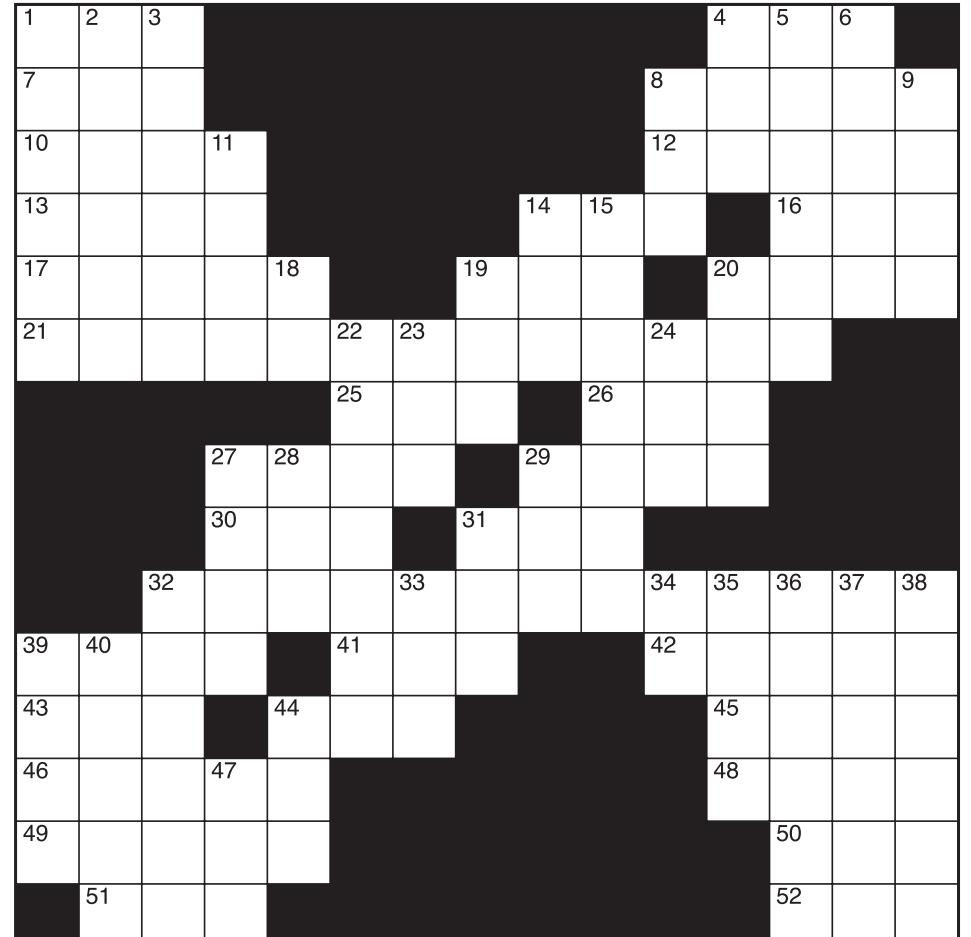


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Activities & fun for kids of all ages

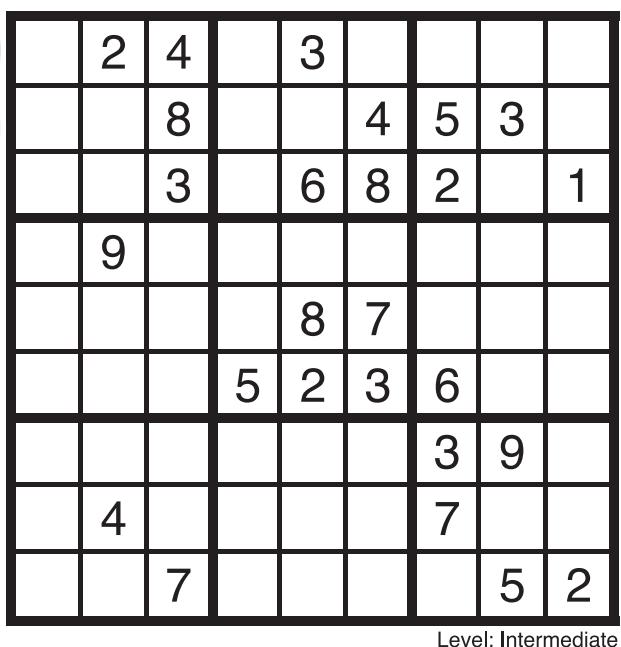
Crossword Puzzle



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Sudoku



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 fit 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!

PUZZLE
ANSWERS
ON
PAGE 9

CLUES ACROSS

- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Licenses TV stations
- Brain wave test
- Rowing fulcrum peg
- Arabian Gulf
- 55/21 MN
- Trash & tin
- Actress Farrow
- Egg of a louse
- Lesion
- A Scottish cap
- Poi vegetable
- Illness from neurosis
- Moving truck
- Galivant
- Millisecond
- Trigonometric function
- Pinha
- Loud noise
- Small auto accidents
- Thin wire nail
- Many subconsciousness
- Rocket scientist Werner Von
- Albanian currency
- Sum up
- Grapefruit & tangerine hybrid
- SE Asia palm genus
- Drew off fluid
- Severe & cruel
- Before
- It never sleeps
- Used to be United
- Subconsciousness
- Atomic #45
- 2000 pounds
- Oceanic rise or fall
- To excess
- Pouch or baglike structure
- Browning of the skin
- Fitting reward (archaic)
- Diego, Francisco or Anselmo
- Cognate
- Physicians
- Duplicity
- Doctor of Education
- E. Canadian province
- Beat thoroughly
- \$10 gold coins
- Monarchs or dictators
- Duke: 'The Silver Fox'
- Dull clapping
- Showed old movie
- Express pleasure
- Reciprocal of a sine

