#### Stranske, **Orenstein**

win most council votes

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Councilman Larry Stranske topped the field Tuesday in a three-way race for two Willits City Council seats.

In initial results, Stranske came in at 41 percent, with Councilman Ron Orenstein in second place, with nearly 31 percent. Challenger Robin Leler garnered about 27 percent of the vote.

"I would like to thank all of the people who voted for me," said Stranske.

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#### Vigil held for Willits woman

Investigators questioning injured man in 'suspicious' death

Dan McKee Contributing Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

Some 200 people attended a Sunday night candlelight vigil at Bud Snider Park to remember a 25-year-old Willits dancer and dance teacher found dead in the bedroom of a Brooktrails home early Saturday.

Mendocino County sheriff's detectives are calling the death of Kayla Grace Chesser "suspicious," and treating the investigation as a homicide.

An autopsy was performed Monday to determine the cause of Chesser's death. Blood samples also taken for toxicology screening. Results of such screenings can take up to four to six weeks.

In the meantime, sheriff's investigators are questioning a man they believe was with Chesser at the time of her death. The unidentified man is recovering in an out-ofcounty hospital from serious injuries he suffered when he apparently drove his speeding pickup truck off a steep embankment along Highway 162 several hours after Chesser's body was discovered around 6 am Saturday by a woman at the Poppy Drive home, according to sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten.

Initial reports from state traffic officers indicated the noontime crash probably was intentional, Van Patten said.

Chesser was a lifelong Willits resident who had attended Willits High School, where she played basketball and was a cheerleader. Chesser, who loved to dance and had plans to open her own dance studio, had been teaching belly dancing at Cloud 9 Studio in Willits. Chesser had studied dance at Mendocino College and was part of a performing belly-dancing troupe, Troupe Satya.

A video tribute to Chesser, entitled "Kayla the Angel Dancer," has been posted on You Tube.





Election Day in Mendocino County went "pretty smoothly," Registrar of Voters Sue Ranochak said Wednesday morning. "We were busy all day yesterday, and we heard about steady traffic at each of the polling places," she said. "Statewide they predicted this would be a very low turnout election, but it seems like people came out to vote in Mendocino County."

The poll workers at the Willits Community Center polling station Tuesday afternoon used the same word - "steady" - for the turnout there. The 24 percent turnout countywide reported in the "Final Election Night Report" is misleading, as in recent years, about 40 percent of the vote has not been counted in that report. These uncounted ballots are those received by the voter office too late to be counted before Election Day, provisional ballots, and mail-in ballots dropped off at polling places on Tuesday. In the June 2014 election for Third District Supervisor, nearly 43 percent of the vote was not

Ranochak's office was hoping to get a report out by 5 pm Wednesday about how many ballots were left uncounted, but was unable to do so by presstime. The voter office has 28 days to certify the election, but Ranochak has gotten final election results out sooner in the last couple of elections.

announced until the final, certified election report.

- Jennifer Poole

Top: Some of the poll workers at the City Hall, from back left: Dona, Barbara, Pam, Tania, Ida, Jan, Melody, Rosie, Gracie, Doreen, Pam, Sue, Dorothy and Shirley. Above: Candidates Tom Woodhouse and Holly Madrigal. Below: Willits Charter School student helpers Caelan Creekmur and Tara Logan check in a voter. Bottom: Brooktrails poll workers, from left: Kay, Jeanette, Evie and Patricia.

Photos by Maureen Moore





#### No new water hookups

for city, state says

The state Division of Drinking Water has asked the city to stop new water hookups.

In a letter addressed to the city earlier this month, the state points to the drought and restrictions on some water

Zack Cinek Reporter zack@willitsweekly.com rights as reasons to ask Willits to stop any new connections and pursue a reliable long-term supply of water.

"We are going to be submitting some documentation to them that hopefully paves the way forward," said City Manager Adrienne Moore. Moore added she is hopeful the compliance order can be modified to lift the moratorium.

Other area water providers, the Brooktrails Community Services District and the Pine Mountain Mutual Water Company, were sent similar notices.

The city also has received a letter from the Brooktrails Community Services District asking the city to consider tying its water system to Brooktrails.

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#### Supes set Losak's salary

With little public discussion, supervisors unanimously approved a one-year salary of \$118,123 for Mendocino County Interim County Counsel Doug Losak.

The figure is \$25,168 less than the salary a full-time, permanent county counsel would make at the lowest pay

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step, which is what Losak had been slated to earn on September 22 when he was named interim county counsel. It's a 10 percent

increase from his previous annual salary of \$107,390. The pay issue was remarkable because of the heat it generated from local newspapers and other county

employees. Initially, Losak's promotion was regarded by critics as a

pay increase. Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman urged the board to reconsider Losak's job upgrade on September 23.

"The deputy sheriff who arrested Doug is still subject to the 10 percent pay cut they got four years ago," Allman

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### Woodhouse leads big

in supes vote

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

As of 1 am Wednesday, Realtor Woodhouse retained a commanding lead over Mayor Holly Madrigal in the Third District supervisorial race.

With 2,369 ballots counted, Woodhouse led Madrigal by 247 votes, 1,308 to 1,061. Woodhouse had won 55 percent of the vote compared to Madrigal's 44.62 percent.

However, as of noon Wednesday, many ballots remain to be counted.

The county elections hoping office was get a press release out Wednesday afternoon with the number of ballots still to count, but they were unable

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**Brooktrails** 

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Brooktrails Township has denied any involvement in a September 5 incident Willits' wastewater treatment plant.

Dr. Don McEdwards, the civil engineer involved in an alleged sting, also denied the substance he was trying to dump at the plant was diesel fuel. He insists the material was water contaminated with a micropercentage of heating oil, or diesel.

McEdwards allegedly had asked sewer plant staff if he could dispose of diluted diesel fuel at the plant. He was not allowed to do so.

The incident prompted

Read the rest of Sting

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#### Anti-fracking **Measure S** blasts to victory

Kate Maxwell Reporter kate@willitsweekly.com

In the weeks before the election, the signs sprang up like mushrooms: "Yes on S" suddenly appeared on lawns, in business windows, and along the back roads: signifying Mendocino County residents were ready to vote in favor of a countywide measure banning fracking.

Before Election Day, only some municipalities and Santa Cruz County supervisors had passed legislation banning fracking in California. Now both

Read the rest of Fracking

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## What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

#### Rescue a friend

To the Editor:

Pet overpopulation is a global problem, and as someone who has spent time in developing countries I have seen firsthand poverty's tragic effects on the lives of dogs and cats, but here in the United States, we can do better. We can lead the world in showing what compassion toward our fellow sentient beings looks like.

Across the United States, animal shelters are overflowing with millions of cats and dogs, kittens, and puppies, in need of loving homes. These are beautiful, loving pets that have been forsaken by people who were not willing to make a lifelong commitment to them.

Many of these animals were once someone's pet, but now live behind bars, sometimes for months or even years. Cages are often so small there is no room for adequate

Take a trip to the Ukiah Shelter and see for yourself, cage after cage after cage. It will move you to tears.

Sadder still, many shelters kill these pets because they just don't have the room to house them all. This situation is especially heartbreaking when we consider that humans. by refusing to neuter their pets, are ultimately the cause of all this suffering.

If you have a pet, do the right thing and have it spayed or neutered, and urge your friends to do the same. And please, do not buy cats and dogs from breeders. Instead, support your local animal shelter by adopting your next family addition. The adoption fee supports spay and neutering, microchipping, and vaccinations. All good things. If you can't adopt, consider volunteering. The shelters are always in need of dog and cat-loving volunteers.

One more thing. Having lots of cats and dogs makes for

a happy life. I have two dogs and four cats, all rescues. They fill my life with love, humor, and fun. Open your heart. Open your home. Rescue a friend.

Janice Haschak,

Walk-a-Thon

## Thanks

To the Editor:

Brookside and Blosser Lane PTOs would like to thank the many businesses sponsored our Walka-Thons this year. The Walk-a-Thon is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and without the support of our local businesses, we would not be able to make this wonderful

event happen

We would like to thank The Book Juggler, Nor-Cal Recycled Rock and Aggregates, Les Schwab Tires, All Weather Excavating, Garman Construction, Scoops Ice Cream and Yogurt, The Shifters Car Club, Marvin's Garden Moon Lady, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, K-Arrow Welding, Old Mission Pizza, Sherwood Valley Rancheria Casino, 101 Trailer and RV, Busters, Auto Mart, Round

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Your generosity makes it possible for our students to go on field trips, receive free books, watch amazing assemblies. and so much more!!! Thank you.

Brookside Elementary PTO and Blosser Lane Elementary PTO, Willits

#### Monologues at WCT

To the Editor:

Attend "Speakeasy: An Evening of Monologues," and you were given the impossible task of voting for just one. But that's what they did! That's right; one-night-only performances too. And to generate even more excitement for the cast and enthusiasm from members of the audience, a \$100 prize for the best monologue! As people filed out of the theater, ballots were handed over to Don Samson at the door, while others thanked Annie for making the evening possible. She didn't have to, you know; she had already given her all with the three-session writing workshop under the Master's Classes sponsored by Willits Community Theatre last spring, and these were some of her students.

Thank you to Annie and Don ... and these wonderful monologists Mary Burns, Bill Walls, Kevin Klay, Erin Klay, Tara Logan, Jane Futcher, Kai Bravo and Michael Charnes who provided such a joyful evening.

