



## Shakespeare

To the Editor:

Your recent article featuring the Willits Shakespeare Company did not mention the fact that according to a letter I have seen from the Santa Rosa IRS office, WSC lost its non-profit, tax-exempt status some time ago, and it is suspended until the proper paperwork and fines are submitted immediately to the IRS. This means that WSC cannot offer any works or plays, nor do any advertising, accept donations, conduct ticket sales, take grant-funded field trips, etc., until everything is settled with the IRS.

As the owner of the property where WSC is currently based, I hope that WSC can get its house in order and continue to offer programs for the Willits community sometime again in the future. I am currently in talks with the Shakespeare Society of America to take over the administration of the Shakespeare facility at 1195 South Main Street in Willits.

Additionally, please be advised that there are no plans at the present time or in the near future for theatrical events at the Willits Masonic Lodge. That building is not zoned or built for such.

David Parmenter, Willits

## Vote Madrigal

To the Editor:

Holding an elected public office is much different than gathering volunteers together for a common task; it's much different than just politely listening. It takes stamina, authenticity, creative energy and the courage to act on new ways of thinking and planning. It takes great diligence to research a wide variety of issues and to ask tough questions.

It's not easy to stand up to other elected officials that might disagree with you. It's not easy to stand up to the incredible challenges of these times we are living in. It's certainly not easy to even try to stand up to the expectations of such a diverse community as ours. Perhaps Holly let you down on this or that issue .... perhaps she is not the perfect candidate ... do you know anyone that is? ... and would that person take on such an arduous job for so little compensation?

Yet, Holly has been in office for 10 years now, standing up for many things that other elected officials have not had the courage to do or the vision to see. We need to empower our young people to get into public office. We made mistakes.... They will make mistakes. Our biggest mistake, however, would be in not electing our youth to allow them the opportunity of taking on the challenge and responsibility of shaping their local community and county. Holly has demonstrated a sincere desire and ability to do this.

Let's elect this capable young woman to the board of supervisors and get on with moving forward. Vote Holly!

Thank you for reading this and considering it further.

Cindy Morninglight, Willits

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Thank you

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Willits United Methodist Church, I would like to thank the community of Willits for generously donating items to our "Sock and Undie Sunday" earlier this fall. We were able to collect and donate 560 pairs of new socks and underwear to Brookside and Blosser Lane elementary schools, as well as to Redwood Children's Services. These agencies appreciated these donations for their kids. Thanks again for joining us in this fun and worthy project!

Kristine Pierce, Willits

## Experience Matters

To the Editor:

During my 10 years on the Willits City Council, I have learned a great deal from the many successes and challenges I've experienced. I am ready to put these skills to work for you:

**Existing Relationships That Matter:** I will provide better access for the Third District through my relationships with my endorsers, including Congressman Jared Huffman, and our assembly member and state senator.

**I'll also use my extensive contacts** with many non-governmental community groups, such as the Community Foundation, Little Lake Grange, Farm Bureau, Rotary, and Leadership Mendocino to name a few.

**Negotiation Skills That Matter:** Mendocino County has seven different bargaining units, all with their particular rules and needs. A decade on the city council has taught me how to negotiate effectively.

**Budget Smarts:** The Willits budget is \$15 million in contrast to the \$200 million Mendocino County budget. As some are aware, the city is \$130,000 over budget this year. In reality we have never stopped working on this budget, and I am pleased to say that thanks to additional efforts, we should achieve a balanced budget in the next few months.

**Managing a sizable budget** is an acquired and evolving skill. During my tenure on the council, Willits has successfully developed and maintained a \$1.7 million budget reserve even during major city infrastructure improvements that included the re-building of the sewer treatment plant and upgrades to water treatment. I made budget votes that kept police officers on the streets. I made sure funding for roads was not diverted. I'm happy to discuss budget issues with any in the district.

I have great respect for my opponent, but my experience, commitment, connections and budget expertise will make me the more effective supervisor.

Holly Madrigal, Willits

## Yes on Measure S

To the Editor:

Measure S is Mendocino's one chance to actually prevent fracking in our county.

It is a rights-based ordinance. It refers back to our rights articulated in the Declaration of Independence, and our own California Constitution – all power is inherent in the people. This ordinance protects the rights of the air, soil and water from fracking. It also states that the people of Mendocino County are the ones to decide this, which seems appropriate as we are the ones who will live with the polluted water from the fracking. After reading how other places have tried to protect their lands from fracking by using the conventional processes of law and seeing that they have always had their ordinances overturned (due to the federal government's treatment of corporations like minority people), I have noted: All those attempts to protect their land have failed.

There are 190+ communities in over seven states where community rights ordinances have been able to stop fracking as well as other corporate buy-outs. Please vote Yes on Measure S.

Beth Riedel, Willits

## Vote Madrigal

To the Editor:

This coming February will mark my 12th year living in Willits. About 10 years ago, I started getting involved in the civic life of our wonderful community. Soon I knew most of our elected officials by their first name. I appreciated the genuine care with which so many of these persons approached their responsibilities. I liked the fact that I knew all the candidates for city council and for the supervisor's race by first name and had shared food and good conversations with each of them.

One public official especially earned my respect, Holly Madrigal. Holly and I did not always agree, but she was always willing to listen to my point of view and, if I gave her a useful perspective, she would consider how it might affect her position. I don't want someone in office who always agrees with me, because I have been known to be wrong from time to time, but I want someone who will actually listen and consider my point of view.

I have operated several booths at our local Farmers Markets for many of the years I have lived here. I could always count on seeing Holly there, usually with a transportable desk and holding office hours. Other elected officials might wander through occasionally to press the flesh. Holly was there to hear what her constituents had to say. I knew that if I needed to talk to her about an issue I could reach her at the Farmers Market face to face.

Over the years Holly has been involved in the Local Food movement, the Slow Food movement, Economic Localization, the Grange, and many other groups working to improve our community. She always shows up; she is always ready to get to work; she has always done her homework. You can count on her. She keeps a level head and a cheerful attitude.

She has experience, not only in these various civic-minded organizations, but in government itself. She has done the hard work of crafting city budgets, writing legislation, and crafting compromise with council members that have other viewpoints. She has testified in Sacramento; she has sat on committees; and she has often achieved her goals. When she hasn't, she keeps on going.

I know where she stands on the issues that matter to me, because she speaks her mind. I do not have to sift through her statements to piece together a platform. As this campaign for Third District supervisor began, I already knew who had my vote. In November I will be voting for Holly Madrigal for 3rd District supervisor. I ask you to do the same.

Liam UíCearbhaill, Willits

## FUBAR

To the Editor:

What idiot designed a 20 mph turn in U.S. Highway 101, when a faster turn was possible? Next time you struggle through that turn, note that had they taken a little more material from that slope it could easily have been a 30 to 40 mph turn. Caltrans has been taking soil from that hillside all summer, but for some insane reason left enough material in that one spot to force that 20 mph turn. Punishing all motorists to stick it to Willits again? And after causing the nightmare of all traffic jams to put in this FUBAR, they did not get it right and had to back up traffic again for miles, with no real notice! I had friends stuck in that second jam, and they told me that traffic was stopped so that trucks could cross, only there were long times that no trucks were crossing and traffic was still stopped! Should never have happened!

Then there was the implementation of this boondoggle. We drove back from Ukiah the night after they created that stupid turn, and the signage was insane: a lighted sign near the top of the grade that told you to slow down, followed immediately by a sign that told you 65 mph was OK, then nothing until the warning for a 40 mph turn, followed by the 20. My wife had to remind me to slow down. Somehow they did figure that one out, and the signage has improved. Should never have happened!

Next, traffic circles. If you visit Seattle, Olympia, Boston, or New York (among many others), you will find traffic circles everywhere, including relatively high speed ones. This is because they are smart – traffic circles improve the flow of traffic while wasting little space. They also eliminate any chance of a head-on crash. Mendocino and Lake counties are putting in traffic circles, but Caltrans remains mired in

the 1800s. In Denver you have to convince the traffic department NOT to put in a traffic circle because they work so well.

It is bad enough that they are wasting a ton of money on this bypass that could be better spent on improving the rest of our local highways, but at least do an adequate job. I sometimes think monkeys at typewriters could do a better job of highway design than Caltrans! Speaking of highways, how come after all these years the grade up from Ukiah is still a lumpy mess?

Bill Bruneau, Willits

## LocaLights

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone in the community who has attended our LocaLights concert series. It has been very successful, and we are well on track to raise our goal of \$2,000 for the Willits Community Theatre. And we have had a lot of fun performances along the way.

Unfortunately, the musicians who were originally scheduled to perform in our fifth and final concert for the year on December 6 have had to bow out. The good news is that we have come up with a new and exciting program. We will start the evening with a banjo-centered performance with Bruce Burton and Friends. And, for the second half of the show, we have invited back many of the musicians from previous evenings to put together a grand finale.

For tickets and further information, please call 459-7054. Tickets will be on sale at Goods' Shoppe after November 17. Look forward to seeing you all there.

David Partch, Willits

## Vote Madrigal

To the Editor:

Imagine, for a moment, that you are waking up in Willits three years from now, in the fall of 2017.

Some things are very different. There is a new president of the United States. Marijuana is legal in California – the voters approved a ballot measure in the fall of 2016. Main Street is much quieter. Not only the trucks, but all of the tourist and business traffic to and from the redwoods up north are driving the new freeway around town. Some of the problems we are struggling with in 2014 have vanished, to be replaced by new ones.

Fellow boomers, I am talking to you now, here in the fall of 2014. For better or worse, our generation helped to shape our town and our county into what it is today. But who will be creating the future, finding a way to live in the Willits of tomorrow? That job belongs to our children and grandchildren, not us.

When someone from the next generation – someone who is capable, smart and public-spirited – steps up and wants to serve us, shouldn't we support and nurture them?

Holly Madrigal is knowledgeable and experienced; she can work with anyone and everyone; she is frugal. Most importantly, she has a good and caring heart. What more are we waiting for?

Please join me in voting for Holly Madrigal for supervisor in the fall of 2014.

Don Willis, Willits

## Vote Madrigal

To the Editor:

There are many reasons why Holly Madrigal should get our vote. She has 10 years of experience in local government, has served on the Willits City Council, and has three times been our mayor. In these positions she has demonstrated fairness, balance, and a thoughtful and clear perspective. Holly has an in-depth understanding of the main issues facing our county at this time, and she researches issues to collect facts and perspectives. She is friendly and warm, and has made many meaningful and useful contacts throughout city and county government, serving on committees and creating special events, including the Local Business Fair and the Emergency Health Solutions event.

Maybe most importantly, Holly is very available; she has made a point of being accessible, setting up "office hours" in the community, such as at the Farmers Market and other places, and now at the Holly Madrigal for Third District Supervisor Campaign Headquarters. She listens to our perspectives, is open-minded and receptive. Stop by the campaign headquarters to tell her what you think is important and/or to ask her questions. Holly will be an outstanding representative of

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## Congrats Column

**Happy Anniversary to Jenn and Jack Drew!** "12 years ago on October 19 – that one beautiful day on the coast – has given us two wonderful boys, Taylor and Tanner. I feel as I am the luckiest person in the world to have a devoted husband and partner in life, and the best father to our boys!! 12 years strong and many more to go!! I love u, Jack Drew!" – Jennifer Drew



**Happy third birthday to our Grady (Fonsen) Monster!** We celebrated on October 11, with a ride on the Skunk Train and about 50 friends and family, filling the train! It was a great time! – Mary Fonsen



**Charlie Vivienne Ruth Pinon** was born at 2:16 am on October 21, 2014, measuring 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Parents Mary Colvig and Denny Pinon are very proud. Charlie is the first grandaughter of Annette and Dan Pinon.