CLUES DOWN

- Saucer's companion
- Foot controls
- Administrative unit
- Residential mortgage authority
- High quality French brandy
- Gilbert O'Sullivan song
- Steeped beverage
- Prefix used in anatomy, biology
- Nanosecond (abbr.)
- Mayan language
- Three special boys! My husband Jack Drew of 12 years and my two boys Taylor and Tanner Drew! So special to me and love them so dearly! I would do anything for them! Some say this day is for lovers but all three of them are the love of my life!
- Love always, Jennifer Drew (friend, wife, mother and anything else they need me to be)
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- Yay Mom! Happy Valentine's. Love Thea
- Jenny Montes and Raymond Campbell. Happy Love Day, my love! Here's to many more!
- Caleb and Jayden, brotherly and sisterly love
- Carol Anderson and Kaynyn Lawrason! Showing mom some love
- Picture of me and my love, been together 7 years: Stephanie Vansteen and Juan Osorio
- I love my momma! Saprina Rodriguez and mom Linda Byrns

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Furry Friend

Handsome Bosco

Meet Bosco, a very handsome male shepherd mix! Bosco weighs 62 pounds, and we estimate his age to be around 1 year old. He is a smart, attentive, and curious boy who enjoys the company of other dogs almost as much as he enjoys the company of humans. He is definitely an active and energetic dog, who will do well in a home where he can get a lot of physical exercise and mental stimulation. We think he will make a great hiking or running buddy, and then happily join you for a cuddle on the couch afterwards!



Happy Valentine's Day, Kretos!
Thanks for being the best wild-chase, flail, wrestle, play and mud friend a big-eared shepherd could ask for! Love, Roxie

Happy Valentine's Day Michael!
You're amazing! Love Amanda



To my husband, my best friend, my soul mate. You have loved me at my worst and celebrated with me at my best. Thank you for being my number one fan. Your love and care for my health and well-being have added 10 years to my life. What a privilege it will be to spend them with you. I love you with all my heart.

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos!

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"As a responsive and experienced leader I know we need new solutions to face the challenges ahead. I will return focus to the 3rd District and make progress on needed projects like the Brooktrails 2nd Access Road and increased economic vitality. I will work with the board and the community for the benefit of Mendocino County as a whole." Mayor Holly Madrigal

I have the energy and the ingenuity to get the job done. It's time to **Move Forward**.

Holly's Record

- Restructured city budget to protect street infrastructure funding
- Built a large reserve for the City of Willits to protect its finances
- Created 'Mayor's Initiative' to increase manufacturing by 3%
- Worked with Brooktrails Board member to develop a post-bypass plan for the Willits area.

"Holly and I grew up here together and I trust her. She will work for the good jobs and good wages we need. Holly hace que las decisiones inteligentes para nuestra comunidad."

Rogelio Hernandez, Business Owner

Crossword Puzzle

Me (Veronica Ceratto) and my sweetheart, Timothy

Happy Valentine's Day to a wonderful couple. Love you both!

Martin and Saprina Rodriguez

Happy Valentine's to my love Michael, Naomi

Wishing everyone a wonderful Valentine's Day full of love and happiness. From Lupe, Ana, Victoria, Alia, Anela, Cesar, and Ronnie.

Happy Valentine's Day to my life sweetie, Kathy Tobin, 34 years of marriage full of love, kindness and tenderness. Thank you for sharing your life with me. Mike Tobin

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Thursday, February 13

Shanachie Pub: Jazz Night, featuring vocalist Sarah Ryan, Michael Cantwell on piano and keyboards, Aaron Bellomo on guitar, and Jesse Besson on drums; jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. Every second and fourth Thursday. "Fellow jazz musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and partake during the second set, so long as it fits within the moment of sounds!" 8 pm. No cover. 50 B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, February 14
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

"**Flaming Idiots**": a new "rollicking comedy" by English playwright Tom Rooney opens the 2014 season tonight at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse. Directed by Damian Sebouhian, the play is about two guys who "face a serious restaurant problem": they have no customers. The theatre is offering complimentary champagne for tonight's performance. "Flaming Idiots" plays Thursdays (7 pm), Fridays (8 pm), Saturdays (8 pm) and Sunday, February 23 and Sunday, March 2 (2 pm) through March 2. Tickets are available in person at Goods' Shoppe in Willits, online at www.brownpaperTickets.com/event/566116, or by phone at 459-0895. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

Valentine's Dance Party at Shanachie Pub: featuring Dysfunctional Species, "a potent soul/funk/hip hop cocktail with an electrifying and genuine chemistry," from Point Arena. First time in Willits. Visit: www.dpspecies.com. Sponsored by Adam's Restaurant. 9 pm. \$8 cover. 50

LocaLights
presents:

Marjo Wilson
and
**Julian and the
Upside Sound**

Marjo Wilson (at right)

Marjo is a local singer/songwriter: born and raised and still living in Covelo.

For many years she has fronted the Marjo Wilson Band, joined by her husband Morten Jensen on the bass and Robin Kellarstrass singing harmonies, and a host of other highly talented musicians. Major Wilson Band provides various venues countywide with a lively original dynamic dance set, and is featured every year at the Round Valley Blackberry Festival.

Marjo is a prolific songwriter and has recorded and released nine CDs of her original songs. Her music often reflects upon her home – the land, the mountains, the animals, and the people of what she fondly refers to as "the wild lands!" She sings of things like "personal freedom" and "natural born rights" with a country roots flavor, a deep sense of beat, and a rocking core.

Marjo is also an accomplished fine artist. Her paintings of ranch life, animals, roads and river scenes can be viewed at the Blue Sky Gallery in Willits.

