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Ortner criticized

by local MDs at supes meeting

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Early on during the last board of supervisors meeting of 2015, four well-known community personages, including Sheriff Tom Allman, criticized Ortner Management Group, one of the county's two private mental health services provid-

Read the rest of Ortner Over on Page 13

Solid Waste seeks rate hike

in some county areas

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County supervisors on Tuesday appointed Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse and Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg to an ad hoc committee to review financial data for Solid Waste of Willits, which on December 10 asked the county to expedite the process to allow the

Read the rest of SWOW

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Wild and wooly holiday season in north county

Drug busts, high-speed chases and domestic abuse incidents kept Mendocino County sheriff's deputies scrambling over the holidays. Some of the incidents are outlined below.

Shortly before noon on December 11, a sheriff's patrolling deputy

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At top, left: Volunteers at the Willits Community Services and Food Bank ready bags for distribution, including, from left, Elizabeth Hart, Roberta Powell, Ashley Beltran, Dan Beebe, Dean Bauman and Jim Marill. Above, right: The thermometer at the corner of Main and Commercial streets showing the growing total for this year's Winter Fund Drive.

Above, Jim Marill brings over more items to be placed into distribution bags. Roberta Powell works the bagging station.

Below, left: Ashley Beltran and Dan Beebe unload bread trays.

Below, right: Dean Baumann selects fresh produce to be distributed with the pantry items.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Funding the Food Bank

Annual Winter Fund Drive in full effect

As the calendars roll into 2016, Willits Community Services and Food Bank is now officially Maureen Moore celebrating

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35th year in the community and looks to make this year's

fund drive another great success. Each year, WCS holds a fundraiser -

this year for \$32,000 - to help the nonprofit provide their essential services to the needy in our community.

While WCS Executive Director Jim Marill noted that 90 percent of those

helped are located within the greater Willits area, assistance reaches south to just north of Redwood Valley, north to Covelo and the county line, and out west towards Northspur.

Hunger is only one facet of the issues seen by the WCS volunteers; homelessness, joblessness and mental health are also complex problems facing many in the community.

WCS is able to help with some emergency shelter, but "it doesn't even

Read the rest of Food Bank

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Willits toddler dies in

Willits Community Services

and FOOD BANK Winter 2015 FundDrive

32,000

GOAL

22000

12,000

8000

New Year's fire

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An early morning New Year's Day fire left a 2-year-old Willits toddler dead, his 14-monthold brother in intensive care with burns over 40 percent of his body, and

Read the rest of Fire

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Mayor again, Burton is focused on **Main Street**

redesign Damian Sebouhian Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com

Mayor Bruce Burton cited the Main Street Corridor Enhancement Project as the No. 1 priority for 2016 as he and Vice Mayor Ron Orenstein were re-appointed to their respective positions during the December 9 city council meeting.

Read the rest of Burton

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County sends bookmobile to Laytonville

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mid-December, the county announced it would sell the library system's old bookmobile to the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library for \$1, and on December 22, the bookmobile transported was Laytonville.

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County calls state mental health report 'meaningless'

According to Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Director Stacey Cryer, a November 24 report that slammed one of the county's mental

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com health contractors for failing to meet state standards was false, and the county will ignore

The report was the result of a September 2015 visit to two mental health access centers located in Ukiah by inspectors from the California Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The report is unclear if the company criticized was Redwood Quality Management Company, its subsidiary Redwood Children's Services, Ortner Management Group, or its subsidiary Integrated Care Management Solutions.

According to Cryer, most of the criticism in the report was the result of the inspectors' visit to ICMS, which runs the mental health crisis center on Bush Street in Ukiah.

> Read the rest of Over on Page 11 Report |

County gets high marks for two mental health projects

While bad news continues to mount against the county's adult mental health services provider, Ortner Management Group, good news has recently befallen

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the county's mental health division. Outside consultant Behavioral Health Concepts, Inc., recently gave the county high marks for two of its

performance improvement projects, or PIPs.

According to Dora Briley of the county's Health and Human Services Agency media relations wing, these PIPs are "projects designed to assess and improve processes and outcomes of care" and "are designed, conducted and reported in a methodologically sound manner."

Or, as we say on the street, the projects are designed to scope out whether people who need services are getting them, and how long it takes to get them.

The county was found to be 100 percent compliant on all components of access to care and timelines of service.

Read the rest of Over on Page 11 High Marks

Ukiah's Ross Liberty buys Masonite property

Ukiah businessman Ross Liberty is now the owner of 63 acres of industrial land in the north Ukiah area: the former site of the Masonite Corporation.