**Congratulations on the birth of Averi Christine Bulcke** – weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces – to parents Keith Bulcke and Brittany Carlite. Also welcoming Averi are big sister Jessalyn and grandparents Debbie Carlite and Kevin and Chris Bulcke.



**Eric and Katelyn Garcia** are excited to announce the birth of their second son, Logan Alexander Garcia. Logan was born October 15 at 5:21 pm. He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long. He is welcomed with love by his brother Hunter Garcia, paternal grandparents Luis and Tami Garcia, and maternal grandparents Larry Wyatt and Trina Cardillo.



# Amazing Athletes

of Willits High School

**Volleyball | Kelsey Butler, 16, Junior**

**Breakfast of Champions:** Cereal, Frosted Flakes. **Position:** Setter. **Love for the Sport:** Running around

everywhere to get the second ball; playing since sixth grade.

Kelsey has played every minute of every game this season. As one of the setters, she is expected to communicate loudly, hustle and move quickly, and be extra aggressive on the court.

According to coach Hollie Walton, she has done all of that and more: "She is a natural athlete who is always looking for more ways to improve and succeed."



## Ashes the Arson Dog

**Congratulations to Brooktrails Fire Department's Arson K-9 "Ashes" and Fire Chief Daryl L. Schoepner**, who recently successfully completed canine training and recertification. "I would like to thank the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association for their continued support of the canine program," said Schoepner. "As well as Fire K-9.org, the Brooktrails Community Services District, and its Fire Department. I would also like to thank specifically Lisa Caughlin, owner and master trainer of Canine Academy Training Center."

**Soccer | Sergio Jacinto, 17, Senior**

**Breakfast of Champions:** Bourbon pecan pancakes with chunks of brownies from Ardella's. **Position:** Defensive mid.

**Love for the Sport:** My team was one big family! We've played together since we were like 10 years old and we communicate well.

Senior Captain Sergio Jacinto had two goals on the week. The first was a hard-fought and beautifully finished shot in a losing effort against Fort Bragg on Tuesday. The second goal sealed the win for Willits at Lower Lake on Thursday. Sergio headed in the winning goal off of a corner kick. Coach Noel Woodhouse says, "Sergio's incredible work ethic and leadership skills make him an ideal team captain."



## Fundraising & Donation

**Willits Frontier Days and Sherwood Valley Rancheria and Casino** donated \$1,500 to Safe Pathways. The money was raised during the Ranch Rodeo's barbecue earlier this year. WFD and SVRC co-chaired the event. Shown above, Marcy Barry, president of Willits Frontier Days, and Billy and BJ Rutler of Safe Pathways.



## Well Mannered Mutts

**Another successful group of Level 1 Well Mannered Mutts**, who graduated from Sallie Palmer's Tuesday night 6-week class held in Willits.

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# Who decides the fate of our water?

**Right now that decision isn't ours to make. State, federal, and corporate interests claim the right to override communities' wishes concerning activities that threaten water, air and soil pollution in our community, such as fracking.**

**We have the inalienable right to protect the health and safety of our communities and our water. Laws that take away those rights are unjust and illegitimate. Let's take back our power to decide!**

**Measure S is a Community Bill of Rights designed to reclaim our inalienable right to protect the precious waters of Mendocino County by banning fracking and all fracking related activities.**



**Join all of us who love Mendocino County in voting Yes on S.**

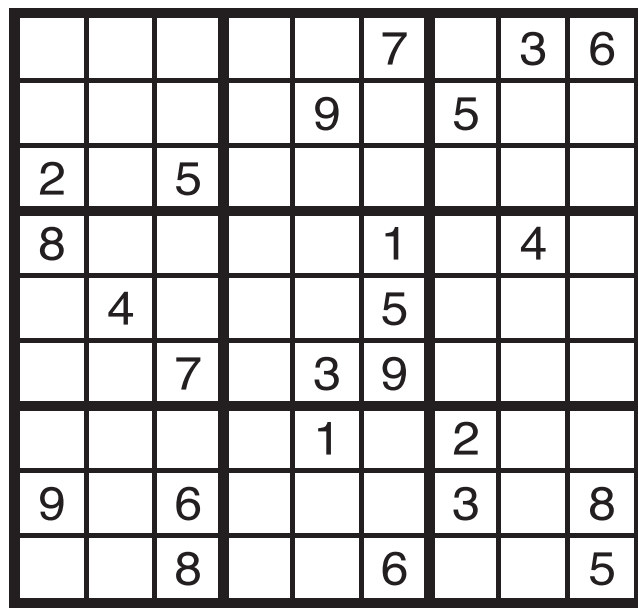
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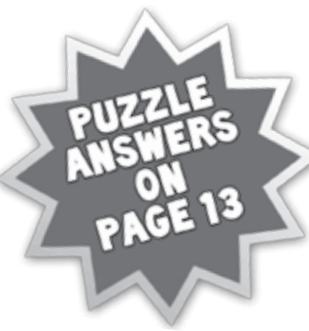
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Activities & fun for kids of all ages

## Sudoku



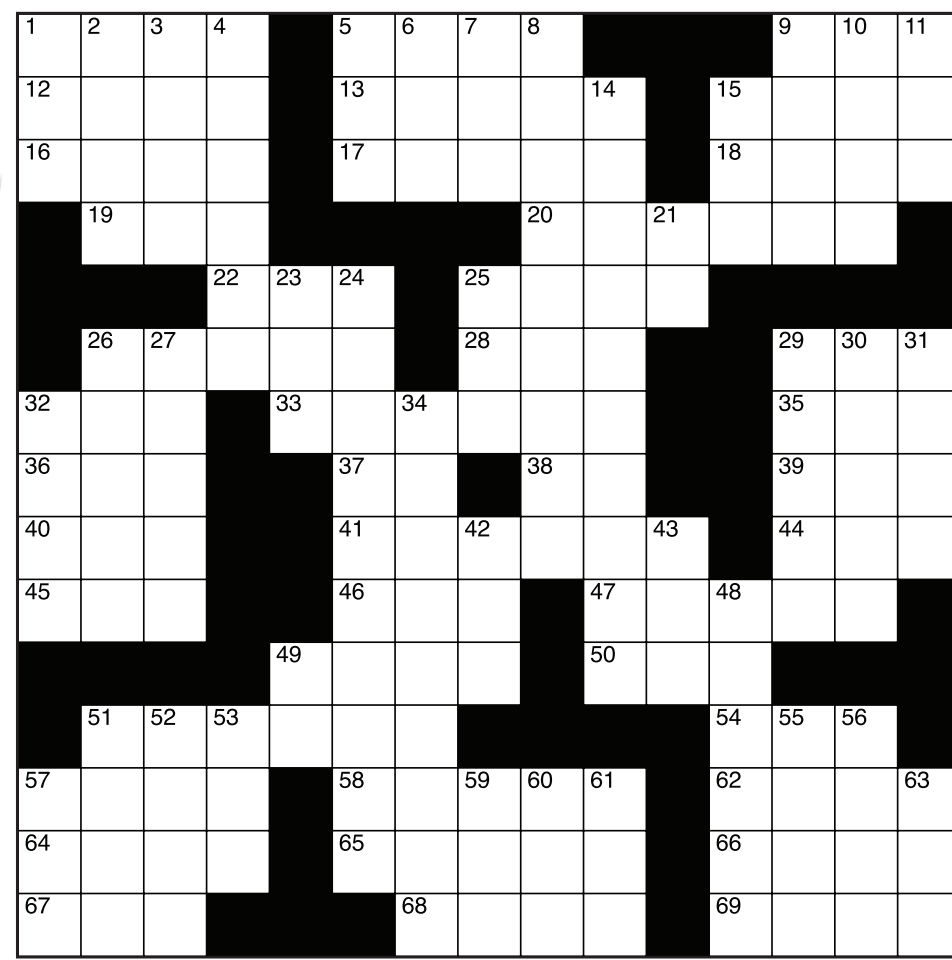
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### How To Sudoku:

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

# Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Forbidden (var. sp.)
- Strike a heavy blow
- Guy (slang)
- Tel. \_\_, Israel
- The superior of an abbey
- Swiss river
- South American nation
- Span. town Aranda de \_\_\_\_
- Yellow's complement
- Sun in Spanish
- Sharp slaps
- Cash dispensing machine
- Persistently annoying person
- Japanese rolls
- The woman
- Fiddler crabs
- Buddy
- Majuscule
- Lake in Oklahoma
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Physician's moniker (abbr.)
- Lincoln's state
- Doctors' group
- By way of
- Coated with tobacco residue
- Collect information
- Smallest whole number
- Honey (abbr.)

### CLUES DOWN

- Draw beer
- Bird class
- Bailpoint pen
- Soft palate extensions
- Not good
- \_\_\_ Dhabi, Arabian capital
- One point E of due S
- Old fashioned upholstery fabric
- Stop short
- Large extinct European wild ox
- Important pollinator
- Magnum P.I. star
- Basic
- Indicates position
- 4th day (abbr.)
- Underground phrase
- 23rd Greek letter
- Live polio vaccine developer
- Forearm bones
- An edict of the Russian tsar
- Tent places
- Not home
- Peafowl genus
- Bog berry
- A shag rug made in Sweden
- Constitution Hall
- Soft black furs
- Atomic #46
- Defense to the Queen's gambit
- Dutch painter Peter 1618-1680
- UK rock band
- About aviation
- Used as a culture medium
- Int'l. news organization
- Fish eggs
- Tennis star Ivanovic
- Exclamation: yuck!
- Point midway between S and SE

### COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns



Suzanne Wagner  
Columnist

## November 2014

**Osho Zen Tarot:** Consciousness, Beyond Illusion

**Medicine Cards:** Antelope, Skunk

**Mayan Oracle:** Imix, Cauac

**Ancient Egyptian Tarot:** The Emperor, The Tower

**Aleister Crowley Deck:** Adjustment, Swiftmess, Completion

**Healing Earth Tarot:** Grandmother of Crystals, The World

**Words of Truth:** Joy, Self-Rejection, Independent Resolution

The energy flows of the last few months have been enormous, and as such the Skunk medicine jumps into the forefront of this month's pattern. How you handle your energy and how others perceive that energy is of great consequence for November. On one level, it is important to have a calm, almost nonchalant attitude, just like the skunk. On the other hand it is not good to put on airs or have others feel as if you are acting superior to them. Notice if your actions are repelling or attracting others, and make the necessary adjustments. It is time to take action and leap into something that is compelling you forward. Learning how to make conscious choices and move forward is what November is all about.

This month's medicine card, Antelope, indicates that your judgment is sound and your ideas are well thought through, so now is the time to leap. If you feel that instinct to move, then it is critical to follow your intuition, because listening to the voices in your head will not get you to where you wish to go. Are you willing to commit to your chosen destiny? Everything is trying to move you in that direction. You have the power that you are seeking. All you need to do is to trust that energy and allow it to unfold a new possibility for you.

Last month the old world came tumbling down, but what you discovered was a newfound clarity and confidence. You understand that you need to be the authority for you. You know that others

cannot possibly see all the nuances that your soul is seeking out to express its uniqueness. This is that moment when you have to trust yourself and allow the force within you to expand you out of your comfort zone and into the more balanced reality that is calling you to wakefulness.