Hint: They posted the winner here: www.facebook.com/ WillitsCommunityTheatre

Gail Richards, Willits

#### Local Author for WECS?

To the Editor:

Kindergarten Willits class at Elementary Charter School is doing a project on writing books and being authors. My students wrote the letter at left in hopes that a local author would come to our class and talk about being writer. Please contact the school office at 459-1400 or email ashley@ willitsk5charter.org i you are an interested author. Thanks so

#### Thanks from WELL

About 50 people came to celebrate WELL's 10th anniversary Tree Service, Solid Waste of Willits, Monkey Wrench, The on October 16, reviewing the past and re-energizing our localization efforts for the next 10 years.

We'd like to thank:

#### Archivist Richard Jergenson for an impressive display of posters, articles, photos and paraphernalia from the past

• Marilynn Boosinger for the poster design and also a slide show of Willits Fest. 2005.

• Andy Wright of Channel 3 for editing excerpts from "End of Suburbia" – the film that started our localization movement and the sequel, "Escape from Suburbia," featuring Willits. Andy and Al Rosen have also videotaped many of our programs over the years.

• Jason Bradford, WELL's co-founder, for visiting with us by Skype from his new home in Corvallis.

• Annie Waters for emceeing the program.

 Madge Strong for preparing and presenting a power point about WELL's mission and programs

• Brian Corzilius, Diane Smalley, David Drell, Richard Jergenson, and Marilynn Boosinger for hitting some of the highlights of WELL's past activities.

• Marlana River and Yvonne Wagenet for delicious cakes to celebrate our 10th birthday.

WELL's next event is Sunday, November 16, at Little Lake Grange, with a potluck (at 4 pm) and brainstorm (starting about 4:30 pm) to come up with ideas for programs for next year and beyond. For more info, call Madge at 459-1493.

WELL Coordinating Committee, Willits

#### Reject Caltrans' proposal

To the Editor:

To the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: As I understand the Caltrans document of October 1, purporting to provide a plan to further or speed up mitigations on the Willits bypass project, I think you are being given a pound of paper without sincere or lawful intent.

Caltrans has already established the record of ignoring your standards, and the fact that in two years little or nothing has been accomplished in the way of mitigation (whose premises were and remain

doubtful) confirms that showing of bad faith. The latest casualty is the Haehl Creek salmon run. It doesn't exist

A crisis is being built up by Caltrans' willfully ignoring its own studies which showed that a smaller-scale, round-about exit system better achieves low impact on the wetlands. That crisis concerns the violation of Indian artifacts and sites, a wholly separate federal crime. The eminent prospect of Caltrans continuing its faulty but lucrative plan (for construction interests) will bring on condemnations from every Indian tribe in California and perhaps the nation.

A state agency is being allowed (by you) to break federal law through intimidation and arrogant dismissal of a federal agency's lawful standards (yours) regarding burial of the same wetlands that contain former Indian villages and their remaining artifacts.

Burying these sites is not only illegal but a cultural outrage that will have effects for centuries. Thus, you enjoy support from an exigent lawsuit by the Pomo tribes, aside from law clearly under your own purview, for halting the bogus plan which Caltrans has put into practice.

Nothing more should be done unless and until this issue of over-building finds a lawful resolution.

Stopping the plan, saving the sacred land as well as the wetland system, is manifestly simple. Reject the Caltrans October 1, 2014 proposal on bad-faith grounds and

> Read the rest of Letters

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## North County Friends of **Mendocino College**

Volunteer group intends to promote and assist new Willits center

A new group of Willits volunteers has formed to lend a hand to Mendocino College's North County Center - and to its students.

**Tennifer Poole** Editor & Reporter

The North County Friends of Mendocino County Friends College launched with a public Chamber Mixer last month at the college's campus on Commercial Street.

The Chamber of Commerce was a fitting host for the Friends group's first public event, because one of the planned focuses is to serve as a liaison between the college and Center Operations northern Mendocino County's business community, including organizing Supervisor Peggy a job fair this spring.

"Our goal is to establish relationships and partnerships within the North County community and conduct activities that promote and assist the educational services programs for the college and support the students in the northern part of our county," said chairman Jerry Myers, a Mendocino College graduate, at the October 16 event. "We believe that a healthy relationship between the business community and the college creates a better workforce and is beneficial to all concerned." North County Friends is an affiliate group of the Mendocino College Foundation

Guest speaker Sheriff Tom Allman, a Mendocino College graduate himself, also remarked that the college has been an important part of the county and, now, of the city of Willits and the local Sheriff's Department, too: "It's very important for the local Sheriff's Department and the government to hire local people, so they don't use our training and move on."

Allman remembered the late Gordon Logan, city manager of Willits, "who had a vision" for new community development and facilities on East Commercial Street: "East Commercial Street is very special to us," Allman said, "and the college fits right in. You have a good college here, and with a team like this to improve awareness of the college you've got nowhere to go but up." Read the rest of

And enrollment numbers, NCC

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Above: An interior view of the North County Center in

At right, above: delicious spread of hors d'oeuvres for the mixer provided by Jill Persico of Loose Caboose At right, from

left to right: Mendocino College President Arturo Reyes, North of Mendocino College chair Jerry Myer, North County Center Dean of Instruction Debra Polak, and **North County** 

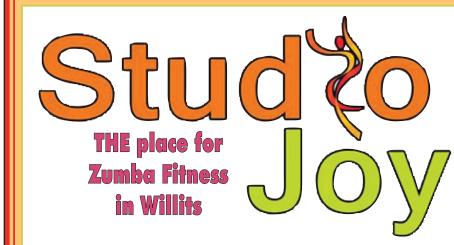
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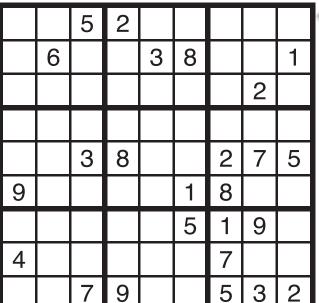
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### THEATER WORD SEARCH



DROP

**FOCUS** 

GAFFER

**HORROR** 

**POPCORN** 

HOUSE

**ENTERTAINMENT** 

**FLOODLIGHT** 

ACT	
ACTION	
ACTORS	
ADMISSION	
ANTAGONIST	
ASIDE	
AUDITORIUM	
BACKDROP	
BACKSTAGE	

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**CURTAIN DIALOGUE DIRECTOR** College

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"Willits and Round Valley are the only Mendocino College locations experiencing growth" right now, she said. The North County Center opened in the fall of 2013, with 34.77 "full-time equivalent" students, and this fall has 47.03 FTEs. Round Valley had 4.23 FTEs in fall 2013 and went up to 11.9 this fall

**BOX OFFICE** 

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COMEDY

CONFLICT

"We've designed a schedule to meet their needs," have to take "a couple trips to Ukiah," she said, "but we try to have everything they need at this beautiful

the main room and front desk, to the computer lab, to classrooms, and even to the restrooms, the center still looks brand-new, with a sleek, modern, utilitarian but comfortable atmosphere, that must make students feel like they are really "going somewhere," when attending Mendocino College.

"Students are sticking around," Polak told Willits Weekly, using the center's facilities, where they can focus on studying instead of being distracted by everyday life at home or work. "They are forming their own study groups, and there is less attrition."

Polak asked guests to check out a Power Point presentation playing in the hallway with a list of notable events and activities in the first year of North County Center, including: Grand Opening, September 2013; school field trips (elementary through high District administrators, including Superintendent

Dean of Instruction Debra Polak said, are going up: Pat Johnson and WHS principal Jeff Ritchley; new scheduling paradigms for spring 2014, continued through fall 2014; embedded counseling at WUSD, including registration and financial aid; and North County Friends formed.

**SCREEN** 

**SEATING** 

STAGE

**TICKET** 

**WINGS** 

**THEATER** 

President of Mendocino College Arturo Reyes was also present at the October mixer to "say a few words" to staff and college supporters. "We are here Polak said, with classes including "a smattering of to serve you," he said. "There's a reason why we are basic needs." North County Center students may a 'community' college: We are here to do great things

Arturo acknowledged the presence of Paul Ubelhart, member of the Mendocino College Board Guests were given tours of the center and, from of Trustees, representing Willits, and Myers thanked North County Center hosts Peggy Randrup (center operations supervisor), Kimberly Pinson (center assistant), and Dustin Meinecke (instructional aide, registration assistant and student).

> Other North County Friends board officers are: Tom Herman (vice chair), Tim King (treasurer), Jim Hardin (secretary), Marilyn Hardin (liaison to Mendocino College Foundation), and Katie Fairbairn (executive director of the Mendocino College Foundation).

> Friends of the North County Center Group is a community endeavor, too, Jim Harden said: "We want the community to be part of our dream, our endeavor."

Chair Myers encouraged "anyone interested in being a part of the North County Friends of Mendocino College" or those just interested in keeping informed about the group, to email jerry@jerrymyer.com with a school); outreach to new Willits Unified School request to be put on the email list. The next meeting will be held in January.



**Crossword Puzzle** 

18. 2nd largest Costa

20. Danish Krone (abbr.)

23. Long narrow bands

24. Woody tropical vine

25. Farm state

word

30. Resort

32. Smokes

26. Tooth caregiver

29. Popular Canadian

31. Members of U.S. Navy

35. Smiling so big (texting)

36. Capital of Bangladesh

Rican island

44. Records

45. A witty reply

48. The content

50. \_\_ student,

of cognition

49. Mohs scale measure

learns healing

CLUES DOWN

3. Group of criminals

4. Flat sweet pea petals

1. Peru's capital

2. Emerald Isle

51. Put in advance

**CLUES ACROSS** 

1. Smooth music

7. Fails to explode

13. Propose for office

15. Great ape of Borneo

16. Arab outer garments

18. The Muse of history

19. Neutralizes alkalis

22. Lapsed into bad habits

14. Yiddish expert

17. Hundredweight

21. Mortar trough

10. Voluted

12. Tear down

Student Dustin Meinecke, at the front desk of the North County Center.

