steps to prevent this.

Larry Stranske: We're going to come up against these obstacles. The half-cent sales tax isn't going to be able to suffice for everything we need. We will have to figure out how to raise more money for infrastructure – it comes down to that, or you're going to have to make cuts in services.

Robin Leler: A good water treatment operator starts the day with a water sample and performs a bench test, perhaps more than one. When the water is optimal, the treatment is ratioed up to treat the day's supply. The City of Willits needs to allocate the resources for the equipment, the expertise and the chemicals to make sure our water meets optimal standards for health, taste and clarity.

### Describe what your ideal Willits of the future looks like.

Larry Stranske: We need more business, service-oriented. would like to work toward a walkable, friendly downtown, which would allow outside dining, located in an area safe from growing. auto traffic.

Robin Leler: Imagine Pomo villages teaching the skills that sustained people for 5,000 years, using deer, wild turkeys, acorns, blackberries, and successfully restored salmon runs. Add ranches and organic farms, where people can work and learn. We have grass-fed beef, wool spinning, and heirloom apple and pear orchards. We offer bicycle and horse trails through redwood and oak country. Visitors come to raft the Eel River, ride a restored steam engine, or stroll along one of our leafy creek walks. At the end of the day, there's live music. People are hungry for the types of authentic living experiences Willits offers.

Ron Orenstein: "Ideal" might be an unattainable fantasy, so I'll stick to a feasible reality! I see Willits as the charming, small town that it is, with the absence of big trucks rumbling down Main Street, and pleasant, walkable neighborhoods and commercial districts. The stores are well-kept and prosperous, and there are good-paying jobs in clean, light manufacturing companies. I see many of the new entrepreneurs are locals who have been given the tools, guidance and help to develop their home-grown businesses. Perhaps a merry-go-round or roller skating rink in City Park to create a family-friendly city

### How can you and your fellow city council members balance the city budget? What cuts in services or payroll do you suggest?

Robin Leler: This is one of the major tasks still ahead of me – to read and thoroughly understand our budget. This is where my business experience (and help from friendly

Ron Orenstein: The reality is that 71 percent of the budget is payroll-related. Making any significant cuts to balance the budget requires that we fire employees. That is not my preference, because it's not the right thing to do, and there aren't any excess employees on the payroll anyway. Occasionally, we can make cuts without taking this action,

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but that's rare. The cost of everything increases every year, and eventually, the taxpayers will need to make some hard decisions: what services are they willing to give up? Or, is the public willing to pay more to keep all of their services?

Larry Stranske: These questions are too broad for a quick answer, and there is no quick fix. We live in an old city with worn-out buildings and infrastructure. We need all to work together to have a better community: citizens within and outside of the city limits. I do feel our staff and city employees are our biggest assets.

### Tell Willits Weekly readers about something you think the city is doing right.

Ron Orenstein: Nationwide, cities are struggling to stay afloat, facing rising costs and decreased revenues, and forcing massive layoffs to balance their budgets. The best thing a city can do is to stay as close to a balanced budget as possible, without decimating city staff, while continuing to provide services to the citizens. Starting with a half-million dollar deficit this year, we adopted a budget with one quarter of that amount, and enough cash reserves to cover the shortfall. For the past decade, the city has sustained budget deficits without hurting the reserve fund, by controlling costs.

Larry Stranske: We can always make improvements; the city is completing a water plant with an up flow clarifier and a

Robin Leler: I am so pleased with our new Public Works Director Rodney Wilburn, for pushing ahead on all those deferred maintenance programs, despite a tight budget. Also I see the city now allows sidewalk tables downtown. I love to see so many businesses thriving and a vibrant nightlife

### What role should the city play in approving plans or permits, ranging from food trucks and outdoor dining to new businesses and industry?

Larry Stranske: I'm not in favor of the food trucks, as I feel they would take too much from our restaurants.

Robin Leler: This is another area I will have to listen well

Ron Orenstein: Obviously, the city plays the key role in these actions, and city staff has always been helpful in guiding the applicants along, because we all want to see development in the city. But the real question should be: what do the citizens want to see in the city? Do we want food trucks that compete with established businesses, or do we want more competition? Do we want outdoor dining to create an ambiance, or will it interfere with pedestrians? What types of businesses don't we want in our town, or does the public favor "anything goes"?

### What are your thoughts about challenges facing the Willits Police Department, such as comparatively low pay or difficulties staffing positions like dispatch?