There is a joy that happens when you reject the voices that have been limiting you and allow your spirit to find a new place of center and balance. From the place of knowing your autonomy, you can discover the hidden resources that are right there waiting for you to pick them up. In this month, you can step beyond the illusion of your old self and into a more whole and unified awareness.

As Osho would say, "The distinction between the dream and the real is that the reality allows you to doubt and the dream does not allow you to doubt." This month, let go of the doubt and allow the dream within you to gain momentum. As it gains speed and energy you will learn to trust a force that is the dream manifesting in your life.

Doubt keeps us small. Dreams show us the limitless that is the possibility. Yes, you might need to work at manifesting the dream, but never doubt the dream.

The dream that I had as a child is finally manifesting in a clear and concise way now that I am 54. The bigger the dream, the more time it can take to manifest. But in the overall scheme of things, that dream has always remained resolute. It has been modified and shifted to accommodate the physical world, because after all we are learning how to manifest things in this dimension. But the core expression of that dream has always remained the same.

Keep it simple. Feel into what you wanted as a child. Feel into that dream and allow it to have some air and energy. Allow it to evolve. You cannot manifest something if you are not passionate about it. Your younger self was less afraid and more connected to your authentic heart and that heart's expression. Look at how your life has been a quest to uncover and discover what that dream self wanted to manifest.

You have always been doing that dream. You have never stopped seeking it. That is beautiful. Thank you inner child for that. Deep in you is a wisdom that has never let you go, never forgotten its higher intended mission, and has not gotten distracted off the dream.

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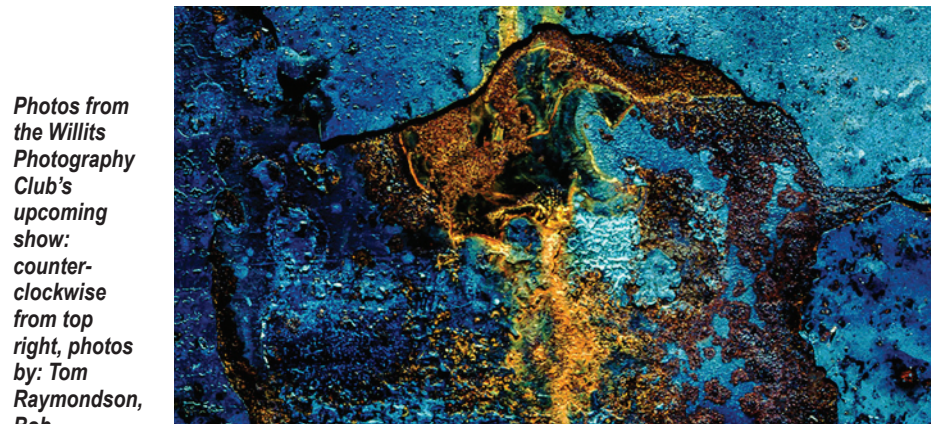
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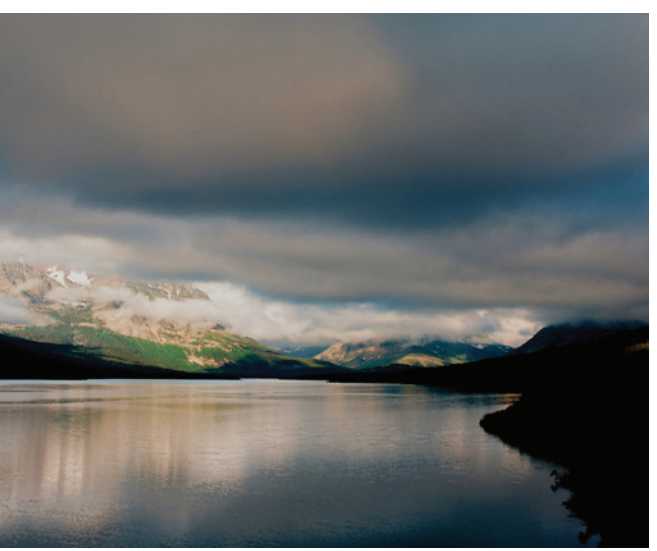
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# A Photo Show

Willits Photography Club holds 13th annual show at WCA

"To me, the shows just get better every year," says participating photographer June Ruckman of the Willits Photography Club's annual gallery event, opening in its 13th incarnation this weekend at the Willits Center for the Arts. "The quality of the work submitted, the group of artists participating - every year I'm even more impressed."

This opening reception for this year's show is Saturday, November 1 from 7 to 9 pm, with live music and refreshments. The show includes a "Fantasy Photo" exhibit and will display work from 14 of the club's members, including Dorothy Asbury, Josh Bowers, Steve Eberhard, Craig Gardner, Bruce Haanstra, Stacey Patton, Tom Raymondson, June Ruckman, David C. Smith, Maria Steffen, Michael Steffen, Volkhard Stuerzbecher, Bob Wilkinson and Sukei

Woodward. The group's members range from excited amateurs to long-time professionals. All the artists in the show are paying members of the photo club and of the WCA, although club participation is free. Ruckman, a long-time photographer who has showed work in the annual events since joining in 2009, says although she's a relative "newcomer" to the club, she credits the group with greatly improving the work she's shown over the years.

"It's a very comfortable space for people to share their knowledge," agrees member Tom Raymondson, the club's only photographer working in film.

The Willits Photography Club started in 2001 and meets monthly to provide each other with feedback and support for their common passion of photography, although members use equipment that varies from professional digital cameras to cell phones. "There's so much shared values and discussion, covering composition, light, timing, and much more that I appreciate," Raymondson

Raymondson primarily shoots landscapes and architecture in black and white film, and he will be contributing work from his travels in Glacier National Monument and Jamaica, as well as more local pieces from Laytonville, Upper Lake, and around Northern California. "Whenever I take a trip I'm always thinking about photography," he elaborates.

Ruckman, who shoots digitally, will also be displaying some local landscapes from her work. Each artist in the show will be bringing between five and 10 photos to have "a really nice representation from everyone participating," says Ruckman, totaling upwards of 75 photos in all, none of which have previously been on display. Many of the photos on display have been taken in the last year.

This year, the show will also include a special "Fantasy Wall," which Ruckman describes as motivated by an ongoing conversation amongst the club's members about the practice of doing photography and that of creating "photography art." Several artists will be digitally combining up to five pictures into a new and unique single image, and

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**WCA Photography**

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**Huffman on pot**

"This congress has gotten a few things done on marijuana policy," the congressman said. "We're nowhere close to where we need to be on marijuana policy, but I think we're making progress."

"We all know, and I think agree, the problem is horrific out there in terms of water diversion, the use of pesticides and rodenticides, and cutting trees without a permit," he said. "This is not even to mention the public safety aspect of it."

"I've been out to some of these trespass grows out in the forest, and it is horrific, what is going on out there," Huffman said. "I introduced a bill intended to raise criminal sentences in cases where some of these hallmarks of environmental problems were present with trespass marijuana grows. I had bipartisan support. We still couldn't get a vote on the bill."

"Don't ask me why this happens. Lots of times there are bills that are not controversial, that don't cost money, that have bipartisan support, and you can't even get a vote. We gotta fix that, at some point."

"If you send me back to Washington, I'm gonna work on that."

"But anyway, I submitted this bill," he continued. "It had bipartisan support, it was well-positioned, and it didn't move. But it succeeded. That's the way these things happen. Sometimes you don't even need to pass a bill for it to succeed."

"The U.S. Sentencing Commission thought it was a good enough idea, that they actually rolled it out as part of their own regulatory authority, and proposed it as new sentencing."

So, as of last month, it's now federal law. We have these tougher sentences in place. I am real pleased we were able to do that."

**On constitutional amendment**

Huffman also was asked for his position on the "We The People" proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which would clarify that corporations do not have protected rights under the Constitution, and which clarifies that money is not speech.

Currently the amendment (HJR 29) is in committee and has been there for a year and a half.

"We've really kind of stepped back in an unfortunate way, in terms of campaign finance reform," Huffman replied. "It used to be you could at least find some bipartisan consensus that there's too much money in politics and it ought to be regulated."

"Remember, the big bill that Congress enacted was McCain-Feingold (McCain-R; Feingold-D). Well we've taken an unfortunate

turn on this issue," he said. "Some of my colleagues in the Republican Party have decided all this spending actually helps their side, and tactically they think it's a good thing."

"So the message from lots of my Republican colleagues has changed. They now discuss this in terms of supporting 'speech' and supporting the First Amendment. And I just fundamentally disagree with that. I don't think the Founders ever envisioned the buying of elections by all these outside groups that are more and more – at least in U.S. Senate races – becoming the main actors in these campaigns."

"Yes, the candidates still run their own campaigns, but more and more, the donors are going to these shadowy super PACS, and the super PACS are putting out the advertising and all this other stuff," Huffman charged. "They say they're not coordinating, but I think that's a bit of a joke. I think amending the Constitution may be the best, maybe be the only thing we can do, because we have to get around the Supreme Court on this, right?"

"I've got to be responsible about how I talk about this, though," he added. "I think I would be kidding you if I said I thought this was going to pass anytime soon. We don't amend the Constitution very often. We've done it less than 30 times in the history of our country."

"As passionate as I know many of you are – and I'm passionate about this too – when you poll the American people it's not a major concern. They're interested in the economy, they're interested in what's going on in Syria, they're interested in any number of things. And way down the list somewhere is amending the Constitution."

"We've got a lot of work to do. It's got to be a movement that moves from the grass roots."

Huffman spoke on a number of other issues as well, including raising Coyote Valley Dam, supporting marriage equality (the principle that homosexual people should have a federally protected right to marry), his opposition to fracking and his support of Measure S, his support of legislation that would ban neonicotinoids (the chemical compounds thought to be responsible for nationwide honey bee die-off), and his interest in improving the Affordable Care Act, especially in stopping alleged abuses by certain insurance companies that routinely have providers listed as being willing and able to provide services, when in fact those listed do not or will not provide services.

Huffman is running for re-election to the House of Representatives. His name is on the ballot for the November 4 election.

**Museum in Willits.**

Tom Pinizzotto, HNSA assistant director, announced the county and its contractors – Orner Management Group (adult mental health services) and Redwood Quality Management Company (services for children) – will soon be able to access funding for special need housing for mentally ill people. The money will come from the California Housing Finance Agency under the Mental Health Service Act. AB 1929 was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown on September 29, and will streamline the process required to release funds allocated under MNSA. That would make the county available to receive an estimated \$1 million, plus interest, according to Pinizzotto's report.

The county will receive further information on processing the AB 1929 changes in mid-November. The bill takes effect January 1.

The funds are required to be used for permanent housing, and the county will need to extend a request for bids or proposals.

Pinizzotto said the county desires to use the funds to provide both inland and coastal facilities, and to consider programs that create more permanent options, such as a building purchase, rather than funding assistance for rental security deposits.

Pinizzotto also outlined the Mental Health Service Act Mental Health Loan Assumption program, which provides student loan repayment funds for employees of the county's mental health system in exchange for a year-long service obligation. Pinizzotto said the program provides an opportunity to retain "homegrown people here in our system," and provided informational sheets to spread the word to eligible employees. Applications are due by midnight on November 30.

RQMC and OMG both presented financial reports emphasizing response times to crisis calls and requests for psychiatric appointments, dual-diagnosis cases (consumers with both mental health and substance abuse issues), and bilingual and tribal services provided, which Willits Weekly will cover in future articles.