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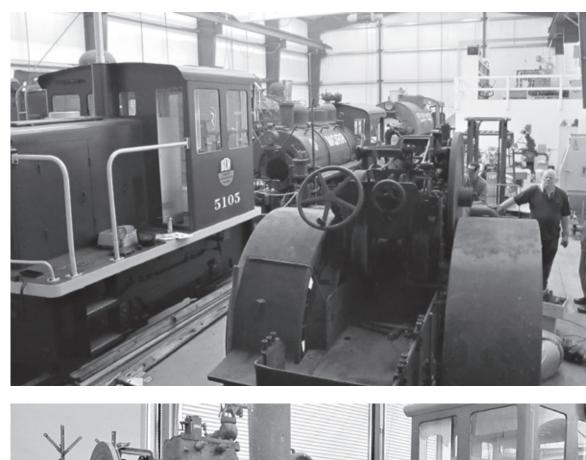
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# A Working Man's Roller

Roots starts restoration project on 1916 steamroller

"Well, we're still in the dismantling stage," noted Chris Baldo, one of several Roots of Motive Power members who have started working on remodeling a 1916 Kelly Springfield steamroller. "We've had this roller since 2003 and with the recent increase in steam roller interest after all the street printing events, we hope to restore this one, not necessarily to the gold-leafed status of our Buffalo Springfield roller, but to become a 'working man's' roller we can use."

Originally operating for the southern California city of Pomona, the Kelly Springfield was built to be an oil-burning machine - as opposed to coal - due to the large amount of oil available in southern California at the beginning of the 20th century.

Baldo and seven or eight other Roots members have started gathering weekly at Baldo's shop, Baldo Locomotive Works, on day at the Roots yard on Commercial Street already full, the decision was made to include com.

a special additional work day on Wednesday nights to dismantle, repair and eventually restore the steamroller.

Though the initial thought was to have this be an over-the-winter project, the group is slowly uncovering additional restoration projects as the pieces and parts come off, during this dismantling stage.

"End up including unforeseen 'extra' projects during this type of restoration? You always do!" laughed Baldo.

The group welcomes anyone interested in helping to restore or learn more about the antique steam roller to come by the shop during their Wednesday night work parties and join in. The group usually starts around

For more information or to keep up with progress on the project, check out Roots on Robert Drive. With the typical Sunday work Facebook under "Roots of Motive Power" or



During a recent Wednesday workday, many Roots members came out to help restore the Kelly Springfield, including at top, left: Lee Bryant and Bruce Evans; at top, right: Chuck Jones, Kirk Graux, and Carol Jones; above right: Chuck Jones; and above: Chuck Jones, Bruce Evans, Carol Jones, James Anson, Lee Bryant, Kirk Graux, and Keith Rongey. Photos by Chris Baldo Below: the Roots yard on Commercial Street. Photo by Maureen Moore





#### Internal Revenue Service Telephone Scam

Department received a report that a Willits further information. resident fell victim to an IRS scam where the caller identifies himself as an IRS agent. The victim was contacted on November 2 by a caller who she described as having an East Indian accent who stated that he was with the U.S. Treasury and that she was not paying her "back taxes."

The caller threatened her by stating he would send the U.S. Marshals Service unless she sent in money via a RELOADIT card(s) from a local supermarket. The caller continued to harass her and threaten her by telephone until she conceded to send in the money. The calls totaled between 20 and 30 calls and came from what apparently is a phone jack-generated number and several blocked phone numbers.

The victim eventually purchased over \$6,000 worth of cards and read the pin numbers over the phone to the alleged IRS agent. The matter was referred to the Department of Homeland Security, which is currently investigating the incident. The public or any other victims or potential victims can go to the Treasury Department

On November 3, the Willits Police website at: www.treasury.gov/tigta/ for

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

 If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue - if there really is such an issue.

 If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484.

 You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant at www. ftccomplaintassistant.gov: choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the complaint notes.

> - submitted by the Willits Police Department

365 Days a Year





# Holidays and More!

Willits Weekly welcomes two new advertising representatives, and lots of upcoming specials

Willits Weekly is exited to announce two new advertising representatives have joined our growing newspaper: Rachel Belvin and Tatiana Cantrell, both of Willits, are working with the community on many new and exciting advertising opportunities and community resources.

Rachel was crowned Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart in 2012 and is the proud owner of Willits Weekly's second mascot dog, Trigger, pictured above. She is heading up our every-edition advertising, offering businesses ways to get word out about their anniversaries, grand openings, new ventures, special sales and more. She is also heading up our holiday advertising for the upcoming November and December festivities. Rachel is frequently out meeting and greeting business owners and community members, and she'd be happy to speak with those interested in getting their ads in the regular editions of Willits Weekly. She is available via email at rachel@willitsweekly.com or by calling 367-9319.

Like many other Willits Weekliers, Tatiana Cantrell wears many hats, including owning and running Learning Roots Preschool and volunteering with the Willits Youth Soccer program, as president this season. Special advertising projects are her specialty, and the upcoming "Cuisine on the Go" menu book is going to be her main focus until its release January 29, 2015.

Willits Weekly's vision of continuing to imagine and offer creative, interesting, engaging and worthwhile advertising options to the community will only be benefitted by such a hard-working and professional woman who understands what it's like to run a small business.

Additional specials will be coming soon, including the annual pairing of the Soroptimist International businesses, large and small. Sales, of Willits Community Telephone Directory, the coupons, specials - don't miss getting annual pairing of the Willits Frontier Days Program, your message included in this edition, and other good things we have up our sleeves for which will encourage shoppers to shop 2015. Tatiana is available via email at tatiana@ locally this holiday season! All Black willitsweekly.com or by calling 367-2115.



#### Black Friday:

Willits Weekly will publish a special edition on Wednesday, November 26, showcasing all the local holiday shopping options for the upcoming Black Friday frenzy. We will be offering a special discounted rate for ads in that edition, ensuring a budget option ideal for all Friday special ads will run in color.

#### Mix & Match:

When we were thinking about an easy way to get holiday advertising messaging to the community, the concept of the Mix & Match promotion was a great solution. Advertisers can include an ad of varying sizes in all six newspapers during the holiday season. Mixing any of six sizes, businesses can create a custom marketing plan to meet their budgets, while ensuring total coverage in our for the best deals. Dates are first-come. upcoming editions. Mix & Match has a price for every budget, from around \$150 up to \$2,400.

#### Christmas Calendar:

If just one-day or two-day sales and specials are in your plans for holiday marketing, claim a day or days on Willits Weekly's new Christmas Calendar. Only one business will be able to purchase each day, to offer customers a special offer for that day. Each week, the upcoming week of sales will be printed, allowing shoppers to plan their schedules first-served. Think of it as a Christmas Calendar of sales for the holiday season. There's only 13 days still unclaimed!

## AFFORDABLE ADVERTISING Publish Date: Every Thursday Display Ads Deadline for ads:

Everyday rates for our continuing advertisers will be offered at \$6 per column inch for black and white and \$8 per column inch for full color. Design services are included in this rate. Prices are for one run only. Repeat discounts are available. All repeated ads will receive a 10%

Classified Ads

Small text-only ads are displayed in a group under the "Classifieds" heading. Individual he are included in the price. Classifieds are run only in black and white. Classifieds are just \$10 for 30 words for two weeks. Classifieds tha only need to run one week are just \$7 at the same word count. If more verbiage is needed, the price will increase accordingly. Contact us fo

Flyer Insertion

Insertion fee for prepared material is \$250. This includes getting the prepared material to Eureka and having our printing company place the flyer or booklet inside printed copies of the chosen edition. Design assistance for preparing the customer's files for printing, and printing

services by our printing press are also available for additional charges

Monday prior to publication **Copies:** 3,000 - 4,000 Color: CMYK DPI: 300

The Double W Special deal for first-time advertisers

3.25" wide x 4" tall

**Just \$50** IN FULL COLOR!

Now through 12/31/14

Get your copy of Willits Weekly Old Mission Pizza, Brewed Awakening, Ace Copy & Shipping, the Country Skillet, Willits Post Office, J.D. Redhouse, Ardella's Diner and Sc



Halfsies OK. Pick 3 sizes, pick 3 dates. 15% discount still applies. Ad size commitment deadline: November 10, 2014

Willits Weekly | November 6, 2014

# RESTAURANT

We don't want you to miss out on this amazing new Willits Weekly project:

## Cuisine on the Go!



Take Out Is this what your collection of menus

looks like? Too many businesses and families have a mishmash collection of scraps of paper, out-of-date menus, and info for no-longer-in-business

restaurants ... but, fear not, Willits Weekly is here to help! For the first time, we will publish a standalone booklet in our January 29, 2015 edition, showcasing sample menus, accurate addresses and phone numbers, and updated hours of eateries in Willits and surrounding areas to help make your decision about what to order for lunch or dinner a convenient one, whatever you're in the mood for! Contact Tatiana today at tatiana@willitsweekly.com to

get included in this great new project. Ad deadline is January 5, 2015!