Robin Leler: We are lucky to have a police chief like Gerry Gonzalez, who works hard to keep our town safe and friendly. I look forward to talking with him more before taking up the challenges facing our WPD.

Ron Orenstein: I have always been a big supporter of the police, and would like to pay them as much as possible to honor the work they do. But the fact is, the police department, like most police departments in the state, accounts for 57 percent of the general fund budget. Any way you look at it, that's a big chunk of the budget that has to pay for all of the other services that the city provides, except sewer and water. Finding the money to do everything is an ongoing source of frustration for city officials, and funding options are limited.

Larry Stranske: This is a difficult question, and I don't have an easy answer.



## Last-minute traffic warning from Caltrans

On Thursday, October 9, traffic on Highway 101 on the south end of the Willits bypass project is being diverted to a long-term detour. In order to tie the detour into the existing highway, one-way traffic control with a pilot car will be in effect from 2 am to (at the latest) 9 pm on Thursday only. Motorists who can't reschedule their travel should anticipate major traffic delays, which could reach one hour or more during peak traffic times, with southbound traffic on Highway 101 backing up into the northern end of Willits. This work is being done during the day due to nighttime temperatures which are too cold for successful paving, Caltrans' Phil Frisbie said. Frisbie said the agency hopes the work will be finished early, by late afternoon Thursday, and emphasized that emergency vehicles needing to get through will have minimal delays. The detour, which will eventually become the southbound onramp to Highway 101 from Route 20, will remain in place until the bypass is completed in summer 2017. The detour has a 20 mph curve, so motorists are urged to use caution. 150 NORTHBOUND To Ukiah (South) SOUTHBOUND NORTHBOUND

The rest of From Page 1 Eyster confirmed supervisors upheld

their earlier decision. "Doug Losak is the interim county counsel now," Pinches

Eyster's comments were given in open session during the public comments portion of the meeting.

said.

Eyster first accused supervisors of using the upgrade of Losak from acting to interim county counsel as a way of circumventing county policy concerning salary increases

Evster had estimated Losak's starting salary, before he became acting county counsel, would have been that of a deputy county counsel: \$97,627 a year

He cited Mendocino County Policy 41, which states a pay increase for a department head should not be greater than 10 percent.

Eyster then cited an exception, which exists when an assignment is for a term longer than six months. In that case, according to Eyster, supervisors may grant the employee an additional 5 percent, meaning Losak should have been entitled to a raise of no more than 15 percent, or \$14,643, bringing his annual salary to a sum of \$112,271

The move from acting county counsel to interim county counsel increased Losak's salary from \$107,390 to \$143,291, a 33.4 percent hike.

Evster noted the county's human resources policies do not contain a definition of, or codify, the use of the term "interim to define employee positions. "Has the board created a new employment category without telling staff or the public?" Eyster

The DA noted there are two rating systems for attorneys in Mendocino County, and argued under both systems Losak did not look that impressive.

"The old school rating service, Martindale-Hubbell, conducts peer reviews of attorneys, Eyster said. "After evaluating confidential responses solicited from local peers and judges, Martindale issues an attorney a rating, the highest of which is the AV rating.

"The top two attorneys in the district attorney's office – the district attorney (i.e., Eyster himself) and the assistant district attorney – have been peer reviewed and rated "AV Prominent" a 5 out of 5 rating.

"There are 68 attorneys in Mendocino County who have been peer reviewed, and only 22 out of the 68 are AV rated. No attorney with Mendocino County Counsel's office has been peer reviewed. All are unrated," Eyster

Under the other lawyer rating system, the AVVO, attorneys are rated "based on a confidential algorithm that factors experience,

industry recognition, and The rest of professional conduct," Eyster Forum said. "Six of the top 15 rated

attorneys in Mendocino County - out of 209 attorneys work at the DA's office. The top three AVVO rated attorneys in the county – all rated superb – are the district attorney (10 out of 10) and the assistant district attorney (9.9

"Mr. Losak's rating is 6.5 out of 10. He is the highest-rated attorney in his office, yet rated only 65 out of 209," Eyster said.

Eyster also criticized Losak for some of his legal opinions. "The chairman [of the board of supervisors, John Pinches] has expressed his enthusiasm for the county's settlement of the baby death in Fort Bragg," Eyster noted. "Assuming the county should have paid any amount, the assistant DA's decisive prosecution of the defendant opened the door for settlement

"I should note that even my young attorneys know how many votes are needed to pass an item when only three supervisors are in

"Finally, Mr. Losak's recent opinion that county department heads need not respond to grand jury reports is an affront to the grand jury system, and contrary

One board observer said after Eyster had concluded "the board and Losak seemed stunned."

