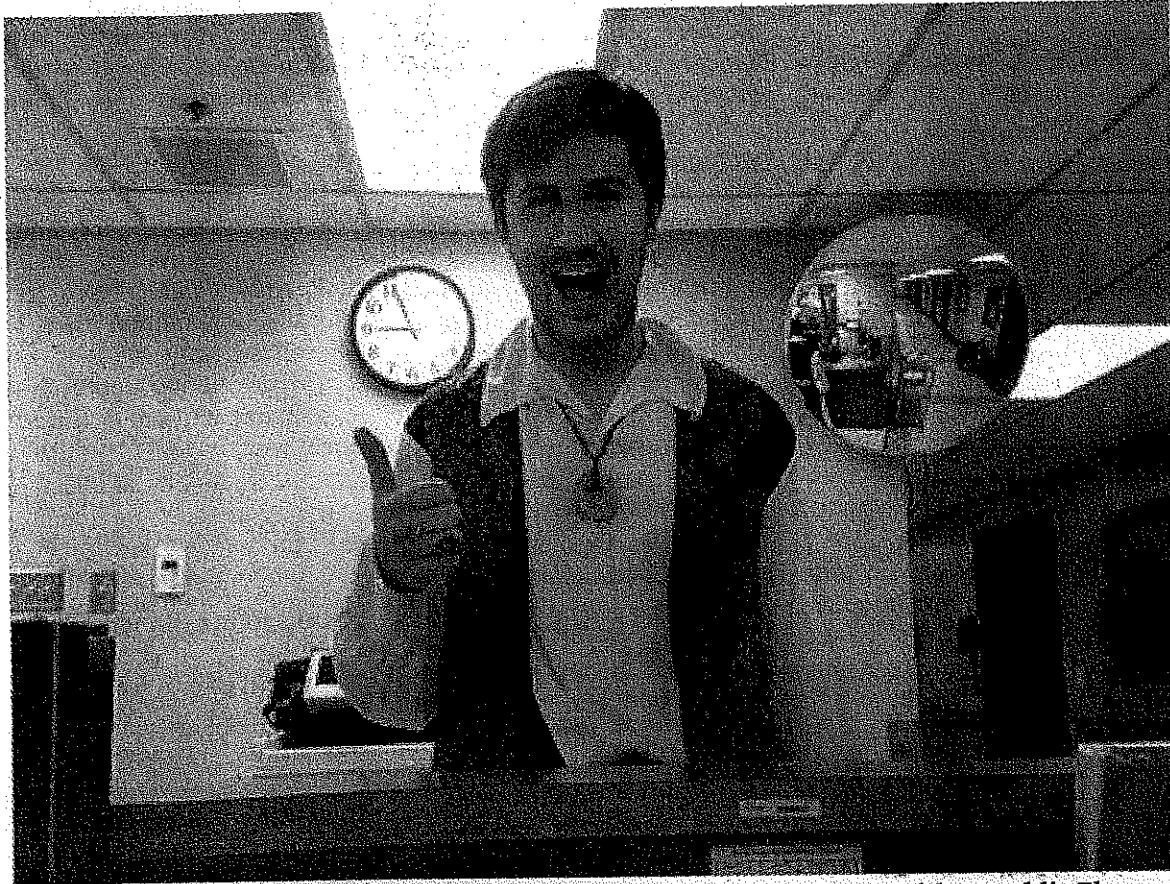


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Kids bring Halloween to seniors



Ferry County Public Hospital District nurse Mike Martinoli teamed up with Republic Elementary fourth-grade teacher Mike McRae to bring McRae's class in to share Halloween with the hospital's long-term patients Oct. 31.

By Rachel Flesher

This year on Halloween, a kind-hearted nurse, a dedicated teacher, and 24 fourth-grade students brightened the lives of some of Republic's

elderly residents. Mike Martinoli, a registered nurse, and Mike McRae, the fourth-grade teacher at Republic Elementary, put together a plan to bring joy to the long-term patients at Ferry County Memorial

Hospital.

The Halloween party was held in the long-term care activity room—a space that was recently spruced up with the

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help of Martinoli, other hospital employees and some local businesses. Most of the hospital's residents participated in the event as well as some of the residents from the adjoining Assisted Living Facility. "With more than two dozen adults and a whole class of fourth graders, it was organized chaos at its finest!" Martinoli said.

"The residents were so very happy," said Sarah Hall, a unit coordinator at the hospital. "They were laughing, clapping, talking with the children and they were talking about it for the rest of the day—long after the party ended."

Mike McRae and his wife, Artie, are friends with Martinoli.

"One evening Mike asked if I was interested in bringing my class to the hospital to trick-or-treat with the residents," McRae said. "I was totally excited to have my class do something that would give back to the community."

Even the students were excited to get involved.

"I've had many kids come to me to tell me how much fun it was going to visit the residents," McRae said, "and a few students have asked if we could go back sometime. Mike and I have plans to possibly take my class back during the holiday season to sing carols or read with the seniors."

Martinoli is fairly new to the area; he drove cross-country from the east coast in May specifically to work for Ferry County Public Hospital District as a traveling nurse, and he quickly won the hearts of his patients and co-workers because of his dedication to the elderly.

"Mike is a very upbeat and enthusiastic nurse," said Justin Flesher, a nurse at FCPHD. "He is an advocate for the long-term patients, and he draws community members and hospital staff into becoming involved."