Willits Weekly's handy booklet featuring sample menus and information on restaurants in and around Willits

Call in your order! Pick up to-go! Find a new place to eat! Make reservations! Let customers know your ADDRESS! HOURS! PHONE NUMBER! Showcase your full menu, or just the top sellers!

**\$300** per full page - 8" x 10"

**\$175** per half page (VERT) - 3.75" x 10"

\$175 per half page (HORZ)  $-8" \times 5"$ 

**\$125** per quarter page — 3.75" x 5"

**575** per business card — 3.75" x 2.5"

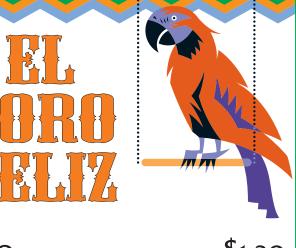
All ads run in full color.

Multiple full-page ads are available and can be run in succession. \$550 for two side-by-side full page ads • \$750 for three Online ad included in print price.

AD DEADLINE: January 5, 2015

Booklet will be inserted into the January 29, 2015 edition of Willits Weekly and will be posted online at: www.WillitsWeekly.com

Contact: Tatiana at 367-2115 • tatiana@willitsweekly.com



SOFT SHELL TACO.....\$1.39 Burrito.....\$1.39 BEEF ENCHILADA.....\$2.99 BEAN ENCHILADA.....\$2.99 CHICKEN ENCHALIDA...\$2.99 CHEESE TOSTADA.....\$1.65 ....\$2.55 BEEF TOSTADA..... Real Size Sample: 4 \$255 Сні \$2.25 Taco **105 Honeysuckle Street** 

DINE IN & TAKE OUT NENU Real Size Sample: A thin Ita fresh swe large slices

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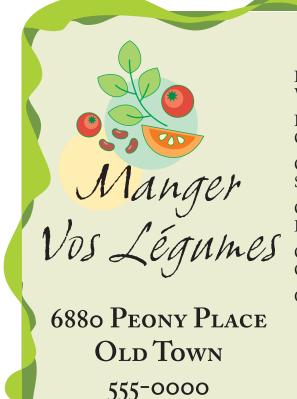
**Your Town • 555-000** 

"I don't know, what do *you* want to eat!?"

All our special and in-paper ads are also posted online on our website!

Online and print for one low price!

Call today to get included!



**ENTREES** Baked Ziti w/Roa Mediterranean Barley Vegetables.. Salad Brown Rice Te Casserole.. Caramelize Carameli Coconut Ves Grilled Asparagus Wrap APPETIZE Cheesy Mustard Bites • Guacamole • Hummus Mini Cheese 'N Chive Muffins • Spicy Herb Roasted Nuts

Squash Crostini • Vegetable Quesadillas

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Willits Weekly | November 6, 2014 Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Email: willits weekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490

#### Thursday, November 6

Shanachie Pub: Dag Shaw, dobro, guitar, vocals, banjo. 6 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, Info: 459-9194.

#### 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 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 Ojalá: Turkish, Flamenco and Festival, features a ride on the Skunk Train out Folk Duo; MerKaBah: original compositions inspired by Sufi to Noyo (complete with music by Greg Schindel, music, played on ancient Eastern instruments; and Farafi, a picnic breakfast, and wine and beer tastings). 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": Opening Night tonight for the holiday production at Willits Community Theatre is a romantic drama set in New York City in 1948, written by Healdsburg playwright Audie Foote. tonight at 8 pm. This is the heartwarming story of waitress Kitty Fleming as she meets and befriends Willie, a seemingly downand-out homeless vagrant

living among the other bums in the Bowery. Directed by

**Master Gardeners 2015 class** 

Mendocino County Master Gardeners is inviting applications for the

winter 2015 training leading to Master Gardener certification by

University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). Successful

applicants typically share a love of gardening and seek to gain

garden-related knowledge, enjoy the company of fellow gardeners,

and give back to their communities as Master Gardener volunteers.

**Sober Grad** 

gmail.com for any info.

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Annual

Souper

Luncheon

and Holiday

Bazaar

Luncheon and Holiday

Bazaar is set for

Thursday, November

20 this year, at 286

School Street, across

from the Grange.

Lunch is from 11:30 am to 1 pm, and includes soup, bread,

dessert, coffee and

tea for \$7. Coffee or

tea and pie only is \$3.50. The Holiday

Bazaar is from 10 am

to 2 pm and consists

of handmade craft

opportunity drawing

baskets, and white

items.

baked

elephant

Info: 459-2855.

homemade

bargains

goods

Methodist

Annual

The Willits United

Church

Souper

The rigorous UCCE-approved course will run weekly from January 21

thru April 29. Most classes will be offered at the Extension offices, 890

North Bush, in Ukiah with a field trip to Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens.

Sessions will be taught by UCCE specialists and other gardening professionals.

The Master Gardener program operates nationwide and in Canada to equip home gardeners

with science-based information so that they can serve as volunteer coaches and teachers for others

in their communities. Trainees receive approximately 50 hours of classroom and hands-on instruction.

Applicants should expect to contribute to their communities by volunteering on Master Gardener projects

for 50 hours in the year after their certification. Applicants must be Mendocino County residents and

have access to online communication and web-based resources. The \$200 fee covers books, materials

and instruction. For additional information, visit http://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/Master\_Gardener578/ or contact the

UCCE office in Ukiah at 463-4495 or Master Gardener coordinator Wendy Roberts at 707-937-4702 or wendy@mcn.org.

Christine Dill, with performers Kelly Kesey, Rod Grainger, Gretchen

Greystar, Pete Winslow, Tim Suttles, Mike A'Dair and David Partch. 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).

Shanachie Pub: Grampa's Chili, Santa Cruz Mountain Funkgrass band, "playing chunky Rock-

n-Roll with some Americana spice, a ladle full of Mountain Boogie and a side of rich, thick Jam." 9 pm. \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

ALL ABOARD THE

WINE

**MUSHROOM** 

**NOVEMBER 8, 2014** 

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#### Saturday, November 8

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

Events at Noyo include more beverage and food tastings, a BBQ, music by Steven 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 more info, visit www.MendocinoMuseum.org or email Info@ MendocinoMuseum.org or call 707-459-2736. Tickets are almost sold out at press time: Call for the last remaining tickets or to get on the waiting list!

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.

Willits Youth

Football board

Anyone interested in

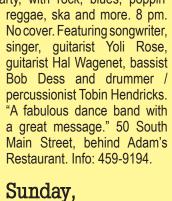
being a part of the 2015

Willits Youth Football board,

What's Happening Around Town
Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits Children 5 and under are free. Tickets are limited so advance purchase suggested. Info: Thayer Craig, 459-3360, or Rosamond Crowder, 459-4579.

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

Shanachie Pub: Redbud plays the Skunk Train Mushroom, Wine & Beer Train after-party, with rock, blues, poppin'



## November 9

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

Members \$6, and kids \$5. Info: 459-6826.

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 Shimabukuru. 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 Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Gain hands-on the door. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van community! Visit www.gridalternatives.org for more info.

"Being Healthy and Saving the Planet": a lecturepresentation 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

Toys for

Little Lake Fire Department

at 707-367-9316 or by email "Toys for Tots" program this beyond our control, the

at kristinmiler3@gmail.com holiday season. "Come by our Boosters Annual Fashion

no later than November office, 74 East Commercial Show which would have

12. Voting will take place Street, for a visit, bringing an been held on November

November 15. If you would unwrapped gift for a girl or boy 8, has been postponed.

like to vote on next year's and make someone's Christmas Thank you to all of our

board members, there is a morning memorable." Thank you supporters and we will

\$5 fee. No write ins on the from the staff and volunteers of let you know as soon as

Willits Community Services

and Food Bank

invites you to dinner!

the Little Lake Fire Department. it is re-scheduled."

please contact Kristin Miler will be a drop-off center for the

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)

Free 5-Day Stop Smoking Workshop: You want to quit smoking? Come to this successful workshop with a holistic approach. Starts Sunday, November 9 at 6:30 pm at the Street. 459-6660. Friendship House, 363 West Mendocino

Avenue. Info: contact Dennis Porter at 707-972-9005.

#### Monday, November 10 Willits Garden Club Meeting: November

meeting of the Willits Garden Club 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.

Senior Center Ice Cream Social: 1:30 to 2:30 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Pie, ice cream, coffee and prizes. This

> Bruce Burton, "Name that Tune." Members \$1; nonmembers, \$1.50. Solar volunteer orientation: Want solar training? Alternatives will

month's entertainment:

holding an orientation for volunteers interested in installing solar, today, Monday, November 10, from 5 to 7 pm at the

HARVEST DINNER

Come and enjoy a full local organic dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

6:00 HAPPY HOUR

6:30 DINNER

LITTLE LAKE GRANGE

Adults \$30, children under 12 - \$15

tickets available at Good's Stamp Shop

Benefit for Willits Environmental Center

Now & Then Film Series

The Now & Then Film series presents a screening of "Ground

Operations - Battlefields to Farmfields," a documentary film "about

combat veterans who are transitioning from careers as professionals

dealing death into sustainable farmers, ranchers and artisan food

producers. Let's watch veterans who create healthy new lives for

themselves and delicious food security for communities across

America." 7 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Program also

includes farmer-veteran speakers and a conversation about local

food and farming. Take a peek: www.groundoperations.net/synopsis.

Suggested donation, \$5. Organic popcorn and chocolate, refreshments

for sale by the Grange. Info: 459-6362.

at Brownpapertickets.com, or by phone with credit card at experience installing solar PV while volunteering with GRID the WCT office, 459-0895. Tickets will also be available at Alternatives to install solar PV for low-income families in your

#### Tuesday, November 11

Boosters

Fashion

Show

Postponed

25th ANNUA

"Due to circumstances

Veterans Day Breakfast: Willits American Legion Post 174 offers a Veteran's 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.