Contacted on the day after the meeting, Pinches stood by his earlier remarks when he said Losak's work had been "extraordinary."

"I stand behind that." Pinches said. "Grown men can have a difference of opinion. I can back up my comment by looking at Losak's work product, I mean the job he's done for the county. The results have been tremendous. He's been the county's chief litigator for some time now and he's saved the county hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"For example, Eyster mentioned that baby's death over in Fort Bragg," Pinches said. "Losak was the litigator on that and got us off for \$100,000. Now that was one that could have cost us much, much more than \$100,000.

"People wonder how we could be in such good financial shape when we have flat growth. One of the reasons is, we got Doug," Pinches added. "He's in there working on these cases, and when they go to court, he's in there, too. And the result is, we don't have to pay nothing like we might have to pay if someone else was doing it. I would hate to think of what would happen if we didn't have him."

When asked why Sheriff Tom Allman and the district attorney would team up to try to crush Losak, Pinches said he didn't

"I think we're making a mountain out of a mole hill," he said.

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however, did exhibit some slight symptoms of dehydration.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all personnel and public safety agencies that assisted in the search-and-rescue operation, Sheriff Tom Allman says.

Assisting in the search were personnel from the Marin County Sheriff's Office, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, Napa County Sheriff's Office, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Bay Area Mountain Rescue, California Rescue Dog Association, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement, U.S. Forest Service Fire, and the California Highway Patrol.

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Leler, and supervisorial hopefuls Holly Madrigal and Tom Woodhouse gave considered answers to six questions from sponsors concerning water use, land use, transportation projects and vehicle emissions, alternative energy, and the area's regional environmental future before taking general questions from the

Water use focused on the recent passage of statewide legislation requiring local agencies to create sustainable groundwater basin management plans. Candidates were asked their opinion of the urgency of the issue in the district and the county, and how they would "respond

to the new mandate.' All agreed the issue was urgent, but varied in the specificity of their responses. Stranske registered his support for local management, and Orenstein discussed a recently initiated task force to study the Little Lake Valley aquifer, with the hopes of "including everyone in the valley" in order to create a management plan. Leler said she felt the issue was "an emergency," but believed "small communities can be ahead of the game." She added concerns over local water issues had motivated her to "jump in on the bypass wick drains."

Madrigal favors local management and further research, and currently attends meetings of the county drought ad-hoc committee. She plans to work with the county building department to incentivize rainwater catchment and similar practices, and believes the county needs stronger policies advocating for water rights.

While Woodhouse said he understood the new legislation meant the board of supervisors would conduct aquifer research and work with the water agency, he hoped to minimize regulations for taxpayers and protect personal property rights while seeking conservation. He also emphasized the importance of working with the Sheriff's Office and Fish & Wildlife to decrease illegal water

Concerning land use, candidates were asked if they would support the use of Mendocino Council of Governments monies to help fund construction of a Phase Two four-lane bypass, and how they would address potential development proposals at the southern and northern bypass interchanges.

The interchanges are not within city limits, but could affect business in the downtown corridor.

disagreement occurred among candidates concerning the city's options and which areas face possible

Orenstein said "the bypass was never designed to help the city of Willits, but was happy truck traffic would be decreased downtown. He opined a twolane bypass should be sufficient pending further evaluation. He supported working with the county and the Local Agency Formation Commission to protect Willits businesses, but was "not concerned at this point.

Leler was against Phase Two, and uncertain the bypass would diminish truck traffic. Stranske expressed worry the state would request county monies due to bypass construction delays, and felt the city should be working actively to protect its "sphere of influence" around nterchange development.

Woodhouse did not support using MCOG funds for Phase Two, but favored money for local projects, such as a Brooktrails second access route.

Woodhouse added he was learning about development at the interchanges, but wondered if Apache Mill might be developed.

Madrigal also opposed bypass expansion to Phase Two, while supporting improved Brooktrails access and design to "enhance circulation of the whole

Madrigal believed the northern interchange area would be protected as wetlands, but noted a supervisor from Willits would be important in protecting downtown business in coordination with

Candidates were asked for their

thoughts on vehicle emissions, the "rush hour commute" on Highway 101 through Willits, and whether they considered reducing this traffic a priority, and how to address it.