RQMC Chief Operating Officer Dan Anderson detailed the recent opening of a youth emergency center in Ukiah, and creation of a peer-to-peer support group for youth in crisis.

Mark Montgomery, OMG vice president of operations, said OMG is actively seeking spaces to provide community-supported transitional housing.

Luisa Acosta of Ukiah's Nuestra Casa told board members there is a need for improved cultural competency within county mental health services, an issue raised throughout the meeting.

Acosta made an urgent plea for financial assistance, arguing that although Nuestra Casa has no current source of revenue, it does have a long history of serving an important role as a crisis and access center for families, particularly Latinos. Pinizzotto promised to help research possible funding options and connect Acosta to other relevant county contacts.

The board also discussed the grand jury report, and its recommendations concerning the county's

voting to move this project forward," Councilman Ron Orenstein said.

Councilman Bruce Burton voted against the agreement. Most on the council were not happy to accommodate their neighbor's request.

In recent months, air ambulance company REACH announced it was opening a helicopter base at Willits Municipal Airport.

The proposal met with support at a previous meet-and-greet appearance before the city council, but not all area residents are pleased with the prospect of REACH calling Ells Field home.

In a memorandum to the board of directors, Brooktrails' attorney Chris Neary said the township received

procedure for selecting private contractor OMG.

As an advisory board, some members felt they had little control over what had occurred two years ago, believing they should "let bygones be bygones." Others, however, were concerned about community members for whom the issue was "not water under the bridge, but water on top of the bridge."

Questions were raised over the lack of transparency in the process and whether public trust could be regained without a change in selection policy or further response to issues raised in the grand jury report.

The board failed to reach a shared conclusion on the topic.

Chairman John Wetzler expressed his feelings, saying "the board needs to be aware and conversant" on the issues, as required by state mandate, but should "move forward."

Laura's Law, passed in 2002 and now implemented in six counties, was discussed, with general agreement as to its need in Mendocino County.

The law permits court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment, and was passed after the death of a mental health worker killed by a patient who had refused treatment. Supervisor Dan Hamburg said the board of supervisors had delayed a decision on implementing a pilot program for Laura's Law until their November 4 meeting.

County judges, he noted, seemed to support the idea, despite the potential added caseload on their calendars.

The board criticized the lack of a formal procedure requiring communication between the mental health services and sheriff's office concerning contact with individuals threatening suicide. The board agreed to compose a letter asking for a memorandum of understanding that would require communication between the departments concerning suicide threats.

The board also debated how to better conduct outreach to ensure public participation in the board's monthly meetings, particularly amongst "consumers" of mental health services.

"We don't have much public here today, and that is becoming a problem we should address," said Wetzler. Only about five people were in the audience, including press.

The question was raised during public comment at the September meeting, and the board considered the issue from several different angles.

Transportation access, meeting times, and venues were examined, with the board expressing concern that many clients and families utilizing county mental health services were unable to attend or comment because of their inability to travel to meetings.

Proposals to address the issue included holding meetings at the access centers for greater client familiarity and comfort, and moving meeting times to early evenings, pending county approval.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 19, at 10 am in Mendocino's Presbyterian Church.

mail from the group Keep the Code questioning compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and Local Agency Formation Commission policy.

City Attorney Jim Lance said in his opinion, and that of other attorneys he has contacted, the project is a CEQA project.

"The advice I get back is this sounds like a project, and an initial assessment is what you want to do," Lance told council members.

Councilman Larry Stranske also voted "yes," but was not pleased with the action. "This is really terrible. I want everyone to know that this is really shabby."

At a special meeting, Brooktrails directors decided to give the go-ahead to a REACH water and sewer hookup if the city signed an agreement to hold township harmless.

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## Election Day is November 4

"Over the past several months, I have had several people ask me why I have endorsed Tom Woodhouse for 3rd District Supervisor. I have told them that I greatly appreciated the opportunity to explain my support and I wish to let others know why I feel as if Tom will be a great supervisor for Mendocino County."

"I have known Tom for years; we met when he came to my Willits Office and asked how he could start volunteering to help clean up the community. I asked him if he would be willing to work with local people who had been through the criminal justice system and are required to complete a term of community service. Tom readily supported this and his idea turned into productive activity within weeks. Tom Woodhouse who I had just met was making a difference in Willits by involving local youth and others in making the Willits area a cleaner, safer and more attractive place. His example of community volunteerism soon provided a community service option for young people."

"I have also witnessed Tom's involvement in the local School District, staying behind the scenes yet getting the job done. He rarely takes any credit yet his quiet, steady and strong leadership has proven that by mentoring young adults into being involved in our community, they become part of our community. I truly believe there are young people who have not had to go to County Jail because they were able to complete their community service locally, and now they are part of the solution, rather than being part of the problem. Tom leads by example and has had a positive influence on the lives of many young people. I feel Tom's leadership and teamwork approach to problem solving is what we need right here, right now in the 3rd District of Mendocino County."

"I have asked Tom the hard questions, marijuana, economic growth, the Brooktrails second access, as well as water use. I feel comfortable in knowing that Tom understands the needs of the 3rd District. Tom and his wife Carlyn have raised a great family in the 3rd District, they have been involved with the business community for 40 plus years and he truly believes, as do I, that we are all lucky to live in such a beautiful area. Please join my family and me in voting for Tom Woodhouse for 3rd District Supervisor."

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At left, from top: Haehl Creek Trail organizer Larry Strope walks to take the mic from American Legion Commander Bob Ireland. Bagpiper Jeff Whitby began the dedication ceremony. Larry Strope on the mic. Gail Richards presents a bottle of champagne to Barbara Mitchell.

Photos by Donna Strope and Gail Richards



It was a blustery kind of day – at times it seemed to be raining sideways – but the special dedication ceremony for Haehl Creek Trail was held anyway last Saturday afternoon. Organizers of the event took the time to thank each and every one of the trail's 111 volunteers, donors and sponsors.

A rather moving ceremony began with bagpiper Jeff Whitby and was followed first by a beautiful rendition of the national anthem sung by Ananda Johnson, and then by the American Legion Honor Guard. Commander of American Legion Post 174 and Vietnam vet Bob Ireland introduced the Honor Guard as Capt. Curtis Deshiell (Iraq-Afghan vet), Tom Moore (Lebanon-Grenada vet), and Matt Dearing (Vietnam vet).

Larry Strope isn't one to toot his own horn, but it was Strope who came back from a trip to Scotland all fired up about development of a walking trail for Willits and who got it off the ground. He thanked Linda Buletti for fundraising and once again taking charge of an event so beautifully and under such difficult circumstances. He also thanked everyone else who had worked so hard to see that the tents were up, garbage cans supplied, tables delivered, etc. And, last but not least, he thanked his wonderful wife, Donna.

City Councilman Bruce Burton took possession of the trail, shared high praise for those who had contributed \$500 or more for the trail's construction, and took special note of some of those in attendance, namely Tom Gunther and his wife from DeSilva Gates Construction, Ken and Rose Smith representing Claudia Smith-Hill, missing Ed Mitchell but noting his wife, Barbara, teasing Savings Bank of Mendocino that he is in "their debt," always-strong supporters Phil and Kathy Shuster, Melinda Hays, and even though Mary Anne Trevey was not in attendance he noted how their establishment grew from a vegetable stand to the thriving market that is today's Mariposa.

The list was long, but Bruce Burton remained steadfast in the rain, continuing to thank those who could not attend, including Northern Aggregates and Nor-Cal who donated (yes, you read that right, "donated") all the road base material, Anker-Lucier Mortuary (bronze nameplates), the Padula family, Solid Wastes of Willits (who voluntarily placed garbage cans at each end of

the trail and has emptied them each week since), and of course Sparetime Supply.

Tom Herman, representing both SHN Engineering and Willits Rotary Club, said it was unfortunate Margie Handley was out of town and could not be here for this special dedication, because the new hospital, wellness center, garden and greenhouse and now this trail have all become such an integral part of her life. Herman noted that Handley and the Howard Foundation – who donated one-half of the land for the trail – have made most of it possible.

Also in attendance were donors John and Charline Ford whose daughter Amy is such a driving force in the construction of the new Howard Hospital as its project manager.

As it started to rain again in earnest, Alan Falleri, umbrella in hand, recalled the early days as a city planner with the City of Willits and how the city manager at that time, Gordon Logan, envisioned an entire trail system so people could literally walk everywhere in Willits. Falleri then spoke about the volunteers who had worked so hard to get this particular trail project designed and constructed: first and foremost Mike Aplet, Keith "Kubota Tractor" Johnson and Ananda Johnson, Carolyn Wyatt, who opened her home to their meetings, Keith and Lotus Baker, Larry and Marisela Desmond, Jed and Carlin Diamond, his own wife, Patty Bruder, and Linc North who he noted "apparently just enjoys hard work." Falleri mentioned he had grown up in Elk where if anything gets done there, it's through the hard work and effort of its citizenry. He's heartened to know that Willits has the same attitude with such a multitude of dedicated, hardworking volunteers.

Then like a pied-piper, Jeff Whitby and the Honor Guard started the procession of guests down Haehl Creek Trail – some walking it for the first time – to see the newly installed tables, benches and steppingstones!

Returning totally drenched, everyone huddled under the tents, where they shared incredible food supplied by caterer The Farmer's Wife from Ridgewood Ranch, enjoyed Frey Vineyard wines, water and beer, or stood around a bonfire thoughtfully started much earlier by Keith Johnson for Haehl Creek Trail's special guests that day.

Catching Barbara Mitchell as she headed for home, this writer presented her with a bottle of champagne so that she and Ed – who'd donated the other half of the land to the city of Willits for the trail – could toast Haehl Creek Trail that evening.



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*Kapila*

Thursday, October 30

**Mad Hatter Tea Party:** Willits Library invites your little ones to this Mad Hatter Tea Party from 3 to 5 pm. "Take their (or your) pictures with our 'Head in the Hole' photo boards anytime 'Wonderween week.' 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

**Shanachie Pub:** new acoustic duo, The Gypsy Thorns, featuring Danielle "Feather" and JoeTucky. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, October 31

**Free Ghoulish Drinks for Trick-Or-Treaters:** The Willits United Methodist Church will be putting out Ghoulish Drinks – hot chocolate, hot cider and water – for all Trick-Or-Treaters tonight in front of the church, 286 School Street, across from the Grange. From 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

### Halloween Dance Parties

**Al's Redwood Room:** The Dream Capsule Band will host Halloween with an open mike night. 207 South Main Street. Festivities from 9 pm to 2 am. No cover. Info: 459-2444.

**Brooktrails Lodge:** Fourth annual Halloween Party. Three rooms of music with a staggering list of performers in the Brooktrails Lodge's "the biggest bash ever." Performers include: Inspectah Deck of the Wu-Tang Clan, VNDMG, Esseks, Smashel Tooth, Chase Manhattan, Tiger Fresh, Shlump, Spek11, Muppet Punk, Treyzilla, Timonkey, Glitch Report, Indaskyes, Maps and Writings, Stressnork, Reliable Reilly. Hosted by Sellassie. Brooktrails Lodge 24675 Birch Street, 9 pm to 4 am. \$50 pre-sale, \$60 at the door. \$500 costume contest. Tickets available at: www.inticketing.com.

**Diggers Bar:** Selecta Lou will be the in-house DJ for Halloween night. Positive Music Positive Vibes: Dancehall, Dubstep, Hip Hop, Reggae, Trance, Latin. Come dressed for a costume party with cash and gift prize giveaway for best costume. Fun starts at 10 to 2 am at 244 South Main Street. No cover. Info: 459-4977.