More recently Marjo has returned to a time of quiet inward reflection she needs to write new songs and explore new facets of the songwriting process and techniques. The Willits audience on February 23 will be privileged to experience Marjo as a solo act ("just me and my guitar") for the first time in years. She writes: "Right now I'm in a process of learning how much I don't know ... a humbling but very challenging and very interesting process. I'm excited to see what it all may bring out of me." This show is certain to be exciting and unique.

Julian and the Upside Sound (pictured below)

Julian McClellan-Calvert recorded his first CD, "Father and Son," at age 9 and his

Here's the schedule of events for 2014:

Feb. 23: Marjo Wilson, followed by Julian and the Upside Sound; Apr. 6: Malakai, followed by the New Blu Trio; June 1: Verne Morninglight, followed by Chanterelle; Oct. 12: David Partch, followed by Just Enough; Dec. 6: Char n' Chris, followed by Redbud

– by Annie Samson



What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

B South Main Street. Info: 459-9194. Adam's Restaurant Valentine's Day menu: oysters, lobster, surf n' turf, lamb, and a quail appetizer, and baskets of prizes including goodies from local merchants, and a tickets to the Valentines Party every half hour starting at 5:30 pm.



Saturday, February 15

Grand Opening: Harrah Senior Center's newly enlarged Thrift Store has a grand opening celebration from 9 am to 4 pm. 1501 Baechtel Road. "We will be selling our famous bar-b-que hot dogs and root beer floats," plus silent auction and door prizes.

Free Kids Talent Show: from 1 to 3 pm this afternoon at the Muse performance space, 30 A East San Francisco Avenue. "Bring your kids and let them perform on stage, in front of an enthusiastic audience, or come watch the little great gems of our community! Talents of all ages and levels are welcome! Last-minute improvisations welcome too!" This event is free. Voluntary donations will go to the Muse rental fee. Feel free to bring drinks or gluten-free snacks to share. Call or email Zeynep at 707-972-8558 or zeynep34@yahoo.com for information or to add your stage-struck kids to the list of performers.



Willits Charter School's Take-Home Valentine's Dinner: 6th annual dinner benefit 6th Grade Museum Field Trip to San Jose. Dinners for two: BBQ tri-tip, \$30; grilled chicken or portobello mushroom, \$25; single-meal tickets \$20. Included in each meal: baked potato, green salad, dinner roll, dessert and votive candle. Pick up dinners from 4 to 7 pm in front of Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main street. Tickets are available at the school,

Mendocino Film Festival

Spotlight on Willits

The Mendocino Film Festival has chosen Willits to host the first event of the 2014 festival season, "Spotlight on Willits," set for Saturday, February 22. Film lovers can enjoy three film programs at the Noyo Theatre, two Q&A sessions, and a reception at the Willits Center for the Arts.

The first film, at 2 pm on Saturday, is "The Horse Boy," which documents the journey – all the way to Mongolia – of an autistic boy and his family seeking equine therapy. Visit www.horseboymovie.com for more info.

A Q&A following the movie will be hosted at Brickhouse Coffee at Commercial and Main streets, led by experts in the field of equine therapy, Joell Dunlap of the Square Peg Foundation and Erin Livingston of the local Therapeutic Riding Assists Individuals Learning Skills (T.R.A.I.S.L.) program.

A program of nine short "feel-good" films is set for 4 pm. The theme is communication, and the presentations are both thought-

WCT director Damian Sebouhian

For someone who had "zero experience" with theatre until he moved to Willits in 2001, Damian Sebouhian has more than made up for lost time.

Currently the director of "Flaming Idiots," the mainstage production opening at Willits Community Theatre this Friday, February 14, Sebouhian has written, directed, and acted in more than 20 plays locally.

His work has appeared in venues including the Willits Shakespeare Company, Willits Community Theatre, Mendocino College Theatre Festival of New Plays, and Ukiah Players Theatre.

In 2010 Sebouhian wrote, directed, produced and acted in "Deadline," a full-length original play at the Willits Shakespeare Company. Sebouhian also had two short plays produced in New York in 2011 and 2012: "Zombie Killers Brigade" and "Loaves and Fishes."

For Sebouhian, there are always more challenges. The current one in "Flaming Idiots" is one of "comedic timing." Sebouhian explains: "For this play there are many actors, speaking, moving, entering, and exiting in a small space." It could be chaos. But with Sebouhian's careful attention to planning and detail, he envisions all the parts will work smoothly into a finished whole for an evening of laughs.

"Flaming Idiots" opens Friday, February 14 with a champagne reception, and plays through March 2, with performances at 7 pm on Thursdays, 8 pm Fridays and Saturdays, and two Sunday matinees at 2 pm, Sunday, February 23 and Sunday, March 2. Tickets can be purchased at Goods' Shoppe, 56 South Main Street, online at www.brownpaperTickets.com/event/566116, or reserved with a credit card by calling the theatre at 459-0895.

– by Annie Samson

CERT training in Brooktrails in March

The Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services and North Coast Opportunities Volunteer Network present free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in Brooktrails, coming up in March. This 21-hour training is set for Saturday, March 15, from 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday, March 16, from 9 am to 4:45 pm, and Saturday, March 22, from 9 am to 3:45 pm. At the Brooktrails Fire Department at 24876 Birch Street.

"CERT training is fun and empowering. It will provide you with knowledge, skills and tools to support you, your friends, neighbors and family in times of emergency or disaster. After successfully completing CERT training, you can choose to become part of an active CERT team that assists with traffic control, light search and rescue and emergency preparedness education and awareness."

"Sign up and attend CERT training to receive instruction on survival skills, rescuer safety, disaster medical operations, fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and more." To pre-register for the class call Janet Rayner 707-684-0738 or email brooktrailsert@gmail.com. For more information on local CERTS visit www.brooktrailsert.com.

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459-5506, or at Goods' Shoppe, 56 Main Street, 459-1363.