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Liberty recently constructed a large metal building on the Masonite site to house his business, Factory Pipe, which manufactures and distributes

motorcycle exhaust systems. In recent months, he has been actively negotiating a deal with former site owners DDR, and during Tuesday's board of supervisors meeting he announced the deal had closed and the property was now his.

Liberty said he intends to attract other business owners there, to turn the area into a vibrant industrial park, which he thinks will provide up to 800 jobs for local residents. At various times he has told supervisors that while he intends to focus on industrial jobs, he believes the 20 acres on higher elevation, nearer to North State Street, would make a good location for an array of commercial ventures.

Tuesday, he told supervisors he intends to clean

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Thanks for the benches

What do YOU think?

To the Editor:

Willits Charter School's family of staff, students, parents and board members send a heartfelt thank you to Rick Hawley for the two beautiful cement benches and two cement planters that now adorn the front of the school. The benches add seating out of the weather and are a good hangout space before and after school. The planters will add a bit of living color to the school's entrance.

Thank you, Rick.

Sally Rulison, secretary, WCS board of directors

Call for soup makers

To the Editor:

OK, people of Willits, it's time to gear up for Willits Daily Bread's annual fundraiser. Sip Some Soup, scheduled for Saturday, February 6. We are looking for soup makers to sign up. We are trying to raise extra money this year to find a new kitchen so we can go back to feeding the hungry in a more communal way. We now feed the hungry out of Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church.

We are very happy and appreciative to be able to continue with our mission, but it's a small kitchen so we aren't able to do hot meals. Please help us feed the people in need in our community. Call me at From about 5 to 7 pm we will need people to check 459-2579 or 707-367-5669 for sign-up sheets or any information you need.

Cindy Savage, director, Willits Daily Bread

Water main flushing

To the Editor:

On January 11, 2016, the City of Willits will commence its annual water main flushing and valve operating program. The purpose of the flushing program is to remove accumulated sediments that may have collected during the normal operation of the water system. The flushing is expected to take approximately one month to complete.

The flushing will start at the base of Pine Mountain and continue westerly into town. The flushing of Main Street is expected to commence on or about January 18, 2016 and could take up to one week. Main Street flushing will occur at night in order to minimize the impact to businesses. Motorists are urged to use caution in these areas, as the roads will be wet and the city's work crews will often be in the roadway.

Customers may experience a drop in pressure along with discoloration of their water for short periods in the areas being flushed. Although the water may be brownish, it is safe to drink. Care should be taken in washing clothes, particularly whites, as they may be stained. Please check your water for discoloration before washing clothes.

For more detailed information about where the flushing will be occurring, customers may call Willits City Hall at 459-7104.

Cathy Moorhead, city clerk, City of Willits

Science Fair volunteers

To the Editor:

It is looking to be another exciting year for the Willits Science Fair in 2016 (February 9-11), with hundreds of projects coming from all Willits schools.

What that means is that we will need all the judges and helpers we can get!

After the initial judging, county science fair qualifying

The Rules: LETTERS

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Students Devon DiFazio, Josh Redding and Devin Rodrigues on one of

decisions are made, and special awards and the hanging of ribbons happen, so we can use help in many areas. Believe me there are many things that you can assist us in on that very busy but exciting day!

Judging can start any time after noon on Tuesday, February 9 at the Willits Community Center. Our biggest need is from 1 to 6 pm for general judging.

scores, hang ribbons, assist in special awards, putting

away food and chairs, and cleaning up. If you can help, please contact me, Sharon Hanna, at

459-4116 or sharonhanna@willitsunified.com.

Sharon Hanna, Science Fair coordinator, Willits

Assisting communities with homelessness

Senator Mike McGuire joined a bipartisan coalition of state senators, including Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de Leon, at a press conference on Los Angeles' Skid Row Monday morning, introducing the "No Place Like Home" initiative, which will greatly assist communities across the state in tackling homelessness.

"Homelessness, especially the lack of resources for housing and services, is a growing crisis across California," Senator McGuire said. "Whether it's downtown LA on Skid Row, or downtown Eureka, local communities are lacking the funding they need to implement the housing programs and services local communities need and rely on. In many of the communities of the North Coast, there is a crisis every day, with little or no resources to turn to."

The multi-pronged initiative would provide both immediate and long-term resources for chronically homeless individuals and families. "No Place Like Home" is a budget proposal that will go through the legislative process for approval.

The \$2 billion revenue bond would be paid partially from Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Account (MHSA) funds. Proposition 63 would be amended to set aside just \$135 million annually (only 7 percent of its annual revenue) to pay off the \$2 billion revenue

During the press conference, Senator McGuire addressed the inconsistencies in state support of homeless services, including grant funding for transitional and emergency housing in communities along the North Bay and North Coast.