**John's Place:** DJ Mikey T. will be spinning the tunes for Halloween: Country, Rock, Hip Hop and Hick Hop, Disco, Oldies, Reggae, and Requests. Cash prizes for the best costumes: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. So come dressed to win at 255 East Commercial. No cover. Info: 459-5636.

**Shanachie Pub:** The pub's Halloween night entree will be Funkacillin. This red-hot band will be serving up funk, soul, and rock all night long. Located at 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Festivities from 10 pm to 2 am. Info: 459-9194.



# What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

Saturday, November 1

**Energize Willits:** Grand opening of new Zumba studio at Hidden Agenda, East San Francisco and Main street. Free adult class at 9 am, and free Zumba Kids at 10:30 am. Info: www.facebook.com/EnergizeWillits, 707-583-ZFUN or energizewillits@gmail.com.

**Check Your Smoke Alarms!** Between 10 am and 2 pm today, uniformed representatives from the Little Lake Firefighters Association will be available to visit your home, by appointment. "Although this program is designed for our community's seniors and disadvantaged families with young children who own their own homes, we will provide assistance where we can. If you are a resident living in our district or know someone who would benefit from this service, please call the staff of the Little Lake Fire Protection District at 459-6271 to schedule a free appointment for November 1 between 10 am and 2 pm. For more information on the; Install, Inspect, Protect Campaign and other fire prevention information, please visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms. To learn more about the Little Lake Fire District's local fire detector campaign activities, please feel free to contact the Little Lake Fire Protection District Office at 459-6271.

**Learn to Homebrew Day:** a demonstration of how to brew your own beer at home will be conducted by the Willits Home Brewing Research Engineers (Willits Home BREW) today at Coast Hardware, 101 East Barbara Lane. The demonstration will begin at 10 am and will include all steps needed to make 5 gallons of homemade beer. Come and watch the process, ask questions, and pick up more information. Part of the American Homebrewers Association's international "Learn to Homebrew Day" event. Call Rick at 459-1338 or email him at rhewett1@aol.com. See willitshomebrew.weebly.com. Info: 459-1338 or email him at rhewett1@aol.com. See willitshomebrew.weebly.com. Info: 459-1338 or email him at rhewett1@aol.com. See willitshomebrew.weebly.com.

**Christian Community Harvest Party & Coat Giveaway:** 5:30 to 8:30 pm, hosted by Agape Bible Church, and put on by several local churches. 290 South Lenore Avenue. 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. Questions? Call 459-1905.

**13th Annual Willits Photography Club Show:** November show at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Artists reception tonight, 7 to 9 pm. Featured artists: Dorothy Asbury, Josh Bowers, Steve Eberhard, Craig Gardner, Bruce Haanstra, Stacey Patton, Tom Raymondson, June Ruckman, David C. Smith, Maria Steffen, Michael Steffen, Volkhard Stuerzbecher, Bob Wilkinson and Sueki Woodward. Runs through November 30. Gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays, 4 to 7 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3 pm. Visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org. See article elsewhere in Willits Weekly for more information.

Sunday, November 2

**Bingo at the Senior Center:** Sunday Bingo at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Doors open at 10:30 am. Snack bar opens at 11 am. Games begin at 11:30 am. Bingo buy-in \$10. Info: 459-6826 or visit www.willitsseiorcenter.com.

**YouthSpeaksOut! Radio:** the hosts of YouthSpeaksOut!, Laytonville High School students, will present questions to the candidates for 3rd District supervisor, Holly Madrigal and Tom Woodhouse. 3 pm on KZYX (91.5/90.7/88.1fm and www.kzyx.org). "This is not a political debate, rather the Laytonville High School students' questions will be focused on why youth should take politics seriously, how they can become informed citizens, and how young people can become involved in affecting society. There will be a call-in portion in the last segment of the program."

**Steps You Can Take to Avoid Strokes:** Join Dr. Michael Medvin, director of Howard Memorial Hospital's Emergency Room, in this Avenues to Wellness program, on Tuesday, November 4, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at



the Harrah Senior Center's Lakeside Room, 1501 Baechtel Road. Primary and secondary prevention (how to avoid a stroke or a TIA); "clot busting" and other medicines; how to avoid another one. "The idea of a stroke is scary to most people. We know it as a disease with the possibility of sudden death or prolonged disability. Learn to take steps to minimize your risk of having a stroke." Free to the public; donations appreciated. Refreshments will be served. For info: call 459-2777; email: atwforhealth@gmail.com; or visit www.avenuestowellness.org.

**The Dumb Supper 2014:** Celebrate Samhain, or Halloween, with a ritual on All Souls Day, at The Muse, 30 San Francisco Street. Please arrive by 6:45 pm; ritual starts at 7 pm. Donations of \$5 to \$20 are suggested for Phoenix Hospice. Remembrances of those departed, silent sharing of the dearly departed's favorite finger foods, building family altars and more. Bring your own favorite plate, chalice, or cup and spoon. Please call Mana at 707 354-2475 to make a reservation.

Monday, November 3

**Coffee or Tea with WHS Principal:** Parents and community members are invited to join Jeff Ritchley, principal at Willits High School, this morning for coffee, starting at 8:30 am in room 6, or this afternoon for tea and cookies, at 3:30 pm in the Food Center. "Coffee and Tea with the Principal" is an informal way to openly discuss what is happening at WHS, and a time for parents to share any concerns or suggestions.

Tuesday, November 4

**Election Day: Don't forget to vote!** 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: "Fury" and "Alexander's Very Bad Day." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Friday, November 7

**Potato Bar at the Senior Center:** Big baked potatoes with all your favorite toppings, 5:30 to 7 pm, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Decorate a potato from home, and enter it into our Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head Contest for

a chance to win a great prize! \$9 non-members; \$8 members; \$5 kids. All proceeds benefit the Outreach Department.

**'Heart of the Harvest' Benefit:** A night of international live music and a benefit for music at New Folsom Prison, 7 pm to midnight, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Kenny Johnson, director of This Sacred Space (dedicated to bringing spiritual awareness to all beings who are incarcerated), featured as MC. International music by Ojala! Turkish, Flamenco and Folk Duo; MerKaBah: original compositions inspired by Sufi music, played on ancient Eastern instruments; and Farafi, traditional and modern African fusion. Also rocking dance band, Diane Patterson & Spirit Radio, with Folkadelic Rock. Doors and Dinner at 6:45. Music starts at 7 pm. \$10-\$20 sliding scale donation at the door. Kids free! Food, treats and drinks available; no alcohol. Info: contact Diane at 214-676-7199 or ancientstar66@yahoo.com.

**Soup and Dessert Lunch:** St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive, presents a "Soup and Dessert Lunch," from 11 am to 2 pm. Soups include: Split Pea, Clam Chowder, Chicken Dumpling, Mexican Tortilla, White Bean and Lamb, and Gluten-free Apple Parsnip. \$7 for soup, bread, and dessert. Handcrafted gift items for sale. Drawing prizes include \$200 gift card to Safari West, Thanksgiving Basket, Tea Basket, and a handmade Desert Sunset Afghan. For information, call 459-2988.

**"The Angel of Chatham Square":** the holiday production at Willits Community Theatre is a romantic drama set in New York City in 1948, written by Healdsburg playwright Audie Foote. Opens tonight at 8 pm. This is the heartwarming story of waitress Kitty Fleming as she meets and befriends Willie, a seemingly down-and-out homeless vagrant living among the other bums in the Bowery. Directed by Christine Dill, with performers Kelly Kesey, Rod Grainger, Gretchen Anderson, Ron Greystar, Pete Winslow, Tim Suttles, Mike A'Dair and David Patch. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar at 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or for credit card orders, phone the WCT office at 459-0895. Tickets will also be available at the door. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more info.

**Shanachie Pub:** Grampa's Chili, Santa Cruz Mountain Funkgrass band. 9 pm. \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, November 8

**Mushroom, Wine and Beer Train:** this annual benefit for the Mendocino Museum – a flagship event for the countywide

Mushroom, Wine and Beer Festival, features a ride on the Skunk Train out to Noyo (complete with music by Greg Schindel, a picnic breakfast, and wine and beer tastings). Events at Noyo include more beverage and food tastings, a BBQ, music by Steve Bates, mushroom discovery walks, a mushroom cookoff and more. Willits train departs the Skunk Train depot at 10:15 am and returns around 5 pm. For tickets and more info, visit www.MendocinoMuseum.org or email Info@MendocinoMuseum.org or call 707-459-2736.

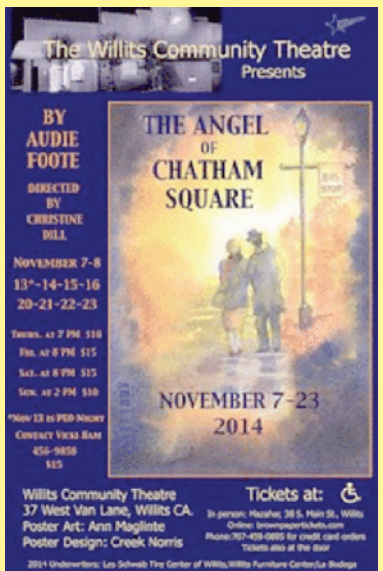
**9th Annual Community Harvest Dinner:** A celebration of community and of local, organic food tonight at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. This year's event is a benefit for the Willits Environmental Center. A no-host wine and beer bar opens at 6 pm, and dinner will start at 6:30 pm. The locally sourced, all organic menu features Organic Range-fed Beef Meatloaf with caramelized lilies, Herb Roasted Savory Chicken Thighs, Golden Polenta with Rustic Plum Tomato Sauce, Autumn Rice and Acorn Salad, Heirloom Lettuce and Greens from Covelo with Honey Vinaigrette Dressing, Smashed Potatoes with Toasted Garlic and Vegetarian Gravy, Roasted Medley of Fall Vegetables, Rock Tree Valley Apple Crisp with whipped cream. Coffee, tea and juices. Tickets are available at Goods' Shoppe: \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets are limited so advance purchase suggested. Info: Thayer Graig, 459-3360, or Rosamond Crowder, 459-4579.

**"The Angel of Chatham Square":** 8 pm, see Friday, November 7 listing for details.

Sunday, November 9

**Guitarist Tim Farrell at WCT:** Fingerstyle Guitar Master Tim Farrell will offer an intimate performance at Willits Community Theatre this afternoon at 2 pm, in celebration of his latest CD release, "Cascadia." As a musician, composer, educator, and recording artist, Farrell has performed with such notable artists as Les Paul, George Benson, Jean Luc Ponty, Rick Wakeman, Alex DeGrassi and Jake Shimabukuro. He has been a featured performer and workshop instructor at major music festivals including Montreal Guitar Show, Montreal International Jazz Festival, Newport Guitar Festival, Healdsburg Guitar Festival, and Woodstock Invitational. Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar in Willits, 38 South Main Street, online at Brownpapertickets.com, or by phone with credit card at the WCT office, 459-0895. Tickets will also be available at the door. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane.

**"Being Healthy and Saving the Planet":** a lecture-presentation by Will Tuttle, Ph.D., author of Amazon #1 best seller "The World Peace Diet," this afternoon at 2 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Organized by Jon Spitz; co-sponsored by WELL. Tickets \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Includes complimentary food plate. Advance ticket sales at SoulSisters Freedom Restaurant, 425 Main Street (old Burrito Exquisito).



**Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Animal Care Services**

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## Willits Garden Club Meeting

The November meeting of the Willits Garden Club, set for Monday, November 10, features a talk about California native flora by guest speaker Jerry Shaul from the Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club. Meeting starts at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshments; speaker starts at 1 pm; meeting ends at 2:30 pm. Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, six miles south of Willits: west of Highway 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch.

Guests are welcome and there is no charge. Info: Lucille Garcia at 459-9995 or Gary Bodensteiner at 459-2708.

**PFLAG Meeting in Willits**

Confidential support meetings for parents, families and friends who have loved ones who are LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender) are held on the second Tuesday of every odd-numbered month in Willits. In November, the meeting is set for Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 pm at Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. The group meets on even-numbered months in Ukiah. Info? call Delynne, 707- 367-8094.

**'Home for the Holidays' Cat Sale**

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, is having a "Home for the Holidays" sale of cats and kittens. To encourage adoptions, we have cut the adoption fee in half to \$40 through the holiday season. All of these lovely felines have been spayed or neutered, and tested negative for FeLV, FIV and heartworm. They have also been micro-chipped and are current on age-appropriate vaccinations. Shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and from 11 to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday. More info: 485-0123.

## Willits Youth Football Mexican Taco Dinner

Dinner for a family of 4 by Taqueria Ramirez. \$30 for 16 tacos plus rice and beans: Al Pastor, Asada, Carnitas, Chicken. 5 to 7 pm at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Order tickets: 707-357-0131.

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\*Al Pastor \*Asada \*Carnitas \*Chicken

Date: 11/12/2014  
Time: 5 pm – 7 pm  
Location: Rodeo Grounds

Order Tickets 707 357-0131

## Veterans Breakfast Senior Center Ice Cream Social

Willits American Legion Post 174 offer a Veterans Breakfast, Tuesday, November 11, 8 to 11 am at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Breakfast is free to all veterans, military & emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Boy & Girl Scouts.

Monday November 10, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Pie, ice cream, coffee and prizes. This month's entertainment: Bruce Burton, "Name that Tune." Members \$1; non-members, \$1.50.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Last week at City Park this Thursday! Next week, Thursday, November 6, the market moves to Little Lake Grange and continues every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Produce, plus cut flowers, local meats and fish, dinner, baked goods, bread, crafts, live music, and more.

**The Mandal Choral:** 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 Choral meets upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

**Willits Photography Club:** meets at the Willits Art Center, 71 East Commercial Street, on the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 12 noon. All levels of experience welcome. Come to the back door of the Art Center.

**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. 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. 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.

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

**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: 459-4932.

**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 707-544-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

**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/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Brooktrails Lodge:** Open Mic every Friday at the Lodge's Caminito's Lounge. Live jams featuring local artists: all performers please see Mr. Larry when you arrive. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596.

**Brooktrails Lodge:** Ladies Night every Thursday at the Lodge's Caminito'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 and World Music Open Mic every Monday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 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. Next week, November 3, the market moves to the Laytonville Grange. Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, and more.

## Halloween Safety Tips

With Halloween quickly approaching, the Willits Police Department would like to urge everyone to use extra diligence in providing for the safety of our children. It is the goal of the Willits Police Department to ensure a safe trick-or-treating environment, and there will be extra patrol officers on duty on Halloween. The Willits Police Department encourages everyone to have an enjoyable Halloween by practicing the following safety tips.

- Make sure a responsible adult accompanies children ages 12 and younger at all times while trick-or-treating.
- Make sure costumes fit well, are flame retardant, and don't hinder your ability to see.
- Wear reflective clothing and/or carry a light or glow stick if trick-or-treating in the evening and after dark.
- Children over the age of 12 should stay in groups, follow an agreed-upon route, and watch for cars if walking.
- Check the Megan's Law website for registered sex offenders residing in the area before trick-or-treating.

- Teach children never to enter a home without a trusted adult or permission from a guardian.
- Only approach homes that are well-lit.
- Children should stay in well-lit areas; they should never take shortcuts and never go into isolated areas.
- Children should contact a trusted adult if they see anything weird or unusual.
- Children should bring treats home before eating them and should only eat factory-wrapped treats, unless they personally know the giver of the items.
- Throw away unwrapped foods or candies.
- Adults and children are encouraged to trust their feelings and say "no" and "get away" to a person or situation that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused, even if it means attracting attention or resisting the other person.
- Consider safe alternatives to trick-or-treating such as parties at home, schools, or community events.

## "The Angel of Chatham Square"

A small *battalion of down-and-out vagrants acts as bodyguards for leading lady, Kelly Kesey.* Front row: David Patch, left, and Tim Suttles; back row: Rod Grainger, left, and Mike A'Dair. Photo by Ron Greystar

"The Angel of Chatham Square" by Healdsburg playwright Audie Foote comes to the Willits Community Theatre for a holiday season run, opening on Friday, November 7 at 8 pm and running through November 23. This romantic drama set in New York City in 1948 is a heartwarming story of waitress Kitty Fleming as she meets and befriends Willie, a seemingly down-and-out homeless vagrant living among the other bums in the Bowery. Kitty works the late shift, and finds herself alone late one night at Chatham Square when she's accosted by a mugger. Willie comes to her rescue and the two strike up an agreement: Willie will meet and protect

tragedy strikes, and Willie disappears. Word has it that he died, barely to death on a particularly cold winter night. Kitty bravely manages through the difficult months ahead, while getting help from her best friend, Blanche. Then one day, a surprise shows up at the restaurant where Kitty works, and the Angel of Chatham Square delivers.

The production is directed by Christine Dill, and the performers are Kelly Kesey, Rod Grainger, Gretchen Anderson, Ron Greystar, Pete Winslow, Tim Suttles, Mike A'Dair and David Patch.

Advance tickets are available at Mazahar at 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or for credit card orders, phone the WCT office at 459-0895. Tickets will also be available at the door.

A special performance of the show for PEO Night will take place on Thursday, November 13 at 7 pm. Tickets for that evening can be purchased from Vicki Ham, phone: 456-9858. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

– submitted by Steve Hellman, for WCT



## Little Lake Fire Department

Offering Trick-or-Treating at Commercial Street station

Families with kids young and old are welcome to come and trick or treat at the Little Lake Fire Department's Commercial Street station this Friday starting at 3 pm. Costume-clad firefighters will be handing out candy and glow sticks and showing off the firehouse and fire trucks to ghouls and goblins who drop by. The idea to offer a safe Halloween-night option was the brainchild of the members of the Little Lake Firefighter Association and their president Kevin Reedy.

"We're excited to be doing this for the first time this year," explained Reedy. "It's just one more way we can give back to the community and show them the support that they have given us! Come by and trick or treat with us this Friday!"

Reedy and the rest encourage everyone to have a safe holiday, to remember to bring flashlights, and to look both ways before crossing the street! Drivers need to keep a close eye on pedestrians, so everyone can have a fun night!



Isabella Wear, Aaron Wear, and Sophia Wear.



My Gramma used to call my son, Eric Gibson "pumpkin head"! Now he is one! He is a really great guy, a mechanic for his cousin Chris Horger at Willits Rental.



Lucyfur the good little witch.



Taylor, Jordan and Liam getting ready to carve some pumpkins.



Eric Johnson's carved pumpkin.



Isabel Gonzalez, 9 months, daughter of Mireya & Marcos Gonzalez and granddaughter of Maria & Gerardo Villegas.



Kali (spider girl) & Judah (Bat) Kristiansen.



Mr Pickles the pirate.



Happy Halloween from Ella, Emma, Tanner, Porter, Lilah and Ashlynn!



Jacqueline and Stephanie Standley.



Sophia Linderman, 11 months, as a Dalmatian.



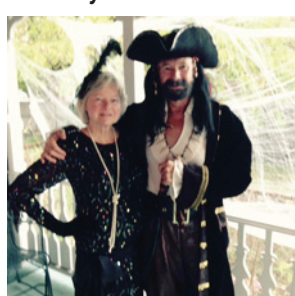
Callen McCoy.



Archer's first pumpkin he picked by himself.



Caspian Eventide.



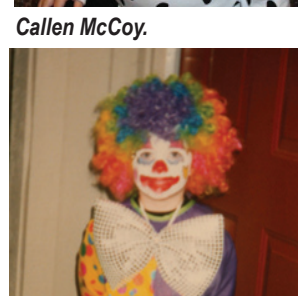
The flapper, Sharon Bauman and the pirate, Dean Bauman.



Chad Eventide.



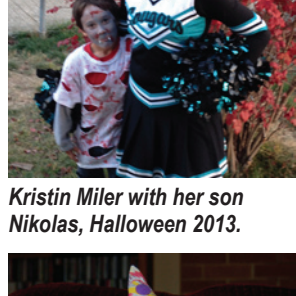
Jessica and Sarah.



Rachel Belvin, clown at 5 years old.



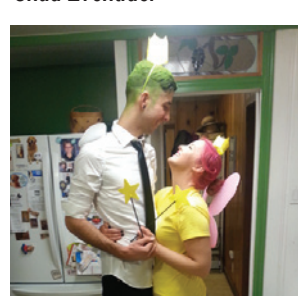
Kristin Miller with her son Nikolas, Halloween 2013.



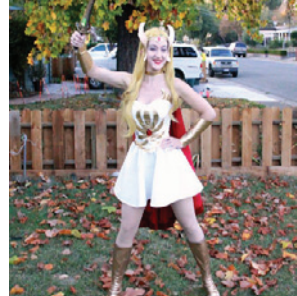
Coltin and Connor McCoy.



Artemis Goddess of the Hunt and the Moon, aka Jessie.



The fairly odd parents, Richard and Carissa Diskin.



Lara Eventide.



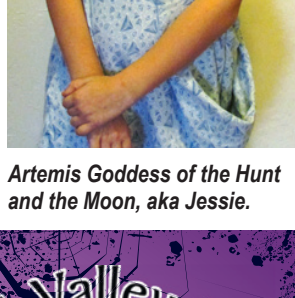
Mariah Lavine, age 4. She is My Little Pony Rainbow Dash.



Gracie Orozco.



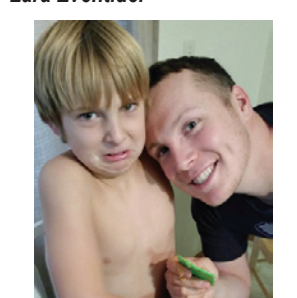
Emmarose the clown.



Bianca, baby Khayree, Devonte & Carmine Guevara so excited to light their pumpkins!



Kaleb and Jake Whitehurst.



Wyatt, Riley, and Gavin Norton.



Remy the Wizard.

**Sherwood Valley Rancheria Casino**

# Halloween Costume Contest

Begins approximately at 9:00 p.m.

1st Prize - \$750 Cash  
2nd Prize - \$500 Cash  
3rd Prize - \$300 Cash  
4th Prize - \$200 Cash  
5th Prize - \$150 Cash

**NO MASKS OR WEAPONS**

To be eligible for the contest, must earn 20 points on Player Club Card before 9:00 p.m. and see Players Club for an entry slip. See Players Club for more details.

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## HALLOWEEN BASH

**COSTUME CONTEST!**  
\$1,000 IN CASH PRIZES  
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- MOST ORIGINAL
- BEST ANIMAL
- BEST SUPER HERO
- BEST VILLAIN
- BEST COUPLE
- BEST OVERALL

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our Mendocino County community on the board of supervisors.

On November 4, vote for Holly Madrigal for Third District supervisor.