Stranske supported an expansion of MTA routes and frequency, with passenger parking lots, adding the bypass will prevent "idling in town." Leler also favored an improved bus system citing her personal experience with MTA - better bike lanes, and the possibility of a gas tax to incentivize mass transit. Orenstein agreed on transit, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, also detailing "a little dream" he has of solar-powered city-owned electric vehicles available for

Woodhouse proposed more local jobs "so people aren't driving long distances," youth job training, and an expansion of residential/commercial mixed-use zoning. Madrigal felt "the key is building infrastructure," creating modes of transportation, bike and walking paths like one planned for Covelo, and improving the county's access to broadband highspeed internet access. Woodhouse responded: "Taking on big projects like building infrastructure ... we don't have a lot of money, we need small steps."

The development of local alternative energy sources, particularly solar, was the last specific issue addressed by candidates, who were asked to consider the role of local government in encouraging such projects and how they would personally promote them. Orenstein spoke of his past work with

city solar projects, and of upcoming plans to further the use of solar on city properties. Leler described her experience with Ecology Action, utilizing solar building design instead of solar panels for better energy use. Stranske said he supported solar, but expressed concerns over funding for large projects due to uncertainty over city revenues once the bypass is operational.

Madrigal discussed her work with Willits projects and the PACE program, which gives tax rebates for solar installations, as an example of "local government allowing people to help themselves." She also championed energy conservation, alternative sources for emergency situations, and off-grid resilience.

Woodhouse spoke more generally. saying: "Every candidate is for it, most of the audience probably agrees; we don't need new ideas, we just need to get it done, and that's why I'm running."

In the final question from sponsors, candidates discussed what they considered the most pressing environmental issues facing the county, and proposals to address them.

Leler cited clean drinking water, safer bike lanes and making "Willits more walkable," and illegal grows as major concerns, and encouraged connecting economics, education and ecology.

Marijuana grows were Stranske's primary concern, noting problems from water diversions and environmental degradation "are some of the worst the county faces," even though "I know it's our economy now. He also addressed water, infrastructure,

and the bypass' effects on the economy. Orenstein said he agreed with some problems mentioned, but hoped to continue his work on the council to be "a model for what a small town can do" by improving water use, air quality, fossil fuel and alternative energy policies to solve

problems "in our little corner of the world."

Woodhouse believed "large scale commercial marijuana grows are the most environmentally damaging thing," calling for development of "a united plan with the northern counties." He also referenced wildfire danger and the need to create additional Brooktrails emergency routes.

Madrigal cited "how we respond to drought as a community, and how we're going to change" and create smart countywide water policy as her top concern, with potential changes with the Potter Valley Project, statewide legislation, and Lake Mendocino all upcoming. She also mentioned energy use, wildfire and forestland management, and jobs.

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traffic a district office requires. Johnson said. And the "office space at Blosser Lane is not adequate for our needs."

The proposed contract with SHN would cost up to \$10,000 for preliminary geotechnical

Johnson said the proposed site includes many plusses. The land is owned by the district and is currently unused. It is located to the west of the 90-degree turn where Walnut Street bends into Locust Street, on the eastern edge of a vacant field formerly owned by Harwood Products. If the district built there, the new office building would be located roughly midway between Blosser Lane school, the Kids Club of Willits and Baechtel Grove school.

The district office has bounced around various properties in Willits for decades. For a long time it was located in a small cottage in front of Willits High School. Later it moved to what is now a residence between the old location of Mariposa Market and the headquarters of the Willits Environmental Center. District administration repeatedly grumbled about the inadequacy of the building.

About 2005, the district moved into a large office building and former church located at Pearl and Humboldt streets, just across from the Savings Bank of Mendocino parking lot. Rent on that building was \$30,000 a year and that cost was a frequent bone of contention between district administration and the teachers union.

In July 2013, the district moved out of the Pearl Street building and into unused classrooms at Blosser Lane

Johnson's

proposal

with opposition board Chairwoman Saprina Rodriguez. "I'm not comfortable taking any money out of the general fund, at this time, to build a district office. So it doesn't make sense for me to be in favor of supporting a plan to build on that property I would need to know first that we have money to build a district office, that we all agreed this is a planned decision for our district. Because we have other needs. We have schools that are collapsing Brookside's got a whole wing that's in crisis. I just don't think building a district office is a number-one priority. "Do I think it has value?

Absolutely. But it's not a number-one priority for me." Other board members

tended to agree with Rodriguez, but wondered if it might be better to find out what would be involved in constructing a new building before rejecting the idea. Johnson was directed to report back on what it will cost to build a district office at the site and sources the district might use to fund the project.