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

> 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-

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.

Mexican Taco Dinner

707 357-0131

**Order Tickets** 

numbered month in

Shanachie Pub:

Marty O'Reilly & the Old Soul Orchestra, trance-based blues music, "harkening back to John Lee Hooker and Howlin' Wolf, with a drunken minor, swing comparable to some of Tom Waits' darker works." 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, Info: 459-9194.

#### Wednesday, November 12

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:

#### Friday, November 14

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

Shanachie Pub: Alissa Arnason (5 pm) opens for 454 (9 pm). \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

#### Saturday, November 15

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

**Seasonal Flu Vaccine** 

> Walk-Up Clinic in Willits

Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency will hold a Seasonal Flu Vaccine Walk-Up Clinic on Monday, November 17, from 11 am to 3 pm. Seasonal flu vaccine at

this clinic will be available and recommended

for anyone 19 years and older. The clinic will be held at Public Health, 221-B South Lenore Avenue. There is a

suggested donation of \$15 per flu shot, but no one will be turned away if they are unable to afford the donation. Although we will not be vaccinating

children at this clinic, it is encouraged for persons 6 months through 18 years to get vaccinated for the flu as soon as possible to help protect against the seasonal flu. Please contact your pediatrician, physician or Public Health Services for an appointment to get children's flu vaccine: 472-2600 or 472-2700.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine is especially recommended for those with chronic health conditions such as: diabetes, HIV, lung disease, kidney disease, heart disease, chronic liver disease, long-term aspirin therapy, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, immune compromised persons and those with neuromuscular disorders.

## Save the Date:

Senior Center Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Harrah Willits Toy Run & Party, Little Lake Grange,

Time: 5 pm –7 pm

at 841-0473.

some fun with friends. All ability

levels welcome. Info: Raymond

Life Changes: Discussion

and support group with Linda

Posner, Wednesdays from

10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior

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

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.

Program: Free "Freedom from

Smoking" class sponsored by

the Frank R. Howard Memorial

Hospital. Every Wednesday at

the HMH Conference Room,

1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm.

RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at

707-540-4208. Walk-ins are

Free Sheriff's Activity

League programs: at Body

Works Gym, 1511 South Main

Street. Teen gym: Monday to

Boxing: Monday.

Wednesday and

always welcome

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Smoking

is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Order Tickets** 

707 357-0131

**By Taqueria Ramirez** 

Shanachie Pub: Congo Sanchez of Thievery Corporation.

\$8. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info:

Mexican Food Fundraiser: St Anthony's Fundraiser, 10

am until sold out today, at the Parish Hall, 58 Bush Street.

Burritos, tacos, guesadillas, and more, priced from \$2 to \$4

each. To go, or eat in hall. "Come get some great Mexican

"The Angel of Chatham Square": 2 pm matinee today;

WELL Brainstorm Meeting: Willits Economic Localization

meets at Little Lake Grange, with a potluck (at 4 pm) and

brainstorm (starting about 4:30 pm) to come up with ideas

for programs for next year and beyond. For more info, call

Willits Youth Football

\$30 for Family of 4

16 Tacos Plus Rice & Beans

\*Al Pastor \*Asada

\*Carnitas \*Chicken

Date: 11/12/2014

Sunday, November 16

see Friday, November 7 listing for details.

food for your Sunday Lunch!"

Madge at 459-1493.

459-9194.

Farmers Market: Winter Farmers Market at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street starting Thursday November 6. Continues every Thursday from 3 to 5:30 pm. Produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, bread, crafts, live music, and more.

The Emandal Chorale: this community chorus based in Willits is in its 20th season, and you are welcome to join! Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm. No auditions necessary. The Chorale meets upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East 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

Alateen Support Group: for teens ages 12-17 that are friends and family members of problem drinkers and/or addicts. For teens only. Every Thursday, 6 to 7 pm, Room 44 at Willits High School, north of gym near pool. Contact: Aurelie at 707-489-1258 or Cindy at

707-972-4748 or cynlamon@ amail.com. 13th Annual Photography Club Show: the Willits Center

Gardner,

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.

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.

Cards and Games at Willits

Library: free games in the

Willits Library's Community

sessions from 1:30 to 3:30

pm; Thursday bridge sessions

from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. New

session added: Saturdays from

11 am to 1 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

Tuesday bridge

Dorothy Asbury,

Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Ongoing Friday at 7 pm; for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. events Featured artists:

Karate: Kids aged 5 to 11 from 6 to pm, Tweens. Teens and Adults at 7 pm. Josh Bowers, Steve Eberhard, Bruce Haanstra, Stacey Patton, Tom

All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook. com/MendocinoCountySheriffs YouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

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

Brooktrails Lodge: Ladies Night every Thursday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge, 8 pm to 2 am. \$3 drink specials. The Dream Capsule Band presents live music and

karaoke. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596. Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday 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-Karaoke Night at Al's

Redwood Room: every Wednesday night, karaoke in the bar. 207 South Main Street. 459-2444. Laytonville Winter Farmers

Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Laytonville Grange. Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, and more.



# can be bought at Cat's Meow or email willitssobergrad@

#### Fall Raffle Basket Wednesday, November 26, at the Harrah Senior Center, Look for the goodie-filled Sober Grad basket (valued 1501 Baechtel Road. 8:30 am until sold out. "Enjoy at more than \$400) displayed at various locations around homemade goodies, without having to do all the work: town! Drawing will be held on November 19. Prizes include great food and great prices!" All proceeds benefit the 2 park hopper tickets for Disneyland/California Adventure, Senior Center's Transportation Department. gift certificate for Main Street Music, gift items from Cat's Meow, and more. Tickets are \$1/each or 6 for \$5; tickets



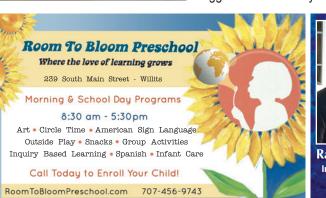
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November or December. "Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast on January 25, 2015, and fourth Sundays of the month onward! Little Lake Grange Breakfast: where \$7 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around."

















# ÓWSER **Wowser: An Invitation**

My name is Roger Wilson, and I started creating a wild idea a few years ago. It's called Wowser, and I think you'll like it.

It's a big big big BIG building, full of tools (20,000 square feet!). There are lots of tools, and you can use any of them (if you pass the safety test). My partners and I have spent the last two years working full-time (no pay) to get it to a point where anyone could come in and start making something (anything you like, pretty much).

We have tools for woodworking, metalwork, welding, jewelry making, stained glass, electronics, electrics, computers, textiles (fabric and leather), Roger various software, and a 3D printer. And more coming in all the time. We offer Wilson, workshops to help YOU learn how to make that thing you wanted to make, CEO but didn't know quite how.... And now we are ready for members. and cofounder of Thank you to all those in the community including Peter Koch, Willits Wowser.

Furniture, WELL, the Willits Grange, and many others that have helped us

We're holding a free open house on Sunday, November 9 from 11 am until 4 pm. Perhaps you have seen our posters up around town?, maybe not. In any case, I'd like to invite you to come and see what we've built for you. We're located at 330 East Commercial Street in (right across the street from Mendo Mill). You can also find us on Facebook or give us a call at 459-9697.

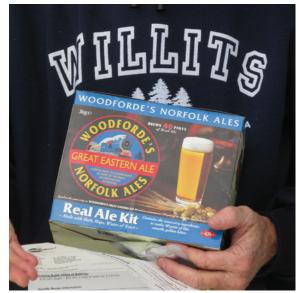
Does it sound like a huge playhouse/workshop? Good, it is; and I invite you to try it out. - Roger Wilson, CEO and co-founder of Wowser

#### **Wowser: What to Expect**

Attendees at Wowser's Sunday, November 9 Open House can tour the three main sections of the facility. A large woodworking space with various tools; a large metal-working section (also with tools); and then the "core area," that includes smaller rooms or labs.







Above left: The group of beer enthusiasts at Saturday's demonstration. Right: B.R.E.W. Club President Rick Hewett holds a sanitizer, while Keith Rutledge looks on.

At left: top: The Woodforde's Great Eastern Ale brew kit the brewers used Saturday. Center: Professional brewer Jon Passow explains brewing techniques. Bottom: Liquid malt extract syrup is poured carefully into the boil pot.

## Learn to Homebrew Day

Willits B.R.E.W. Club sponsors a brewing demo

"Got Beer? Why not make your own? Sure beats stamp collecting," said a series of slogans on a poster board at the Willits B.R.E.W. Club's brewing

Hardware Saturday.

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter iennifer@willitsweekly.con

Club members, led professional brewer and beer

demonstration outside Coast

consultant, Jon Passow, barrel program manager at Anderson Valley Brewing Company, started a five-gallon batch of Great Eastern Ale from scratch that morning. The ale, made from a Woodforde's Norfolk Ale kit, will be ready for tasting at the B.R.E.W. Club's December 5 meeting. The demo was part of "Learn to Homebrew Day," an international event sponsored by the American Homebrewers Association.