Republic Elementary fourth-grader Logan Madrano (left) and Christian Hall, son of hospital unit coordinator Sarah Hall, at a Halloween event the students put on for long-term care patients.

The smaller setting of the hospital is just what Martinoli was looking for. "I've worked all throughout the country in 200+ bed hospitals," he said, "and now I'm working in our hospital that has a bit over 20 beds. I admire our hospital environment because we have the ability to make events like we did for Halloween a reality. It's a simple and valuable way to deliver increased quality care and special events for the residents who call the hospital home."

"I believe simple happiness and good energy is some of the best medicine that can be given in a nursing home," he continued. "Now that it's winter

and the residents spend their time mainly inside, our goal is to welcome many visitors and artists from our creative community to spend time with our group."

"Mike is very passionate about helping the residents," McRae said. "He is always talking about wanting to improve the residents' day-to-day life and change their routine."

If you would like to volunteer at the hospital, or if you have an activity idea for the residents that you'd like to share, Mike can be reached at mike.martinoli@fcpd.org.

"There is never an activity or event too small!" he said.

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Stella Fay Windsor

April 19, 1937 – November 5, 2017

Stella Fay (Rounds) Windsor passed from this earth on November 5, 2017. She made her decision to spend eternity in heaven by choosing Jesus many years ago. She was born in Tonasket, Washington in her Auntie Fay's home on April 19, 1937. She was the youngest of five children born to Frank and Sue (Carter) Rounds. They lived in Tonasket for a time and then moved to a small ranch near the Wauconda Hall. Her dad had a saw mill located there.



When Stella was 6 years old they purchased a ranch and moved the saw mill to one mile east of the Wauconda Summit. Stella attended schools at Wauconda, Republic, and Tonasket, where she was the Tonasket Rodeo Princess. Stella graduated in 1955.

Stella worked at the Tonasket Hospital for several years. After moving to Curlew she married her childhood sweetheart, Ed Windsor, a man she had loved since she was 11 when he was dating her older sister. Their marriage was richly blessed for nearly 50 years. She was employed by Bill and Mae Helpfrey as bookkeeper for the mill they owned; Timber Processors, and the Curlew Store. She also worked for the Curlew School District in the office for a number of years. Ed and Stella purchased a part of the McClain Ranch and moved to Toroda Creek, where they raised their family including several foster children, cattle and horses. Stella loved animals so very much and had a special rapport with them. They all had names and came when they were called. When visitors stopped by, she always had something to serve them: coffee, fudge, pie, cinnamon rolls - you never left hungry even if you weren't hungry when you arrived.

Stella was a volunteer for many things. Probably the one she enjoyed the most was working in the office for the 4-Hers for over 34 years at the Ferry County Fair. She also worked in the exhibit barn for a few years and judged many of the entries. She was elected and served nearly three, six-year terms on the Board of Commissioners for the Ferry County Memorial Hospital. Stella was an avid seamstress, and made most all of her children's and husband's clothes.

Her husband wore western clothes and he never had a store bought shirt. Stella took after her mother and was a very good cook, and could make wonderful bread, rolls, and cinnamon rolls. She baked and decorated delicious and beautiful cakes for all occasions. She was quite an artist and did many paintings after she was 53 years old. For those she called friend, she made a baby quilt for each child they had. Stella always was thinking of others and ways to help her neighbors and friends. Stella was a member of the Wauconda Community Church since childhood, and was secretary/treasurer for 13 years. She served as secretary/treasurer for the Curlew Civic Club for five years, was president of the Curlew Education Association for three years, and started and carried on the annual dinner and day for the Kinross/Buckhorn Mining Corporation at the Eagle Cliff Grange. Ed and she were Grand Marshalls of the Prospectors Celebration in Republic in 1996. She volunteered at many events in the Curlew and Republic area. She liked and could see something good in most everyone she came in contact with.

Those preceding her in death were her parents, two sons Tommy and Andy, foster son Terry Gerken, great granddaughter Kaylah Windsor, her loving and devoted husband Ed, and sisters, Louise Gerken, Elaine Anderson, and Edna Schertenlieb.

Survivors are her daughter Jill (Rod) Lindsey, grandson Mick (Shannon) and great grandchildren Krystianna, Alec, and Sonya; granddaughter Jessica, and great grandchildren Donovan, Aliyah, and Kamryn; granddaughter Jill (Jesse) Eich and great grandchildren Johnny and Jordynn; grandson Christopher (Athena) and great grandchildren Chase and Adria; Andy's son Drew (Kate) Windsor, great granddaughter Brelyn, and a grandson Del in Colorado; son Paul (Becky); grandchildren Ryan and Elizabeth; son Preston Windsor; granddaughter Brandi Gerken, great grandson Swade (Samantha) and great, great granddaughter Hazel; granddaughter Jaci (Pat) Edal, great granddaughter Lexi, brother Sonny (Kathy) Rounds, several special nieces and nephews and many wonderful and dear friends.

Stella touched many lives and was very loved by her family and dear friends. So while we grieve the loss of this wonderful lady, we remember Stella with fondness, celebrate her life with joy, and feel blessed to have known such an amazing and generous woman.

Per Stella's request no services will be held and memorials may be made to the Wauconda Community Church, P.O. Box 44, Wauconda, WA 98859.

Bergh Funeral Service of Oroville is in care of the arrangements.