Sip Some Soup: the annual fundraiser for Willits Daily Bread, 5 pm at the Willits Community Center, Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple, which includes two ballots to vote for best-tasting soup and for favorite table decoration. Soup makers still needed! Soup makers pay a \$25 fee, which includes two tickets and ballots. Individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged to sign up to compete. What soup makers have to do: make about 2 gallons of soup and bring their own crock pot, serving utensils and table decorations (for half of an 8-foot table). Soups may be reheated in the Community Center kitchen, as needed, to fill and refill crock pots. No hot plates allowed, due to electrical load. The evening also features fresh-baked Emanal breads and chocolate chip cookies provided by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. To sign up, or to donate items for this year's silent auction, or to become a Sip Some Soup sponsor (\$250 tax-deductible donation) call Cindy Savage at 459-3947.

at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. "The crystalline, bell-like resonance of the legendary Celtic harp also takes Ball's listeners into deepest realms of the imagination." Tickets, \$15, are available online at brownpaperTickets.com/event/537987; in person at Goods' Shoppe, 56 South Main Street, or call 459-0895 for credit card orders. Visit: www.patrickball.com.

Sunday, February 15

Dances of Universal Peace: Sacred circle dances drawn from the world's wisdom traditions to cultivate the heart and create inner & outer peace. Easy to learn, musical accompaniment, no charge. The Muse, 30 East San Francisco Street. 7 to 9 pm. 3rd Monday of every month.

Monday, February 17

Shanachie Pub: Steven Bates, coastal guitarist, 6 pm, no cover. 50 B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

"Nuclear Night": presented by Now and Then Films, "Our Nuclear Nation: Radiation Concerns from Fukushima Daiichi." Excerpts from short films including "Nuclear Nation" will be shown. 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Featuring issues revolving around nuclear power in general and the Fukushima threat specifically. Discussions to include: personal radiation monitoring with Geiger counters & health measures you can take to protect yourself long-term from radiation in your body. "We hope to guide the process between false hope and scaring everyone so much that they cannot act. We don't want people to leave with a feeling of hopelessness

"**Flaming Idiots**": Willits Community Theatre, see Friday, February 14 for details.

Shanachie Pub: featuring blues singer/songwriter with a twist, Jacob Green: OneManGreenBand playing homegrown music with energetic rhythms and captivating melody. 8 pm. No cover. Visit www.jacobgreenmusic.com. 50 B South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, February 16

Patrick Ball, Celtic harp and spoken word: one show only this afternoon

3-Day Biointensive Gardening Workshop

"**Grow More Food; Use Less Water**": this three-day "Grow Biointensive" gardening workshop by Ecology Action is set for Friday, February 28 through Sunday, March 1. The workshop includes lectures and discussion

"on Sustainability and Efficient Resource Use, Crops and Diet, Fertilization, Compost and Compost Crops, Soil Preparation and Preservation, Seed Propagation, and Income," and one afternoon of demonstration at the Common Ground Research Garden/Mini-Farm. Presenters include John Jeavons, author of the "How to Grow More Vegetables Than You Ever Thought Possible on Less Land Than You Can Imagine," book on Grow Biointensive Sustainable Mini-Farming, which is currently in use over 130 countries in English, Spanish, German, French, Hindi and Russian, and Dan and Margo Royer-Miller, a husband and wife team, now wrapping up their sixth season of biointensive farming and working in western Ohio. For more information, and to register, visit www.growbiointensive.org, or call Ecology Action at 450-0150.



"**LocaLights**" Concert Series: first concert in the series tonight, featuring solo performance by singer/songwriter Marjo Wilson, followed by Julian and the Upside Sound. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for details. 7 pm at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Tickets, \$10; \$15 for front-row seats; and \$5 for last-row seats, available at the Goods' Shoppe. Call David Partch, 459-7054, for info and advance tickets, or check http://willitstheatre.org/localights-at-willits-produced-by-david-partch.

Save the Date:

Water Wise Gardening forum, February 28, Little Lake Grange

Savannah Fuentes Flamenco, March 1, Shanachie Pub

"**Grow More Food; Use Less Water**," 3-day Biointensive Gardening Workshop, February 28-March 3

Willits Educational Foundation's Drive Through Tri Tip Dinner, Friday, March 7

Guitarist David Rogers, March 8, Willits Community Theatre

Ongoing Events:

Willits Farmers Market: Winter market at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, from 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter produce, hot house tomatoes, local meats, dinner, crafts, live music (Falco this week) and more.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales: through March 16, around town and door to door.

"Art in the Middle": the February show at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Features art work from Willits middle-school students. Gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm. Info: 459-1726.

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: 354-0656

Work Days for Grange School of Agricultural Arts: scheduled on many Saturdays at the school site at Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 Highway 101. Skilled and unskilled help needed. Bring gloves and tools, if you have them. Follow the "Farm School" signs. Please drive slow on the ranch. Lunch available for those who RSVP by Friday each week (drop-in volunteers welcome, too). Work days (rain or shine) set for: February 15 and 22. These volunteer days will focus on renovating the schoolhouse, building student housing, planting cover crop, and pruning in our well-established orchard. Custom work days or events can be scheduled by contacting director Antonia Partridge at (707) 272-1395 or farmdirector@californiagrane.org. More info at http://californiagrane.org/agsschool/mission.html.

Shanachie Pub: Open every Wednesday at 8:40 pm. Sign-ups start at 3 pm. 50 B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Just For Fun Choir: directed and accompanied by Nancy New. Meets Mondays at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, from 1 to 2:30 pm. Accepting new members of all ages and abilities. Info: call Nancy New at 459-1276.

Brooktrails Lodge Winter Schedule: every Thursday night at 8 pm: "Dream Capsule Entertainment," featuring local musicians and talent; Happy Hour, and Ladies' Night specials. Every Friday night: Open Mic, with drink specials and prizes. Every Saturday night: "Electro-Dance" at 7 pm. Info: Shawntee Wirth at dreamcapsuleindustries@gmail.com or 459-6792.

Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Laytonville Grange, 1620 Branscombe Road. Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, jewelry, aprons, children's clothing, knife sharpening and more.

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and helplessness. In a few words: Our goal is to inform and empower." Suggested donation: \$5. Info: 459-6362.

"**Flaming Idiots**": Willits Community Theatre, see Friday, February 14 for details.

Shanachie Pub: Darius Lux, singer/songwriter. 8 pm, no cover. 50 B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, February 22



Top: Around 20 drivers stand with their buses – and Christopher Moore (second from left) – before departing Willits.

Above: Loren Soltes heads through a creek crossing (Photo by Kristen Breaux)

Below, left: Guys work on their buses in Moore's back yard.

Below, right: Damon Dayton poses with his "Shasta Bus."

Photos by Maureen Moore See more: <http://photographpress.zenfolio.com/shastabustrip2014>



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DEATH NOTICE
Laura Llewellyn Schnitzler passed away in Willits on February 1, 2014, at the age of 80. Services may be announced at a later date. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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College Preparatory Mathematics, Individual Instruction. Mac Smith 459-MATH

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Community Hu Song

In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community Hu Song Thursday, February 27, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street. HU (pronounced hue) is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra and can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome. Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475.

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Dog Training Classes - Puppy and Beginning level. March 4 to April 8. Willits Community Center. Must Pre-register no later than Feb. 25. Info: Sallie at 707-463-3647 or wellmanneredmutts@gmail.com or www.wellmanneredmutts.com.

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suitable MMP so we'll be able to start moving soil sometime in April."

"This project is going to be built," he said. Frisbie said there'd been a full-day meeting on between the water board and Caltrans on January 13, and another two full days of meetings in Willits last week. "We feel like we've been making good progress," he said. "They are a regulatory agency. It's their job to make sure we're following the laws."

Frisbie said it wasn't the board's "goal" to shut down the project: "We're working with them," he said. "If we stopped working with them, we would expect them to assert their authority, but we are working with them."

The water board's St. John said the word "may" would be more appropriate than the word "would," when it came to putting the bypass project on hold. "That is just one of the options on the table," he said. But, he said: "The mitigation requirements are what they are, and we aren't relaxing our mitigation requirements."

The difficulties of getting the delayed mitigation plan approved in April include the need to scale down – or find more money for – the planned mitigation work that went out for bid last year. Bids for the "mitigation planting, erosion" phase of the Willits bypass project came back with estimated costs three times higher than Caltrans had expected.

Caltrans' estimate for this "construction" phase of the mitigation project was \$13.1 million, but the lowest of three bids, from DeSilva Gates, already a contractor on the bypass construction project, was \$39.33 million.

One item on the water board's list of what must be in any approved MMP is a requirement that "completion of construction and planting of all mitigation enhancement, restoration, and creation items [be done] no later than the completion of Bypass construction." "Implementation beyond this date," the letter continued, "may result in additional mitigation requirements."

The bid summary document for the "construction" phase of the bypass project described the "total number of working days" to be expected as "2000." Back in October, Frisbie told Willits Weekly he wasn't sure how long the mitigation work

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funding Monday.

The press release also reported that several 15-member Corrections Department conservation camp crews, each led by a CalFire captain, have been working since January to help the city's water department install several miles of piping to tie the two wells to the proposed emergency water treatment facility.

Consulting firm Water Works Engineers has helped craft a plan to save money, where possible, on the estimated \$1.8 million cost of a permanent facility.

Joe Ziemann of Water Works Engineers told Willits City Council members at a special meeting last week that obtaining a filter currently in production for another project is one way the city can save money. Ziemann said it would take an estimated six to eight weeks to install the new treatment plant.

Just last week it looked like the city would have to fund a temporary emergency treatment plant while it pursued a permanent fix.

But as much as the region needs rainfall, wet and muddy working conditions may hold up the project. "The rains have us," City Engineer Tom Mannatt said.

The CDPH's money came quickly, but funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture or other sources may take longer.

The CDPH's \$250,000 goes towards buying and installing pipe, fencing, disinfectants, a pump and well replacement, the Monday press release explained.

Interim City Finance Director Gordon Elton briefed council members last week on the city's water funds.

No calculations on the budget effects of reduced water use have been completed as of last week. "We do not have any calculations of what that is," said Elton.

There is speculation the effects of drought, a major earthquake, or an occurrence like last summer's algae outbreak could be lessened by having an emergency water supply.

In response to the emergency, City Manager Moore said she had authorized more spending than the city manager is allowed to do.

Council members backed up Moore's actions with unanimous support

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Top row: Left: Judges Dave and Laurie Smith. Center: Judges Roberta Zimmermaker and Liesl Hendrix. Right: Judges Gina Hirsch and Tiffany Greene. Right: Fair officials, volunteers and judges: Suzanne Matheson, Sharon Hannah, Jaeva Cash, Jackie Pealatero and Sheri Cronin pose for a photo during the Tuesday morning judging marathon.

Photos by Maureen Moore



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each property owner in Brooktrails will pay more to support the Brooktrails Fire Department. Proposed rates are \$99 a year for single-family residences, \$99 for vacant or unimproved lots, \$150 for duplexes, \$200 for triplexes, \$250 for fourplexes, \$275 for multiplexes, \$200 for commercial establishments, and \$300 for hotels or motels.

including CalFire, the Little Lake Fire Prevention District, the Brooktrails Fire Department and the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District, have lifted restrictions on outdoor burning imposed last month.

Brooktrails approves fire tire, Measure D changes

In other business, the board of directors put finishing touches on two important pieces of political craftsmanship. It held public hearings on ordinances approving a proposed increase in fire tax rates and on revisions to the Brooktrails Utilities Code which incorporate changes mandated by the passage of Measure D.