A group of enthusiasts and would-be brewers, including new Coast Hardware owner Shawn Morgan, listened and watched intently to the process as the brew was heated up in the boil kettle, stirred, and augmented with different ingredients. Tips and hints from Passow included technical points as well as folksy advice: "cooking beer" is a good time to enjoy a beer or two, because there's waiting periods, he said, but it's a good idea to moderate beer consumption while brewing. "There's a difference between 'Don't worry' and 'Don't pay attention," Passow said. You want to make sure your beer doesn't boil over in the boil kettle, and you don't want to put beer into bottles while it's still fermenting, because that can make the bottles explode.

You also don't want to contaminate your beer: "There's nothing that can grow in beer that will make you sick," Passow said. But contaminants can cause some really odd flavors to



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- ♦ Electronics lab is a space to build or repair computers and other electronics. This room has a Tesla Coil, Minecraft servers, and 3D printer.
- ◆ Computer lab is a place to learn various software programs.
- ♦ Jewelry lab
- ◆ Conference room

Workshops that people can begin signing up for at the Open House include:

- ♦ Welding: Danny Romero ♦ Bicycle Repair: Paul
- "Juice" Rogers ♦ Free Energy: Ron Cole
- ♦ Basics of Stained Glass: Linda Palmer
- Native American Geometry: Chris Hardaker

More workshops are being added, as Wowser continues building a roster of instructors from the community for various workshops, including one on 3D Modeling, which includes the basics of how to create objects in a 3D modeling software package.

One of the goals of the event is to invite people who are interested in becoming an instructor. These are paid positions.

Wowser provides the space, tools, and some promotion. Wowser also has Lila Ryan, who is helping each new instructor launch their workshop. She's assisting with creating a syllabus and lesson plan. She'll be there on Sunday to answer questions and get people

#### Wowser: What's In It for Willits?

Many small towns have experienced an exodus of their young people. The many choices available for training and education, jobs, and excitement are among the lures of larger cities. Partly due to limited resources for training and employment, many young people find "small town" job options few and uninteresting. Wowser has the goal of getting young people (under 30) excited about living and working in Willits and Mendocino County. Inspired by the "Maker Movement," Wowser is a space where young people develop into builders and designers, bringing their ideas into reality and into the marketplace, locally.

Wowser's vision is a prosperous Willits, where people create locally useful products and build skills for meaningful employment. Our method is to bring together talented elder makers and young people who want to learn design and fabrication processes. Our context is an industrial arts working-learning environment, where we "make makers" using an open space design, safety, awareness, creativity and fun. We are the first large membership-based industrial arts and manufacturing facility in a small town in the United

Wowser changes economic possibilities by offering hands-on, project-based training, utilizing both state-of-the-art and time-tested design and manufacturing principles. Wowser can close the circle of localization, offering the missing piece for a thriving local economy: the capacity to make local products. Wowser also provides "soft" skills such as self-responsibility, the ability to articulately express ideas to

others, critical thinking, and the familiarity of working in

- Ian Fitzpatrick, founder of Radiant

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#### you should need" to start brewing beer, owner Morgan said, including boilers, bottles, hops, canned liquid malt extracts, yeasts, grain bags, dried grains and brewers malt. "And if we don't have it, let us know and we can get it." The B.R.E.W. Club's

but at 75 degrees, you'll get "nail

polish, alcohol notes, really awful,"

Although many aspects of

brewing are a matter of personal

taste, novice brewers are advised

to start with a brew kit. "At first,

go with the instructions," B.R.E.W.

Club founding member Scott

Montez said. "But after you've done

it for a while, you can experiment"

and make your brewed beverage to

your own taste and alcohol content.

Coast Hardware has "everything

brewing supplies. For more info on Willits B.R.E.W. Club, check www.willitshomebrew. weebly.com, or contact President Rick Hewett at 459-1338 or rchewett1@aol.com. The club meets the first Friday of each month, at 7 pm, currently at Peter's Chinese Restaurant, 383 South Main Street. November's meeting, November 7 will focus on Porter and Stout, and December's meeting, December 5, will focus on Winter/Holiday

Beers, and will include a tasting of

weekend.

The rest of Brew



# Pizza Pasta Salad

La Siciliana holds grand opening on October 31

After a few practice days for friends and family, owner Kapila Phoenix opened the much-anticipated La Siciliana Restaurant and Pizzeria with a grand opening on October 31.

The interior of the old House of Pizza building has been completely redone, with a new paint scheme, Montez helped Coast Hardware new appliances and a fresh new feeling. Outside, a put together their original order for new deck will be used for outdoor seating.

> The restaurant is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am to 9 pm. Diners are welcome to come in and see the new space, try the Sicilian fare, and enjoy the new atmosphere.

> Pizzas with hand-thrown crusts are made to order, topped with a sweet Sicilian sauce and your choice of toppings. Plates of plump al dente noodles topped with the sauce and sharp Parmesan cheese are proving to be a big hit. Fresh salads with currants, pecans and bleu cheese.... The list goes

As a new business, La Siciliana is still working on fine-tuning service and menu choices and is excited to hear from the public with their thoughts the Great Eastern Ale started last

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> > Check out the new restaurant on Facebook under "La Siciliana Restaurant & Pizzeria," or visit them at www. lasicilianawillits.com Above: the first order is served at La Siciliana Restaurant & Pizzeria

> > > by owner Kapila

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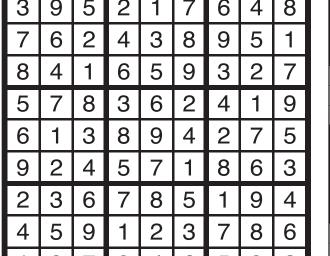
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## THE GIRLS OF 'The Girls of **Atomic City**'

COLUMN | Resendez Reads!

'The Girls of Atomic City' by Denise Kiernan (2013) is a wellresearched book that spotlights the day-to-day lives of the many workers, mostly young female civilians, who were recruited to work at the top-secret site now known as Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At that time, Los Alamos, New Mexico was the site for the invention, design and testing of the first atomic bomb, while Oak Ridge was the location for the development of the physical components.

Oak Ridge was a factory town, hastily scraped out and thrown up on the previously occupied farms in an isolated area. The largest buildings were assembled to house the people and equipment needed to enrich and purify radioactive fuel. The site was a sea of

Fran Resendez

Columnist

mud in winter, with dormitories, trailers and primitive cabins to house the aborers and a few more substantial houses for the scientists and their

families. Construction continued day and night, as more and more workers flooded in under a military order of complete secrecy

The men and women who signed up for this project had been told that they were helping their country to end the war and bring their loved ones home. Of course, the good wages were also an inducement. Kiernan narrates the stories of women from all different backgrounds, including women physicists and women with college degrees, as well as the local high school graduates and poor women of color. The presence of such a large number of women changed the tone of what was a military run project. into a challenging community with social needs. People dated, got married, had babies, established homes - all while carrying on the focused production effort.

Eventually, the workers of Oak Ridge found out what their efforts were all about. You can imagine the emotional minefield that knowledge produced. They were elated and relieved that the war was over, but only a few guessed the purpose of the process they were involved in and none of them foresaw the horrific ramifications of the deployment of a super weapon.

After I read the book, I spent some time on Kiernan's website. I saw pictures of the women she interviewed, and watched an

Drowsy driving

Letters | From Page 2

advocate the alternative, to adopt its own approved and more than adequate initial northern interchange design. That design complies with federal wetlands law and does not desecrate Indian remains.

A tired driver can be just as dangerous and deadly behind

the wheel as an intoxicated driver. The California Highway

Patrol joins the National Sleep Foundation in a weeklong

campaign to educate motorists during "Drowsy Driving

"When you decide to get behind the wheel of a car,

be aware that being sleepy is dangerous," said CHP

Commissioner Joe Farrow. "Although most Californians

know how dangerous drinking and driving is, they may not

fully realize that drowsy driving can be just as dangerous

According to the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, cognitive impairment after approximately 18

hours awake is similar to that of someone with a blood

alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.05 percent. After about

24 hours awake, impairment is equivalent to a BAC of 0.10

percent, higher than the legal limit in all states. In addition,

lower levels of alcohol (below the legal limit) amplify the

According to statistics from the CHP's Statewide Integrated

Traffic Records System, in 2012, the most recent year in

which finalized figures are available, there were more than 3,900 collisions in California involving drowsy drivers. As

a result of those collisions, 36 people died and more than

Below are some signs that should tell a driver to stop

and rest: • Difficulty focusing, frequent blinking, or heavy

eyelids • Daydreaming; wandering/disconnected thoughts

• Trouble remembering the last few miles driven; missing

exits or traffic signs • Yawning repeatedly or rubbing your

eyes • Trouble keeping your head up • Drifting from your

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and potentially fatal as driving drunk."

effects of inadequate sleep.

2,100 others were injured.

William Ray, Willits

#### restless and irritable

If you experience any of these warning signs, pull over to rest or change drivers. Simply turning up the radio or opening the window are not effective ways to stay alert.

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Atomic City' for interested readers: it's in stock at their distributor,

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of Grass Books in Willits. Getting her first library card was one of the happiest days in he

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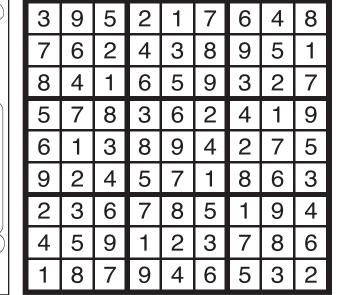
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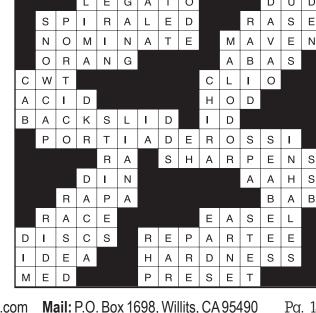
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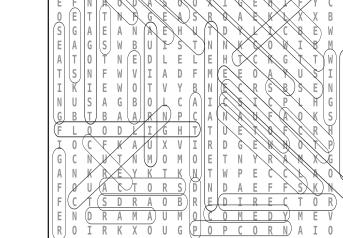
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#### Congratulations Column

## Keegan Edward Wagoner

Andy and Rachel Wagoner announce the birth of their son, Keegan Edward Wagoner.