Trustees will hear Johnson's report in November. The board voted unanimously to table the SHN proposal until later.

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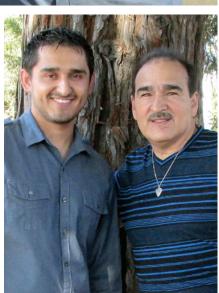
Above: David Lopez before he left Willits for Southern California.

Far right: David Lopez bids goodbye to the Willits arch.

Right: David Lopez and his father, songwriter David Lopez, Sr.

Below: the cover of Lopez's single "Mi Soledad."

> Photos by Jennifer Poole





David Lopez, 21, who grew up in Willits, has just moved to

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter jennifer@willitsweekly.com Southern California, to pursue his goal of working as a singer/ songwriter and an actor. Lopez graduated early from Willits High School in 2009.

Lopez has had roles in a number of Spanish-language but it's all pop: American pop and Mexican pop." Lopez films, starting with "Cazador De Cholos" (2008) and "Los 12 Apostoles Del Narco" (2008). The two most recent films he Spanish. worked on were both released this August.

> supporting role in an Englishlanguage suspense movie by Oscar Dominguez called "Sand and Bones."

> Lopez's father, David Lopez, Sr. had a role in "Sand and Bones," too, and can be seen as well in the film's trailer.

Lopez, Sr. is also a songwriter, or "compositor" in Spanish. Ten of the 11 songs on Lopez's first album, "Inicio" were collaborations between father and son. "Inicio" ("Home" in English) was released in 2012.

Lopez's latest musical work, a new single released in August and produced by Grammy-nominated producer Toby Sandoval, is called "Mi Solidad."

"It's a ballad; a break-up song," Lopez said. His music is all within the genre of "pop," he said. "I've experimented with a little more upbeat sound,

is interested in releasing songs in English, too, as well as

When asked if he preferred music to acting, Lopez said: In 2012, Lopez had a "It comes hand in hand, the whole acting thing and the music."

> Lopez has been doing music "pretty much my whole life," he said. "My dad and I did a lot of music stuff together: He would teach me basics, and I would help him write his songs." Lopez, Sr. has written songs for many Spanishlanguage singers over the years.

> Lopez also studied music in the Willits schools. "I did the concert band at Baechtel Grove – I did a lot of performances at Baechtel - and the Willits High School band as well," he said. He also took a college singing class with Don Willis at Mendocino College.

> Lopez's album "Inicio" – and now his single "Mi Solidad" – have gotten play and coverage on Spanish-language radio and TV and a number of internet radio stations in the U.S. and Mexico. "Mi Soledad" "opened a lot of doors," Lopez said. It's on iTunes at: https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/ mi-soledad-single/id902862753.

> Lopez has been nominated for awards in three different categories at the Premios Key Musikal award show coming up on November 27 in Fort Worth, Texas, where he'll be performing. Lopez has been nominated for: 1. best pop singer, 2. most promising male artist; and 3. best singer in a different language.

> To keep up with David Lopez, visit his website at http:// davidlopez.tv/ or his "official" Facebook page at www. facebook.com/davidpaginaoficial.

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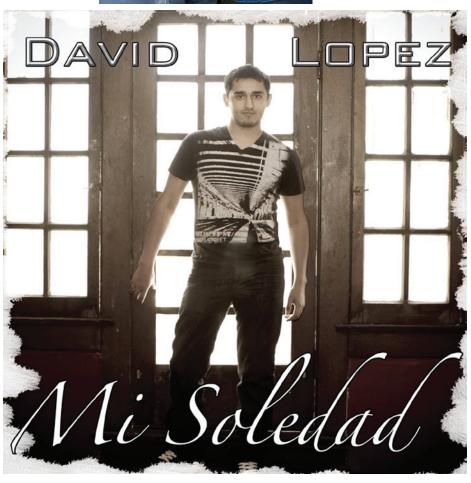
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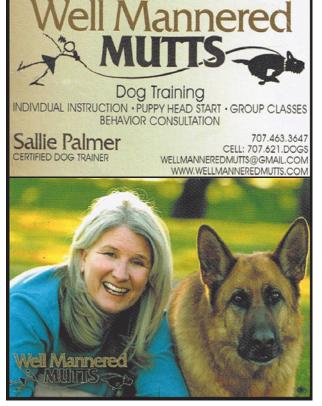
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