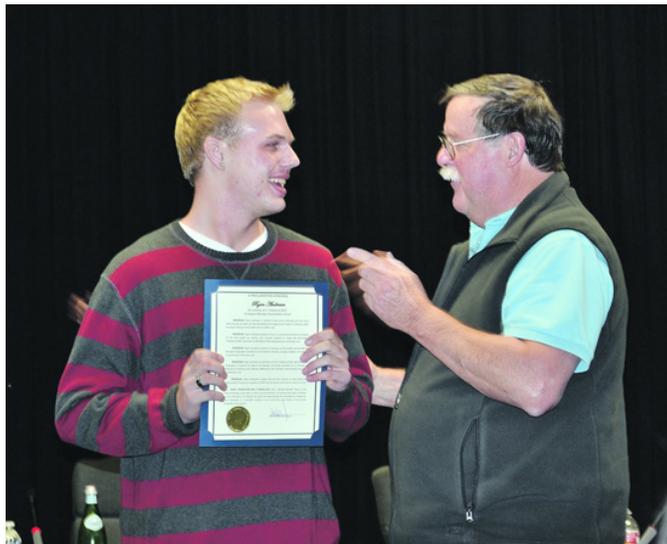


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A Town Reflects



Mayor Mike Metcalf presents the proclamation to Ryan Andresen. Photo Mina Lucacher

An unusual wave of emotion swept over the Moraga Town Council Nov. 14 as it presented 18-year-old Ryan Andresen with an official proclamation honoring him for the anti-bullying Tolerance Wall he installed at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School.

The council often recognizes residents or groups and it is customary for the public and council members to comment. The acts of the young man standing before them, who appeared happy and moved to be so appreciated, touched every commentator; each talked about personal challenges and suffering, recognizing the fabric that weaves us all together in our strengths, weaknesses, and regrets. The 288 tiles of the Tolerance Wall were made by students, teachers and staff. S.Braccini

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