Keegan arrived August 18, 2014 at 1 pm. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 1/4 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches

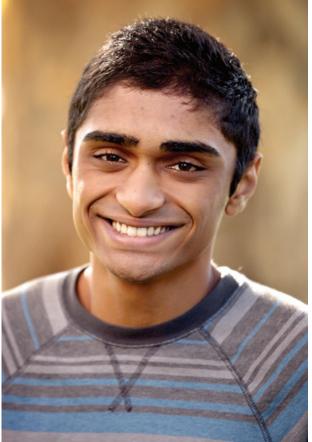
He is also welcomed home by his big sister Aubree, as well as his maternal grandparents, Keith and Cindi Schiessl of Willits and the late Thomas Reneau, and paternal grandparents, Ken and Cathy Archer of Windsor, California.





# **Amazing Athletes**

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Love for the Sport: "Short shorts? (that's a joke!) Because I'm

Senior captain (and school president) Ankit Patel ran back to backto-back miles of 5:34, 5:35 and 5:40. He works very hard in practice, with a nitrous booster, which makes her real, real fast on defense. and it pays off in the meets. He was All-League his junior year and Her little self comes right off the ground when she power-blast hopes to repeat that performance again this year.

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into this," Mayor Holly Madrigal said.

"There is a curtailment in place, and we said. "It seems like giving Losak a 33 percent raise, while my need to figure out how the City of Willits fits

City officials and council members noted the state is asking them to limit water connections and to connect to another community at the same time

Moore said this week the city is working with the State Water Resources Control Board to get the order revoked, or partially revoked.

In June, the water board asked junior water rights holders in the Eel River watershed to stop diverting water.

This month in a portion of the compliance order the state wrote: "The board has determined that without the use of curtailed Eel River watershed rights the system [Willits] is not able to produce an adequate and reliable supply of water.'

The compliance order contains seven directives for the city to meet. Some are interrelated. The list includes: no new water service, a list of all connections and addresses, a plan for conservation, and conduction of what the state calls a Capacity Planning Study.

An October 17 letter from Brooktrails Manager Denise Rose to Moore stated her township's interest in linking the two water supplies to the benefit of both communities.

The Brooktrails board of directors talked about the need for more water at a meeting earlier this month

The township's water system is Lake Ada Rose, which links to Lake Emily and an adjacent water treatment plant on Primrose Drive.

Brooktrails serves 1,553 water connections. In a letter to the state, Brooktrails says it wants to pursue drilling for groundwater.

Should dry times continue, Brooktrails suggested it also could seek to tie into Willits' water system or truck water into the township. It would take about 10,000 feet of waterline

Early estimates on the cost of such a project are about \$1.5 million, according to Vogel Engineering, a consultant hired by Brooktrails to crunch numbers on the project.

From Page 1 Sting |

to connect the city to Brooktrails.

an official letter to Brooktrails from Willits Mayor Holly Madrigal, in which Madrigal speculated Brooktrails may have been using McEdwards to implement but the water that remained in a "planned mission" against the the tank after he had skimmed off plant, knowing diesel fuel would upset the ecology of the plant, and that McEdwards was scheduled to inspect the facility the following

In an October 29 letter from Brooktrails board President Rick vviillams, the township denied any involvement in the so-called "planned mission."

"The September 5, 2014, event you describe in your letter was completely unrelated to any work Dr. McEdwards has done or is doing for Brooktrails," Williams said.

"The Brooktrails board is choosing to not take offense at the accusations in your final paragraph in the spirit of needed regional unity," Williams added.

According to a report submitted by McEdwards to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, which was attached to the letter from Brooktrails to the City of Willits, McEdwards was in fact trying to dispose of water contaminated with a small percentage of heating oil, which he had collected from a site remediation project he was doing in Cleone, near Fort Bragg, during spring and summer 2014.

The project involved excavating and disposing of contaminated soil adjacent to a failed above-ground heating oil storage tank that was apparently open to the elements. and had displaced the heating oil, resulting in soil contamination surrounding the tank. McEdwards used a backhoe service to excavate the contaminated soil.

According to McEdwards' report, "to permit removal of the tank for soil sampling, free product heating oil was skimmed from the water in the tank and the remaining water was pumped into five 30-gallon plastic garbage pails. The water in the five garbage pails was treated with sodium persulfate to oxidize dissolved heating oil."

This was the material McEdwards wanted to dispose of at the Willits Wastewater Treatment Plant on September 5.

In an interview with Willits Weekly, McEdwards insisted the material that he had sought to dispose of was not heating oil. the oil and treated the water with sodium persulfate.

According to McEdwards, there was a very low concentration of heating oil remaining in the water. As measured by McCampbell

Analytical, Inc. of Pittsburg, California, the level of dissolved heating oil remaining in the water was 1.2 parts per million. McEdwards calculated this was 0.00012 percent of the volume of the 150 gallons of water he was trying to dispose of.

When asked if disposing of the contaminated water at the Willits plant would have upset the plant's ecology. McEdwards was emphatic it would not have.

McEdwards also noted such water would have been accepted at the Santa Rosa Waste Water Treatment Plant.

"The discharge limit the Santa Rosa Wastewater Treatment Plant is 100 milligrams per liter, and I had my water at 1.2 milligrams per liter," he said. "So if I was disposing of this water at the Santa Rosa plant, it would have had concentrations below the discharge limit of the plant. It would have gone into the plant cleaner than what is required at

John Smith, operations manager at the Fort Bragg Wastewater Treatment Plant, said McEdwards had called him asking Rainwater had gotten into the tank if he could dispose of the diluted diesel there, and he had turned

"I told him no. I said we don't accept anything containing diesel," Smith said.

McEdwards confirmed he had called the Fort Bragg plant and had been turned down there. When asked why he thought they turned him down, McEdwards replied, "I don't know." After being refused by Fort

Bragg and by Willits, McEdwards arranged for the drums to be picked up by 21st Century Environmental Management. They are to be disposed of at a waste disposal site in Fernly, Nevada, says McEdwards.

deputies and all other county employees are still subject to that 10 percent cut, is sending mixed signals to county employees."

Allman also alluded to Losak's brush with the law. At 2 am on the morning of July 3, 2012. Losak was arrested for speeding on Highway 101 at Lake Mendocino Drive, just north of Ukiah. Mendocino County sheriff's deputies searched his car and found a gun in a locked gun box under the driver's seat, and 3 to 4 grams of marijuana in the glove box. Losak eventually pleaded no contest to charges of illegally carrying a concealed weapon and illegally possessing marijuana while driving, and was sentenced to forfeiture of the weapon and the dope, 12 months of summary probation, and search-and-seizure for a year.

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On November 8, 2013, after meeting the terms of his sentence, Losak withdrew his no contest plea and his record was cleared.

Allman has forbidden Losak to serve as county counsel on any case involving the sheriff's office.

In a telephone interview with Willits Weekly, Allman suggested promoting Losak would be ethically counterintuitive. "It appears the board is rewarding bad behavior and punishing good

A few weeks later, District Attorney David Eyster addressed the board and disparaged Losak's competence as an attorney. "The top three AVVO-rated attorneys in the county – all rated superb are the district attorney (10 out of 10) and the assistant district attorney (9.9 out of 10). Mr. Losak's rating is 6.5 out of 10. He is

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This will mark Stranske's third term as a councilman

A retired woodshop teacher, Stranske and his wife, Virginia, run Kimberly's Jewelry in downtown Willits.

Looking ahead, Stranske said he will be focusing on the city's relinquishment agreement, when the California Department of Transportation hands Main Street over to the city post-bypass.

Stranske added he also looks forward to completion of work at the city's water treatment plant.

Around town, election signs can be seen from almost any vantage point lately. Stranske's handmade signs with a threedimensional "S" were visible in virtually all corners of Willits.

Speaking about his signs, Stranske said, "It shows everybody that you care enough.

In a race that featured two incumbents and one challenger, Councilman Ron Orenstein kept his seat.

Orenstein has been elected to the council three times. His first term was from 2002 to 2006.

The initial voter turnout reported of 24 percent was "kind of

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to do so. In the June 2014 supervisors primary, nearly 43 percent of ballots were not counted in the final election Contacted late Wednesday morning while out taking down campaign signs,

Woodhouse was cautiously optimistic. "At this point, we are not taking anything for granted," he said, but "we're really excited about the numbers we are "We feel very honored to be in the position we're in," he added. "We're

very grateful to all of our supporters, and to see the widespread support we've gotten from all around the Third

Contacted a few hours later, Madrigal seemed torn between holding out for a turn of the tide in the votes that remain to be counted, and conceding defeat. "I am so proud of the campaign Team Holly created," Madrigal said in a prepared statement. "We all worked our tails off, registering voters and walking door-to-door. I cannot thank our volunteers enough for believing in me, and donating their time and energy

"Likewise, I am so thankful to the voters who came out and gave me their support. It means a lot to me.