After the public hearings were closed, the board approved the fire tax increase and a resolution putting the new rates on the June 3, 2014, ballot. It also approved the changes to the Utilities Code. All the votes were unanimous, with recently resigned director George Skezas absent.

Although discussions concerning the fire tax increase have been ongoing for more than six months, and although Brooktrails public officials unanimously support the new fire tax rate, support for the proposal is far from universal. One audience member complained the proposed tax hike was going to be hard to support, especially in light of a CalFire fee recently imposed by the state. "The state is making us pay \$135 a year to them. So with that, there is no way I am going to vote for this," the gentleman said.

But Schoepnner offered a gloomy prognosis if the measure is rejected. "If we don't pass this fire tax, there's gonna be some grave consequences," he said.

County bond ratings upgraded again

Fitch Ratings upgraded the ratings on Mendocino County's 2002 pension obligation bond series from BBB- to A. The upgrade affects \$74.2 million in debt owed by the county.

At the same time, Fitch upgraded the county's implied general obligation bond rating from A- to A+ and revised its outlook upward on the county's financial condition from positive to stable.

The move was made by Fitch on January 23.

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According to Keely Webster, writing in the financial newsletter, The Bond Buyer: "Analysts cited the county's improved financial position resulting from cutbacks and management reforms

as the reason for the upgrade. Management has raised fund balance targets and established policies to help meet these new goals, has updated treasury practices and has produced its first capital improvement plan in seven years."

According to a press release from Fitch Ratings: "Overall debt levels are moderate and expected to remain so, given no additional planned borrowing in the intermediate term. Pension funding requirements are considerable and rising, though total carrying costs are manageable."

Fitch noted the county suffers from a lack of economic vitality. According to Fitch: "the county continues to face challenges from a long-term economic contraction that preceded the recent downturn. After falling for many years, employment levels increased modestly over the past two years while population has stagnated. In addition, wealth and income levels remain well below state and national averages."

Supes move to extend plastic bag ban

The board of supervisors on Tuesday extended the countywide ban on plastic bags to include restaurants and other public eating establishments.

Supervisor John Pinches casting the single no vote. "I just don't know if it's going to work," Pinches said, explaining his vote. "I just think taking this to the restaurants is a step I'm just not going to take." He added several employees in restaurants and fast-food places he visited recently didn't like the ordinance revision.

According to Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (MSWMA) General Manager Mike Sweeney, if the revision is approved, restaurants and fast-food outlets may continue to use plastic bags during the 180 days before the law takes effect.

The law does not apply to Willits. The Willits City Council voted on January 23, 2013, not to institute a plastic bag ban in the City of Willits.

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"We are working hard to learn this new way."

Johnson said one of the keys to understanding the new Local Control Funding Formula is that many of the old spending restrictions are kaput. "In the old way, you would get restricted money and that money could only be spent on certain things. Now those restrictions are gone."

Director of Financial Services Cynthia Brown told the board that, if the governor's proposal is approved by the Legislature, Willits Unified will see only a small benefit in the current school year (\$20,000). However, in the following year the benefit could rise to \$737,000.

Brown reminded the board the district will be making a final payment on the \$5 million Bond Anticipation Note associated with the 2010 Measure B school bond. Brown noted the final payment will be \$735,000 and is due in July.



2014 Science Fair

The hard work of more than 230 students for the 2014 Science Fair is now on display at the Willits Community Center.

Judging took place Tuesday, and 71 projects were qualified as contenders to move on to the county competition on March 29. Willits Unified School District had 34 qualifiers, Willits Elementary Charter School had 18 qualifiers, and Willits Charter School had 19 qualifiers.

A total of 235 projects are on display and will be available for public viewing until 3 pm today (Thursday) at the Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.



Mendocino Film Festival

Spotlight on Willits

The Mendocino Film Festival has chosen Willits to host the first event of the 2014 festival season, "Spotlight on Willits," set for Saturday, February 22. Film lovers can enjoy three film programs, two Q&A sessions, and a reception at the Willits Center for the Arts.

The Film Festival will host events in all four Mendocino County cities this year, plus Anderson Valley and the village of Mendocino.

Residents of Willits have many varied interests, and the film selections for the Willits event reflect that variety, as do the event sponsors.

The Noyo Theatre, operated by Jeff and Lois Hoover, is what makes Spotlight on Willits all possible. This modern film venue has all the latest gear, but more importantly, has management focused on local promotions, in addition to standard fare.

Sparetime Supply is the main event sponsor for Spotlight on Willits, continuing the company's solid tradition of supporting the changing culture of the area.

The first film, at 2 pm on Saturday, is "The Horse Boy," which documents the journey – all the way to Mongolia – of an autistic boy and his family seeking equine therapy from the proper horse. Anyone who has experienced the joy and love of a pet animal friend will appreciate the relief and peace when the right connection is finally made. Visit www.horseboymovie.com for more info.

The Willits Pet Care Center, owned by Dr. Barbara Mack, sponsors this film. As a bonus, paintings of horses and more, by her daughter, Rachel Mack-Fisher, will be on display during the reception.

A Q&A following the movie will be hosted at Brickhouse Coffee at Commercial and Main streets, led by acknowledged experts in the field of equine therapy, Joell Dunlap of the Square Peg Foundation and Erin Livingston of the local Therapeutic Riding Assists Individuals Learning Skills (T.R.A.I.L.S.) program.

At 4 pm, Main Street Music and Video, which offers a broad selection of eclectic videos, sponsors a program of nine short "feel-good" films, including two Academy Award-winners. The theme is communication, and the presentations are both thought-provoking and hilarious.