Patricia Norris, Willits

### Vote Madrigal

To the Editor:

With her education, knowledge, youth, vitality, honesty, experience, interest and dedication, Holly Madrigal represents the future of Mendocino County. As an informed public servant, Holly has used her 10 years as a Willits City Council member to meet and work with leaders as well as constituents to acquire the knowledge and connections for solutions to difficult future challenges in our county. Holly possesses an openness to new ideas and creativity which will serve us well when she is searching for those answers. In addition, Holly has a vision of the future in which Mendocino County boasts of successful local manufacturing, local business and local farming which support local needs.

At a recent meeting of Laytonville community members and supervisor candidates where the discussion centered around the possible formation of a "Long Valley Public Library Station," Holly expressed her ideas and support for a county service currently unavailable in Laytonville.

Holly Madrigal is tireless, open, enthusiastic, concerned about and available to all of her Third District constituents. She is "pen-and-paper" ready for the challenges of a very demanding job as Third District supervisor. Vote Holly Madrigal, November 4!

Susan Bradley, Laytonville

### Yes on Measure S

To the Editor:

Why I registered to vote. In a free society, the people tell their government what it can and can not do, and all people have the

same rights and privileges.

In an oppressive society, government tells the people what they can and can not do, and favored groups are granted special privileges at the expense of others.

Which do we have?

Every once in a while an idea takes hold that advances the cause of liberty.

Measure S is one of those. We're already starting to see the fear-mongering about what will happen if Measure S passes. The same kind of thing happened when people tried to end slavery. And again dire predictions when there was talk of giving women the status of people instead of property and the right to vote.

Is Measure S perfect? Probably not. It is however, a huge step in the correct direction. It's about standing up for our rights and advancing liberty. It's about starting the process to remake our world into something worth leaving to our grandchildren.

There are those in the existing power structure that don't like Measure S, just like there were those that did not want to end slavery and those that did not want women to have the right to vote.

Some say Measure S is too radical. A quote from constitutional attorney KrisAnne Hall applies here: "Standing for your rights is only radical to tyrants and slaves."

I registered to vote for Measure S. Join the residents of Mendocino County in voting Yes on Measure S and start putting the freedom back in "the land of the free."

Tim Rice, Willits

### Energize Willits

To the Editor:

It's with a great deal of excitement that we've come together to share our passion for dance and fitness and formed Energize Willits to bring Zumba to downtown Willits. As of November 1, we will be located at the new Hidden Agenda at 399 South Main Street, which is on the corner of Main Street and East San Francisco Street.

We're grateful to be a part of Hidden Agenda and to be a part of their growing community. We're thrilled to partner with like-minded artists, as we'll be sharing the space with musicians, yogis and dancers. We're also thankful to the people who have taught us and helped us get to the point where we can take the leap and start our own business. It's not without some fear that we take this next step, but it's because of the relationships with our students and mentors we've developed over the last three years that gives us confidence and high hopes.

As instructors we're committed to making every class full of energy, passion, and personality. Our goal is to empower our students to be healthy, happy and energized. We value our students, customer service, and our community partnerships.

Find us on Facebook for more information, and then join us on Saturday, November 1 at 9 am for our Grand Opening Class, followed by a Zumba Kids Class at 10:30. Both classes are free, so come and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rachel Cash, Megan Hall Jimenez, Erin Fitzpatrick, Willits

### Yes on Measure S

To the Editor:

Barry Vogel's opinion expressed at the recent forum on Measure S in Ukiah is construed by many in the county to be limited by past interpretations of the law. Law is ever-evolving to meet the needs of changing social situations. In limiting interpretations to precedents, we limit ourselves to the status quo, to law designed to meet the needs and solve the problems of the past. Previous "legal interpretations" have often supported exploiting the ecosystem upon which we all depend. Destruction of the planet progresses at an ever-increasing rate, and now it is time for new legal interpretations to save the local and worldwide ecosystems upon which we all depend. And this is beginning to happen. A great example is the recent

Dryden, New York decision (see this New York Times article: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/01/nyregion/towns-may-ban-fracking-new-york-state-high-court-rules.html>). With Measure S, Mendocino County is a trend-setter, establishing an example that many counties and communities which care about the health of their people and environment will follow very soon.

State and federal law, as interpreted by the courts, originated and evolved when resources were believed to be limitless. We now know this was a false and shortsighted assumption. The legal regulatory system often supports the extraction and destruction of our collective natural resources, for the financial benefit of the few, giving sanction to the corporate harms that will kill us all if we allow this direction to continue.

While these harms and destruction are considered "legal," they are in direct conflict with our unalienable rights to protect ourselves. We cannot continue to allow illegitimate laws to poison and destroy our localities. By banning fracking in Mendocino County, we are protecting ourselves from immeasurable harm of severe water contamination caused by fracking.

The many thousands of people who openly support Measure S respectfully agree that it is right and good for us to use our rights to protect ourselves and our ecosystem from harm. If current state and federal laws do not give us the structure necessary to protect ourselves and the place where we live, then we must refer back to our state and federal constitutions, which grant us the ability to ensure that we are bound by laws which serve the people.

Measure S makes a clear statement that we of Mendocino County will not allow our water, air and soil to be poisoned by fracking. It is our responsibility to stand up for what is right now and in the future. Measure S will be completely defensible if necessary, and many lawyers would consider it a privilege to defend the rights of the people.

Cynthia Raiser Jeavons, Willits

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B. Physicians will be forced to reduce services and possibly even leave California.  
C. It will compromise the security of individual's personal prescription drug history.

**Thank you for your support!**

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Wendy Wilmes, Kitty Norris and Ann Maglente.

## Celebrating Day of the Dead

Altar commemorates inspirational women: famous and family

An altar commemorating inspirational women in celebration of the upcoming Dia de los Muertos ("Day of the Dead") holiday is currently on display in the window of Cat's Meow on South Main Street. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women and created by more than 30 community members, the altar features tributes to famous women including artists Frida Kahlo and Imogen Cunningham, as well as images of more personal heroes contributed by those who helped adorn the altar.

women this year because the AAUW is focused on supporting women in achieving their goals," explained AAUW program chair and altar co-organizer Ann Maglente. Dia de los Muertos is a traditional holiday in Mexico and other Spanish-speaking cultures centered on remembering ancestors and friends who have passed away. The celebration takes place between Halloween and November 2 every year. Altars are often included as a way of commemorating loved ones with food, possessions, and other tokens of their life.

Maglente and co-organizer Kitty Norris

"We picked this theme of inspirational

Read the rest of **Altar** Over on Page 15



## Additional Autumn Decorators

Creating the ambiance for the fall photo shoot that was a partial fundraiser for Willits Elementary Charter School was no small task, and shown here are students from Mrs. Felton's second-grade class who helped create the two huge scarecrows which were displayed at J.D. Redhouse during the event. Great job, guys!

Photo provided by Kim Shuster

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**THANK YOU!** I would not have been able to stand up and craft this amazing campaign without the endless dedication of Team Holly. My campaign manager, Brian, and local coordinator (and most supportive mom ever), April Tweddell, worked all hours for six months helping make this all happen. Cindy Morninglight and Vern dove in with both feet and with help from Don Willis and Dobbe threw some knock-out parties and events. I am empowered by their belief that the younger generation is stepping up to fill their shoes of community leadership. Susan Bradley, Margaret Andrews and Jon Spitz in Laytonville have gone above and beyond in talking with neighbors and getting out the vote.

Our headquarters had an all-star line-up of office help: Carol Hughes, Cindy, Patricia Baumann, Thayer Craig, and April. Jane Fletcher and Lara Eventide pitched in and created beautiful and effective handouts and materials. The Schindels got creative with the Holly signs and fans.

Team Madrigal posted all those signs and will take 'em all back down. Lynn Dee, Louis Rohlicek, Jeremy and others canvassed door-to-door every Sunday for months! Marc Komer and Robin Goldner registered voters, and Kevin and Wendy Copperfield went above and beyond, tabling and handing out Holly info. Countless others pitched in to make food, write letters and support me through this effort.

Many more people endorsed me than I was able to list on my last full page ad, including Jon & Ann Maglente, Steve Keyes and Dave Bixler: There are more, and I am sorry to have missed you. Thank you to everyone for believing in me; my gratitude is overwhelming. And lastly I must appreciate Gabe Madrigal who stands beside me every step of the way and who is the kindest, most generous, loving spouse anyone could ask for. He not only painted over 50 yard signs by hand, but he is there to back me up when I have doubts or fears. I simply could not do what I do without him by my side. This election is for all of us.

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The rest of **Bail Out** | From Page 1

with a lot of derelict buildings, and we do not need one more, when it could be an attraction," arts center Director Bill Barksdale said.

But when council members were set to consider funding for the center at their meeting last week, they did not have a budget or a business plan to study.

"To me," Councilwoman Madge Strong said, "that would be a really nice thing to see."

Decisions facing council members included giving \$20,000 to the WAC, with no payback; \$20,000 at zero percent interest, payable over five years; an extended "line of credit" for up to \$20,000, at zero percent interest, payable over five years; or to create a fund within the city budget for the duration of the transition.

With \$4,970 in its coffers, the arts center may not be able to continue for much longer, according to a report from City Hall.

Councilman Bruce Burton said he would support forming a recreation district to include the art center.

"I could support spending \$20,000 of the city's money to get a ballot measure for a recreation district that includes the art center, swimming pool, tennis courts and ball fields," Burton said. "These are all regional assets, and they are not simply assets of the city."

A transition to a self-supporting not-for-profit organization has been desired since before a city arts commission was formed.

When members resigned last year, a city arts commission that governed the center could no longer meet.

Former commission members Janet Rayner and Jeff Crawford were first hired to oversee operations at the center, as it, hopefully, transitioned to its own nonprofit.

This summer, City Manager Adrienne Moore brought Barksdale to take the lead on running the art center.

Barksdale said he has been volunteering his time at the center every day of the week, converting a side room into an office and buying computer software to better manage the center's business.

An all-volunteer effort from the get-go, a Cultural Arts Commission was formed in 1993 and the old building was remodeled to open its doors in 2000.

Barksdale told council members he was busy working to obtain nonprofit status for the center, and has a working group of directors - all business people - lined up and ready.

Some unexpected problems have come to light as the center tries to get on its own legs. For example, Moore, said an elevator in back of the building shorts out in rainy weather.

The center has monthly art exhibits. In-person: 71 East Commercial Street. Online: willitscenterforthearts.org. On Facebook: Willits Center for the Arts.

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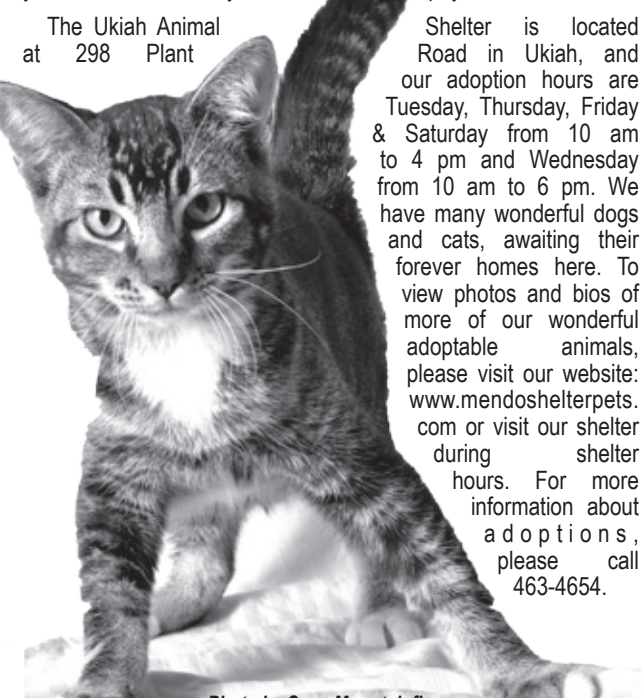


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these works will be hung on one wall of the center.