"Mendocino County, as an example, has the

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the area up, including numerous pockets of soil and groundwater contamination.

Liberty thanked supervisors and county CEO Carmel Angelo for their help in expediting the process.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen praised Liberty. "This is a sea-change for Mendocino County," McCowen said. "If anyone can take this slab and transform it into living wage jobs, it is probably you."

highest of homelessness in America, according to National Alliance to End Homelessness, yet over

the last two years, no state dollars have been invested in Mendocino County, or any county north of Sonoma for that matter to help some of our state's poorest communities provide desperately needed emergency shelter space to the thousands who live on the streets of the North Coast." Senator McGuire said.

"And to make matters worse, county jails and local emergency rooms have been the only resource many communities have to house those who are homeless and who struggle with mental illness, and this is totally unacceptable.

Senator McGuire also announced that he will host a Summit on Homeless Services in northern California this spring to coordinate with counties and local non-profits that serve the homeless community as "No Place Like Home" moves through the legislative process. More details on the summit will be available later this month.

Submitted by the office of State Senator Mike McGuire, 2nd District

Food Bank | From Page 1

scratch the surface" of what is needed, Marill said.

WCS also offers blankets and sleeping bags to help with keeping warm and asks the community to please donate either or both to WCS at this time of year.

Of course, cash donations are always appreciated, and the donations can be a tax write-off with the group's official 501(c)3 non-profit status.

Donating time is another way to assist. Options are plentiful: with tasks including working in the warehouse or office, helping with special projects, or working on the food packing line.

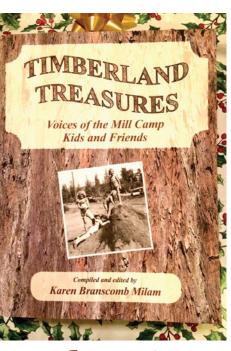
Marill also noted WCS is looking for new board members who may have new ideas on how to better serve the community, or to help with the center's mission, which is: "to provide temporary assistance services to households and individuals in crisis." WCS also provides referrals to other community or regional resources and gives assistance to clients in cultivating additional life skills.

For more information, contact 459-3333

Here's the most recent list of donors to the WCS and Food Bank Winter Fund Drive, which has raised \$19,785 so far towards this year's \$32,000 goal

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were added to

judges' plates

as contestants

arrived. Far right

Judges' Choice

winner Lisa von

Schlegell, left, and

People's Choice winner Kathryn

Sterngold, right,

stand with trophies

in hand alongside

Willits Weekly's Rachel Belvin,

Below: Judges

Jessica Koehler,

Tam Adams and

Snowflake Cookies

Tom Allman.

center.

Book Review

'Timberland Treasures Voices of the Mill Camp Kids

I recently received a copy of "Timberland Treasures," and I can assure you that this book is aptly named. "Timberland" refers to the rich forestlands of northwestern Mendocino County, and the Greg Kanne "Treasures" refer

Contributing Writer to 75 different life histories of folks who lived in and grew up in the county's lumber camps. Subtitled "Voices of the Mill Camp Kids and Friends," this book offers

a rare glimpse into true history - personal experience history - written without agenda or propaganda. I believe that Karen Branscomb Milam, who compiled and edited "Timberland Treasures." must have immersed herself in the Staple

Singers' great 1972 hit "I'll Take You There" before she tackled this project, because this book delivers. She takes you there. She takes you to Laytonville, Branscomb, Dos Rios. She takes you to Cahto, Poonkinney, Jackson Valley and Ten Mile Creek. She takes you to a not-so-long-ago time

of electricity-less cabins, outdoor toilets, cold running water, kerosene lamps, washboard laundry days and homemade dresses from flour sacks. These personal recollections put you right in these cabins. And if the words are not enough, there are hundreds of photographs to take you there. You visit the camps with the mill ponds, the Skagit log movers, the saws, the teepee burners.

As it says in the introduction: "Time had its way with this section of timberland. The

mills and logging operations are gone. Certain towns and settlements have been reclaimed and welcomed back into the forests. We all understand that life is about change and moving forward. And yet this book takes us back in time... Our lives flicker like candles in the wind, but our stories won't burn out because this work is a guidepost for future generations to learn about us, and our time."

So who are some of these people? Who are these "Mill Camp Kids" who were "referred to by a local businessman as scalawags and waifs"? Most of the story tellers recall delightful memories of family love, childhood friendships, swimming in the creeks and rivers, and living in the unsurpassed beauty that nature has bestowed on Mendocino County.