The reception at 5:30 pm will be held at the Willits Center for the Arts and is presented by Adam's Restaurant and Shanachie Pub. In addition to Adam's culinary delights, there will be featured cheeses and beer pairings provided by Penny Royal Cheeses of Anderson Valley and specialty beers from the North Coast Brewery. The reception ends with a short performance by local musical favorites, Schindig. Their original music is the perfect introduction to the last movie of the day.

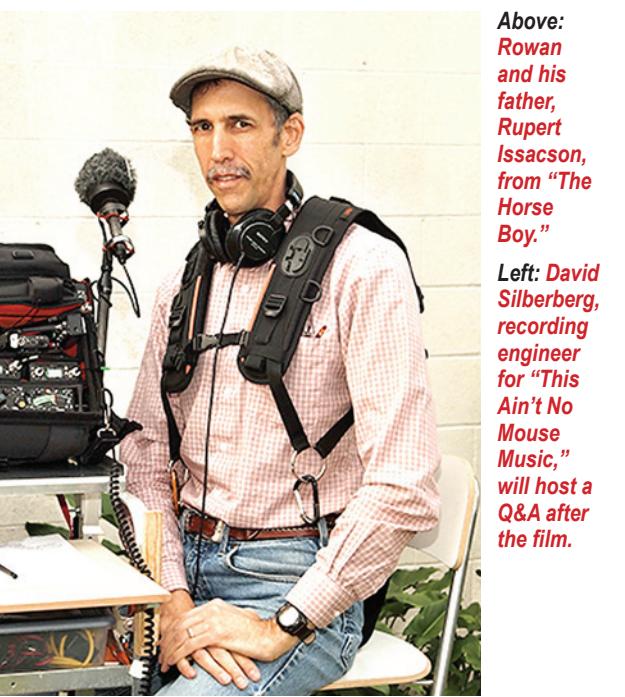
The final film at 7 pm, "This Ain't No Mouse Music," is sponsored by Wageton Enterprises. This film follows the tenacious efforts of Chris Strachwitz of Arhoolie Records, as he captures authentic American music in its natural habitat. Visit www.nomousemusic.com for more info. Recording engineer David Silberberg will host a Q&A afterwards in the Noyo Theatre's largest venue.

Tickets, \$11 per film or \$20 for any one film plus the 5:30



Above:
Rowan and his father,
Rupert Isaacson,
from "The Horse
Boy."

Left: David Silberberg,
recording engineer
for "This
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Music,"
will host a Q&A after
the film.



Mendocino County Museum 'Road Show' animates local history

The Mendocino County Museum Road Show – the start of an annual tradition celebrating local history in local communities – debuts in Willits, on Friday, February 28 at Willits High School.

The Museum Road Show, an old-fashioned traveling variety show, will bring Mendocino County history to life in stories and song. After its debut in Willits, the show will go on to play one night each in Anderson Valley, Ukiah and Fort Bragg.

Presented by a specially convened troupe of the county's most talented thespians and musicians, each show blends story and song to highlight Mendocino County's most dynamic resource: its people. Seven actors from the Willits Shakespeare Company, the Ukiah Players Theatre, and the Gloriana Opera Company will bring 35 local people to life, accompanied by the warm, evocative sound of All About Sally, an American roots group based on the coast.

What knowledge would you have if your family had lived in this area for thousands of years? What was it like to arrive in a wild, mountainous county to carve out a living? What did people do for fun before the advent of TV and cell phones? Most importantly, how did people take the daily pains, challenges and joys of their existence and weave them into a story (some details of which may be a tiny bit exaggerated)?

The underappreciated yet fascinating art of oral history is all about answering those questions. Oral historians record interviews with a wide variety of ordinary people, transcribe them, and enter them into historical archives. The results reveal a rich under layer of human drama that might otherwise have gone unremarked and unrecorded.

No one knows more about the dramatic and human possibilities of oral history than

actress and theatre impresario Linda Pack, artistic director and general guiding light for the Museum Road Show. Pack has recorded more than 100 readings from oral history transcripts for "Mendocino County Remembered," a long-running feature on radio station KZYX.

The material originates in a Mendocino County Historical Society project commissioned in 1976 for the United States Bicentennial, collecting the stories of a wide array of local residents, some of whom were born in the 19th century. The appeal of oral history for Pack lies largely in the way it dignifies lives that would not have made it into the history books. "These are ordinary stories," Pack stresses. "We're not telling the stories of Edison or Jefferson.... Everybody's just living their lives as best they could, and their stories are more important because of that."

Those stories include a poem teamster Walter Gschwend wrote to commemorate an epic haul he made from Low Gap to Needle Rock in one day, a depiction of the 1914

Willits children's march for Prohibition, and the musical education of Bey Barnwell, who returned to Mendocino County after classical music training to conclude, "You can't play Chopin and peel tan bark at the same time."

Doors for the Mendocino County Museum Road Show will open at each location at 6:30 pm, with a gallery show of related exhibits to view in the lobby. Refreshments will be for sale. The band will play an introduction. The Theatrical Show will start at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth 6-20, with ticket purchase discounts for groups of 10 or more. For more info, visit www.mendocinomuseumroadshow.org or call the museum at 459-2736.

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Members of an inmate work crew from the Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp, led by a CalFire captain, help lay pipe along East Commercial Street to tie two city-owned wells to a proposed emergency water treatment facility.

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when they ratified a list of project expenses last week.

"At this point we would be looking for this to be entirely grant-funded," Moore said. The CDPH's money was the first money to come in.

The city will have very soon spent about \$300,000 in cash on the project, Councilman Bruce Burton noted.

About \$1.3 million is on hand in the city's water fund, Interim Financial Director Elton told council members and city employees. "In the short run, that is in order to pay bills that come to you."

Council members also renewed the status of the city's water emergency ordinance – a decision they will make every 30 days.

Willits' water ratepayers remain in conservation mode. City water conservation policy asks businesses to cut water use by 30 percent, while homes are held to 150 gallons per day.