Ruckman says the wall is designed "to create a canvas that will hopefully inspire, provoke or encourage discussion on the meaning of art and photography amongst viewers."

After the opening this Saturday, the participating artists will be staffing the gallery throughout the month of November. Visitors are encouraged to ask any questions they may have about the work or the photo club when they stop by. Aside from being "a great group of people," as Ruckman puts it, most members are very familiar with each other's work after years of sharing ideas and encouragement and would be happy to discuss the art in the show in greater depth.

Anyone feeling inspired by the show or interested in photography more generally should consider dropping in or joining the Willits Photography Club. "We love new members!" says Ruckman. Participation is free and members of all levels of expertise are welcome. "We have a wide range of skills in the group, including people that just bought a new camera they're learning how to use, and people who have been selling their work for years," explains Raymondson. The club meets the second Saturday of every month from 10 am to 2 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts.

More information about the photo club is available from June Ruckman at 456-1203 or by contacting willitsphotoclub@yahoo.com. The WCA is located at 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm; and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm. Info: [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org) or 459-1726.

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### The rest of WPD

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an 11-year-old boy walking in the 300 block of South Main Street at about 3 pm, and asked him if he wanted a ride.

The boy ignored the man, described as a white male in his 20s with a Mohawk-style haircut, and the van, possibly a Ford Econoline, drove off.

Neither of the young people knew the men who accosted them, the WPD says. And based on current information, police believe the two incidents are unrelated.

Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez has visited area schools to talk with kindergarten students about stranger-danger safety.

Persons with information regarding either incident are asked to contact Willits Police Department Sergeant Jake Donahue at 459-6122.

This report was based on a Willits Police Department press release.

### The rest of Altar

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used donated boxes from Maniposa Market and, with the help of local framer Wendy Wilmes, created an altar with many little sections for people to decorate with personal items and pictures.

On October 23, the AAUW held an event at the Little Lake Grange to adorn the altar with birds, flowers, and other decorations that Norris had accumulated from altars in previous years. AAUW members Delores Braden and Nancy Simpson and president Judi Berdis also assisted with organizing the event.

"We wanted it to be a celebration of important women and what they did, more than to focus on mourning," says Maglinte. She personally brought items to honor anthropologist Angeles Arrien and author Maya Angelou, both of whom passed this year, as well as items representing her parents. Maglinte said she was inspired by how many participants joined together to decorate the different sections, and to see the final combination of different women represented.

The altar has now been installed at Cat's Meow with the help of store owner Linda Matz and Jacqueline Morninglight and will be up until November 7. The AAUW hopes to continue and expand the altar displays next year; anyone interested in participating or getting involved with the AAUW should contact Judi Berdis at 459-4444. Cat's Meow is located at 29 South Main Street.

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### The rest of Sewer

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engineer, and certified hydrologist, who has been identified as a potential witness on behalf of Brooktrails in its sewer plant lawsuit against the City of Willits, tried to persuade sewer plant staff to allow him to dispose of some diesel fuel at the plant on September 5.

The letter claims McEdwards "showed up at the Willits wastewater treatment plant on Friday, September 5, 2014, asking city staff if he could dispose at the plant the contents of an old diesel tank. McEdwards stated he had a tank that contained just a small amount of diesel that could be diluted and delivered as septage to the plant by a septage hauler."

The letter noted McEdwards is the engineering representative for Brooktrails Township and "he would be inspecting the wastewater treatment plant the following week pursuant to Section 11 of the Second Amendment of the parties' contract for the city's receipt and treatment of district sewage."

The letter goes on to allege that McEdwards "said he wanted to avoid taking the substance to a hazardous materials center. His request was refused by city staff, and he was told emphatically the city does not accept diesel at the plant," even in diluted form.

"The introduction of diesel would cause an upset to the treatment process by poisoning the micro-organisms in the aeration basins and rendering them ineffective," the letter states. "In addition, the treatment plant was not designed to remove toxins; therefore, diesel could actually pass through our treatment system and be discharged into our enhancement wetlands."

Madrigal wonders why McEdwards, a certified hydrologist with multiple degrees, "would think it acceptable to deposit diesel fuel within the wastewater treatment plant, and [why] he would attempt to do so."

"Perhaps the more plausible explanation," Madrigal alleges, "is that Dr. McEdwards was on a planned mission, attempting to lay a trap with the hope that city staff would violate its permit and accept diesel fuel mischaracterized as septage days before his planned inspection as the district's engineering representative."

### The rest of Guilty

From Page 1

off a hill into a ravine.

Wilkinson's surprise April 14 admission of guilt followed two unfavorable pre-trial rulings for the defense: Behnke had denied a defense motion to move prosecution of the case out-of-county due to pre-trial publicity, while granting a prosecution request that jurors be driven over the six-mile route along which the victim was dragged, leaving a trail of blood and body parts ultimately discovered by Sheriff's investigators.

In return for Wilkinson's admission of first-degree murder, Assistant District Attorney Paul Sequeira dropped a special circumstance of torture charged in the case. Had the special circumstance been found true by a jury, along with a guilty verdict for murder in the first degree, Wilkinson would have received a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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- IR remote thermometer
- USBPro audio input device
- Soldering machines, soldering guns, soldering irons, various electronic tools & parts (Many LEDs, EL wire, powered breadboards)
- A pair of HP servers & 24port switch for a Wowser Minecraft server
- Safety glasses, hearing protectors, ear-plugs, face shields, and gloves for everyone. And full welding eye shields.

## Coming soon:

Our computer lab will have software for people to use or learn on: Photoshop, InDesign, MS Office, Access, Project, Visio, Final Cut Pro, Audacity, S3D, GoogleEarth, and various system tools

We will offer computer printing on our 52" HP printer/plotter and other printers when the lab is ready.



Wowser CEO Roger Wilson

# Welcome to Wowser

Mendocino County's largest industrial build facility to host Open House

On Sunday, November 9, from 11 am to 4 pm, Wowser will host an open house and demonstration at its facility on 330 East Commercial Street in Willits. Wowser is a federally recognized non-profit that offers a unique environment to build, learn, and teach. The 20,000-square-foot industrial arts build facility offers a range of workshops, supplies, and tools for artists, inventors and innovators. The open house is an opportunity to tour the facility, see project and tool demonstrations, and learn about the various workshops available.

The past five years have witnessed the birth of a "maker movement," which describes a growing number of independent inventors, designers and tinkerers that are frustrated by generic, mass-produced, made in China products. The niche is established enough to have its own magazine, Make.

Makers tap into the notion of self-reliance and combine that with open-source learning, contemporary design, and powerful new technology such as 3D printers. This has created a demand for maker spaces all over the world, from the high tech and well-funded such as Tech Shop, to spaces starting without any facility such as Chimera in Santa Rosa.

The founders of Wowser believe that Willits and Mendocino County – which have a rich tradition of resilience, creativity and innovation – are positioned perfectly to support a thriving maker space, despite the relatively low population base.

The free event on November 9 will include tours of the facility and demos on 3D printing, welding, lost-wax casting, furniture refurbishing, LED lights, and more. There will be information available on upcoming workshops and also about how interested community members can become paid instructors.

Wowser CEO Roger Wilson says: "Over the last year and a half we've worked hard to finish the physical infrastructure of the facility, and we've accumulated an impressive array of tools and machinery for our members to use. We're excited to invite the community to our open house to experience what we've created, learn how they can become involved, and to spark their imagination. Please come join us."

For more information please visit [www.facebook.com/wowserLLC](http://www.facebook.com/wowserLLC) or call 459-9697.

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A shot from above shows much of the 20,000-square-foot facility, with Wowser members enjoying the lounge in the foreground.

Young makers Alex Rodriguez (top), Tiffany Leigh-Logan (middle), and William Cresswell (bottom) work on projects at Wowser.

Photos by Josh Bowers

"I sincerely hope this explanation is not true," the mayor writes, "and the district would not stoop to this level and direct or authorize such conduct by its representatives."

The letter concludes by telling Brooktrails that McEdwards cannot drop by unannounced at the wastewater treatment plant.

"In view of this incident, and because of a previous incident a few months ago, in which Dr. McEdwards showed up at the plant unannounced and initially refused to identify himself or his purpose, he is not permitted to be on the wastewater treatment plant premises to perform inspections for the district unless satisfactory prior arrangements have been made with the city manager, including the presence of city staff during any planned inspection."

During Tuesday night's Brooktrails board meeting, the township's board of directors declined to fully respond to questions from the public regarding an item on the agenda.

The item, K-7, involved an "authorization for President Williams to reply to inquiry from Mayor Madrigal regarding sewer plant inspection."

The agenda packet for the meeting did not contain any printed material applicable to the agenda item, although it did contain material applicable to items K-5, a request for a public hearing on an increase of solid waste disposal rates, and on item K-6, a request for an in-service day for Brooktrails staff on November 11.

Minutes before the meeting, and just after a board of directors closed session had ended, Brooktrails General Manager Denise Rose entered the nearly empty Brooktrails Community Center and removed a page from a Willits Weekly reporter's agenda packet, explaining it had been printed in error.

She also removed a page from all other agenda packets in the room.

During the board meeting that followed, the Brooktrails board addressed the item in question by acknowledging a letter from Madrigal had been received.

When asked what the letter was about, directors refused to answer. When asked for a

copy of Madrigal's letter, board President Rick Williams said those who wanted a copy would have to get it from Madrigal.

Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore, who attended the meeting, criticized the Brooktrails board and staff for not making a written communication from the City of Willits to Brooktrails Township available to the public at a public meeting.

"The letter was written to you as the board president, with the assumption it would be distributed to the entire body. I don't know if that has happened or not. I would presume it has. And, if that is the case, and you are taking action on this letter, in an open meeting, it would seem to me it would become your public record, as well as ours."

Williams denied he had the authority to make Madrigal's letter public. "That is up to your mayor, as to whether or not she wants to make [the letter] a matter of public record. It's not up to us."

Brooktrails Counsel Christopher Neary suggested the reason why Madrigal's September 17 letter was not part of Brooktrails' public record during its October 28 meeting was because of miscommunication, based on the city having failed to send a copy of the letter to Brooktrails General Manager Denise Rose

"A letter directed from the president to the mayor, or from the mayor to the president, should at the very least have a carbon copy to the executive officer, or the city manager, because that makes a difference," Neary said. "Because a letter comes in addressed to someone, it only goes to that person."

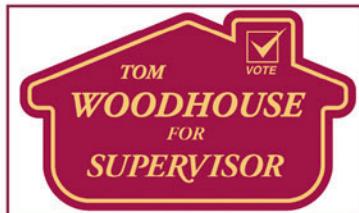
"In the future, I would suggest we both adopt a protocol of making sure, when it's not a personal letter to a board member – that it's a letter to the district itself – or to the city. What happened is, this letter didn't get to the staff, and it deserved a response much sooner."

Both Neary and Williams said Brooktrails would prepare a response to Madrigal's letter by the end of this week.





# COME JOIN US! WE SUPPORT TOM WOODHOUSE FOR 3RD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR



Tom has been a local businessman for 40 years. He and his wife Carlyn have raised their children in a family focused on community service.

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