"It is disappointing to not be successful in my bid for Third District supervisor," she said. "I am not giving up until all the votes have been counted but I certainly wish Tom Woodhouse the best in his new endeavor. We have a lot of needs in the Third District, so you can be sure he will be hearing a lot from me in the coming years.

"I remain honored to serve the City of Willits as a councilwoman, and will continue to work for the betterment of our whole community," Madrigal said.

#### Superintendent of schools race goes to Galletti

As of 1 am Wednesday, Warren C. Galletti of Point Arena was far outdistancing his non-campaigning rival, Paul Joens-Poulton of Willits, winning 65.46 percent of the vote, compared to Joens-Poulton's 32.41 percent.

Joens-Poulton had stopped campaigning early in the fall, and Galletti was the sole candidate campaigning for the two months prior to the election.

Galletti currently works as director of student services at Ukiah Unified School District. Joens-Poulton is assistant superintendent of schools at the Mendocino County Office of Education.

the highest-rated attorney in his office, yet rated only 65 out of

Eyster also accused the county of ignoring its own codes and regulations in giving Losak the 33.4 percent raise. Eyster estimated Losak's starting salary, before becoming acting-county counsel, would have been that of a deputy county counsel: \$97,627 per year. He also cited Mendocino County Policy 41, which states a pay increase for a department head should not be greater than 10 percent, except when an assignment is for a term longer than six months.

In that case, Eyster argued, supervisors may grant the employee an additional 5 percent.

According to Eyster, Losak should have been entitled to a raise of no more than 15 percent, or \$14,643, which would have brought his annual salary to \$112,271.

Board Chairman John Pinches has defended Losak's promotion, asserting Losak deserved a bigger raise because he had done a good job for the county, and arguing the position of interim county counsel is paid more than the junior position of acting county counsel.

"This has been a difficult and contentious issue," Second District Supervisor John McCowen said after Tuesday's vote. "This agreement does represent a compromise of sorts. I appreciate the professionalism Mr. Losak has demonstrated on this issue."

pathetic," Orenstein said, but adding in the still-uncounted votes could likely bring that percentage up to somewhere around 40 percent of registered voters.

"I'll take it," Orenstein said. "I am happy that I can continue to finish the projects I have started," including a solar project he says is getting closer to completion, negotiating a garbage deal with Solid Wastes of Willits, and securing the Little Lake aquifer.

For Leler, this election was her second run at a city council seat. She garnered about 9 percent of the vote in 2000, compared to 27 percent this year.

The year of Leler's previous run, Councilman Bruce Burton edged Tami Jorgensen as the top council vote-getter.

Going door to door on the campaign trail is something Leler said she enjoyed doing. "I love going door to door, and talking to people and finding out what is on their mind," she said. Like Stranske and Orenstein, Leler plans to stay involved in

what she has been working on. Leler, who says water is important to her, will continue on the Water Action Committee. "I love running and I will run again," she said.

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Mendocino and San Benito counties have also passed bans against

Mendocino's is the first such ordinance in the state to include a "community rights" component

As of Wednesday morning's final election night count, Measure S was passing decisively with 67.1 percent of county voters approving the ordinance, compared to 32.82 percent against it. Many votes remain uncounted – probably somewhere around 40 percent countywide - but it's clear that Measure S will pass decisively.

The ordinance takes effect immediately

"We're ecstatic," organizer Peter Norris said of the results. "I think it's a huge boon to our county's natural resources."

As stated in the legislation, Mendocino County's ordinance "bans industrial activities associated with unconventional extraction of fossil fuels ("fracking"), because these activities violate the civil and human rights of the people of the county by threatening the health, safety, and welfare of the people, environment, and future generations of Mendocino County."

The ordinance also includes penalties for turning on fracking equipment, using county water in fracking-related activities, and storing fracking equipment in the county limits for longer than eight

In addition, the ordinance establishes a community bill of rights and declares "the right and the duty" of county residents "to safeguard our water on and beneath the Earth's surface," and in the process come together as a community to ensure "local water decisions are made by local people, for the preservation of human and natural communities

whose existence depends on clean, accessible, abundant water." The rights established in the ordinance include community selfgovernment; the right to clean air, water, and soil; the rights of natural communities and ecosystems; and the right to be free from chemical

Enforcement provisions state corporations seeking to violate or challenge the ordinance will lose rights to corporate personhood.

The ordinance also states if an attempt is made to overturn the law. the county is required "to schedule community meeting" that "would secure the rights of the people to local self-government." Critics of the ordinance cited the potential for court challenges,

based on the fact fracking is legal by state and federal laws, and corporate personhood rights have been upheld by federal court There are a variety of examples of fracking bans that have passed

nationally but have faced legal challenges from corporations seeking to initiate the practice. Community rights ordinances, including those containing fracking bans, have also faced legal opposition, although so far none have been conclusively overturned.

Measure S proponents say they are prepared to face legal challenges to secure the rights established in the ordinance.

The legislation is based in part on almost 200 ordinances passed around the country with the assistance of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, which held an attorney training in California last month focused on addressing legal challenges.

Mendocino residents worked with San Francisco's Global Exchange in drafting the legislation. "The law may be illegal, but so was the Abolitionist movement," says Norris The ordinance faced no organized opposition, no "No" argument

in the voters information pamphlet, and no "No on S" signs could be "I think we did a great job getting the word out, tabling, and letting people know about the measure," Norris explained. "I'm really

inspired to stay involved and continue working on community rights

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# Trick or Treating with the Willits Firefighters

For the first time ever, firefighters at the Little Lake Fire Department's Commercial Street Station sponsored a special trick or treat party for kids of all ages on Halloween night. Shown here are official greeters Minnie Mouse, aka Nancy Stipe, the office secretary for Little Lake, with "Sheriff" Tyler Yadon, a firefighter.

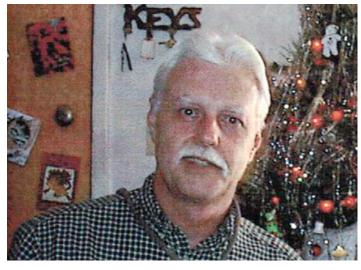
Members of the Firefighters Association had planned to hand out candy and glow sticks, and show off the firehouse with its big fire trucks. But the event mushroomed from there to include a haunted house, with an entrance festooned with caution tape and spider webs. The spookiness continued inside with thick fog, scary sound effects, lights, and monsters.

As Fire Association President Kevin Reedy explained: there were two levels of fright. The tamer one was for the tiny impressionable ones, and the more frightful level for the older "kids," including moms and dads. Seeing fog come billowing out of the firehouse was surely a little disconcerting to passersby, but it was all in good fun.

Before the night started turning very cold, a beautiful mermaid had stopped by, a Dalmatian pup, Captain America, several Spidermen, an archeologist, Princess Elsa from "Frozen," Flash Gordon, Army men in camouflage – even some Ninja Turtles.

Thank you Little Lake Firefighters for enjoying our kids and keeping them safe!

- Gail Richards



OBITUARY | Allen Anthony McGinty

#### Allen Anthony McGinty

Allen Anthony McGinty of Willits passed away on October 20, 2014 at the age of 59. Born September 19, 1955 in Palmdale, California, and formerly a resident of 29 Palms, California, he had been a resident of our community for the past 28 years.

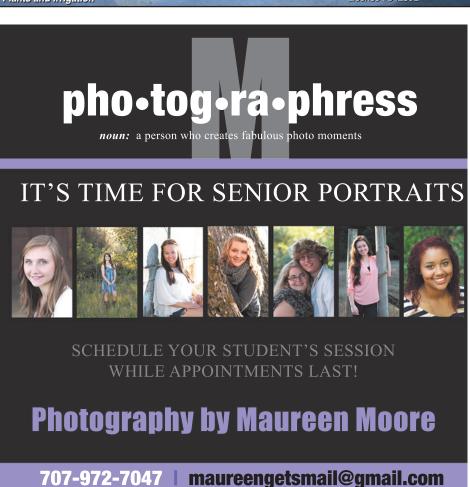
Allen had been a self-employed hypnotherapist for 20 years. He loved hiking, camping, fishing, and coaching his sons through soccer and baseball. Allen was loved and respected by all his family and friends.

He is survived by his two sons, Alexander McGinty and Dylan McGinty, and a sister, Bridget McGinty.

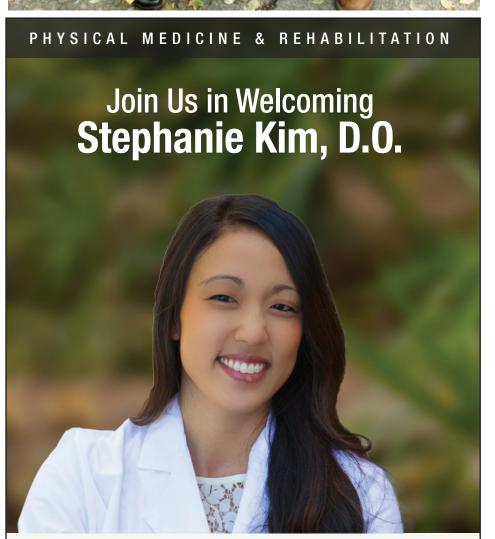
A Memorial Service will take place at 1 pm Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Anker-Lucier Mortuary Chapel. Following the services, family and friends are invited to gather at the Recreation Grove Park at 3 pm.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.









As a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, Dr. Kim specializes in the comprehensive diagnosis and management of pain of the spine, nerves, tendons, joints and muscles.

Dr. Kim received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her doctor of osteopathy from Touro University California, College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her residency at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago where she was chief resident of the physical medicine and rehabilitation program.

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