City Hall awaits word from the state health department on what kind of water treatment plan it will need with the two wells.

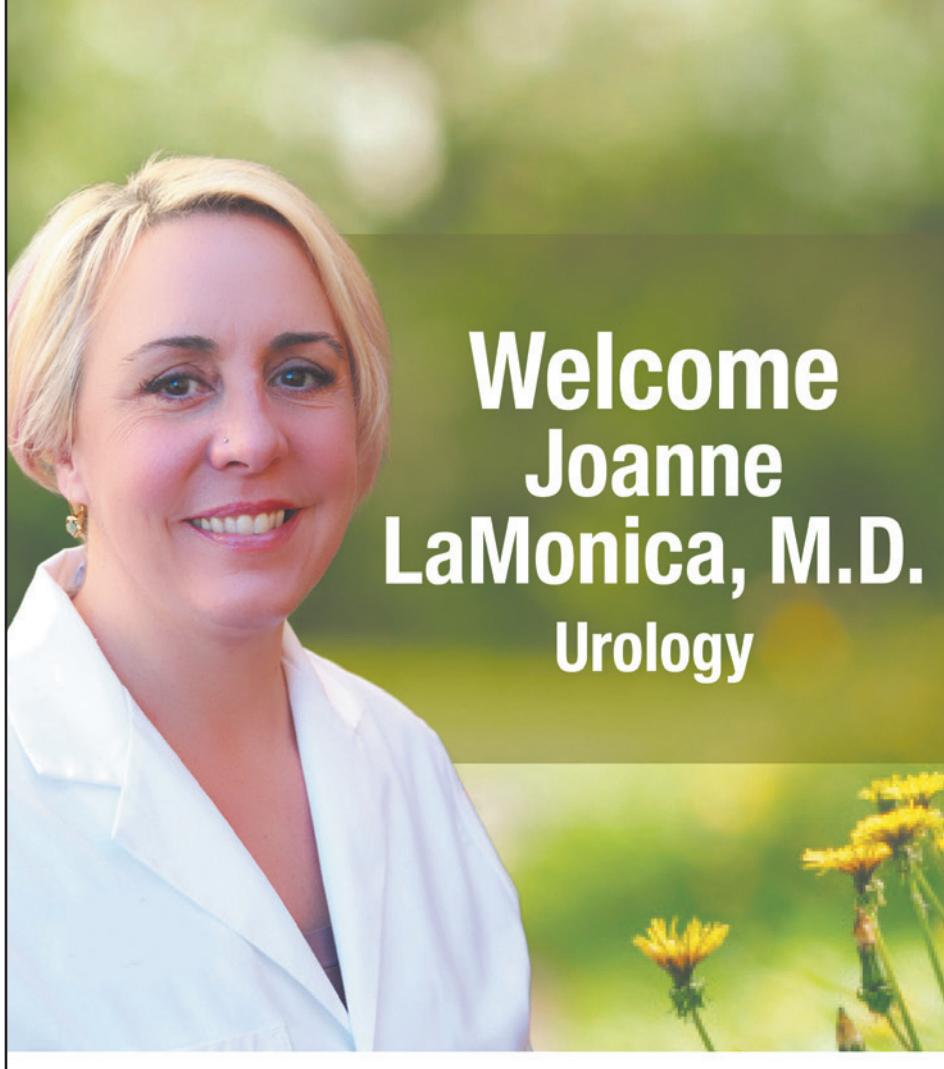
"What puts out the best water quality the most economically is what we are shooting for," said Water Manager J.C. England.

Woodhouse for Supervisor campaign kickoff

Left: Tom Woodhouse with his wife, Carlyn, inside campaign HQ.

Below: Lena Hofmaister holds a bumper sticker and a window sign.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



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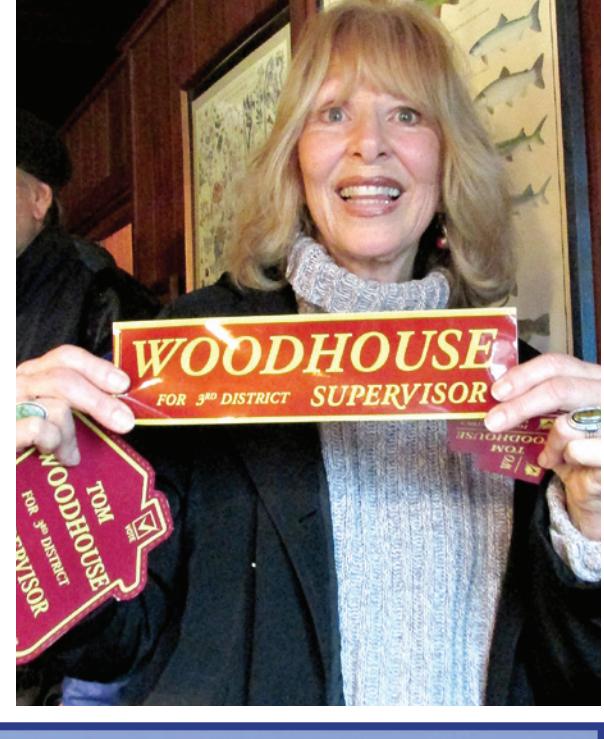
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The Tom Woodhouse for 3rd District Supervisor campaign kicked off Friday night with a grand opening of the campaign headquarters at 2 North Street. The Woodhouse HQ is the first to open for the 2014 election cycle. "It was uplifting, and we are very excited to get going on the campaign," Woodhouse said. "We had 120 people that showed up – volunteers and committed supporters – and a lot of connections were made. The food lasted, and everybody was in a great mood because of the rain." Woodhouse took campaign contributions, and offered bumper stickers and window signs. To get in touch with the campaign, stop by 2 North Street or call 707-367-6334.



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