But life in the mill camps was difficult, demanding and daunting. Economically times were tough, but people pulled together. Penelope Fave Branscomb Comer says of her parents: "Daddy and Momma were caring, giving, good people. They helped anyone in need even if it wasn't in their best interest. Momma said she put empty boxes and washed-out cans in the cupboards, so her mother wouldn't think badly of Daddy if they were out of groceries. Times were very tough for everyone, then. But the employees were paid in cash, and they had a cabin

Read the rest of









Willits Weekly's 3rd annual

Cookie Party

A cold, rainy afternoon didn't deter members of the

the season with cookie

tasting and merriment, Willits

Weekly-style. Folks gathered

at Ardella's Downtown Diner

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Villits community who wanted to come out and celebrate

from 5 to 7 pm on December 18 and voted for their

favorite cookie from the 11 entries. Three judges:

Cookies

Maureen Moore

Graphics & Photographress

ARE YOU IN THE DARK?

Above, left: Eventgoers mingle and chat during the 3rd Annual Willits Weekly Cookie Party. Above, right: Nancy New, Don Fiers, and Devon Jones

sing for the crowd. Below, from left: Ree Slocum and Maureen Moore take turns dangling cherry mice during the voting portion of the evening. The

Judges' Choice winning cookie entry: Lisa von Schlegell's Aunt Polly's Munchins. The People's Choice winning entry: Kathryn Sterngold's Jo's Lemon



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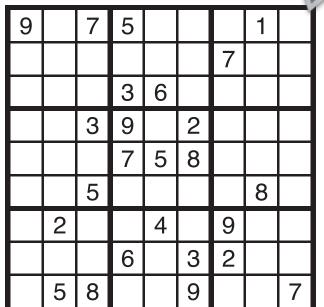
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Crossword Puzzle 8 Sudoku



How To Sudoku:

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

1. Engine additive 4. Soluble ribonucleic 8. Subdue 10. One long, three short

11. Morally bad 12. With collapsible

13. Central church parts 15. Summer shoes 16. Intestinal

17. Transgressors 18. Meeting expectations 21. Clutch

22. Autonomic nervous system 23. What you can repeat immediately

after perceiving it 24. Favorite summer sandwich

25. An accountant certified by the state

TREADMILL WALKING 26. Cologne WARMUP

27. Norma Jean Baker **CLUES ACROSS** 34. Galaxies

35. Bluish greens

36. Detected 37. Having 3 dimensions 38. Made level

39. The destroyer (Hindu) 40. Uncovered

41. Ooze slowly 42. Aerie

43. Point midway between S and SE

CLUES DOWN

1. Having beautiful natural views

2. Fanafuti is the capital 3. Shrub used for

hedges 4. Polishing tools 5. Slow down

6. Christmas carols 7. & & &

9. Sound of sheep or goat

10. A long flag, often tapering

43

12. Atomic #73 14. Schilling (abbr.)

15. Female sibling

17. Long sandwich 19. In a way,

necessitated 20. Mayan people of SW Guatemala

23. Cleaned up 24. Prohibit

25. Upright cupboard 26. Cyclone center

27. Metric linear units

28. Young male 29. Securities market

30. City across from

Dusseldorf

31. Animal disease

32. Mount of east of Jerusalem

33. Get free

34. Variable stars

36. One point N of NE

WPD Activity Report

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FAMILY

December 13 to December 19 Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

CNCIRCUITESTAFYDOBCF

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 166 intoxication in the 10 block of West incidents this week.

CIRCUIT

CORE

DAILY

CONTRACTION

DEHYDRATION

DELTOIDS

DUMBELL

ENDURANCE

COOL DOWN

During this seven-day reporting period, Willits Police officers were assigned 17 criminal investigation reports, made 10 arrests, issued 9 citations, and investigated 4 traffic

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests December 14

12:15 am: CAUCKWELL, Richard, 53, Willits - cited for Mendocino County warrants.

12:58 am: LEE, James, 51, Pomona - issued a misdemeanor citation for numerous camping violations. 3 pm: Reported burglary of a residence in the 300 block of Street.

Creekside Drive. Numerous guns reported stolen. 5 pm: SHIVLEY, Tyler (30) Willits - cited for a Mendocino County warrant

December 15

ABDOMINALS

ABDUCTOR

ACTIVITY

AEROBIC

ATROPHY

BARBELL

BICYCLING

BODY FAT

BURN

8 am: KNIGHT, Michael, 55, Willits - cited for Mendocino County warrants.

11:50 am: BOLTON, John, 39, Willits – arrested for public

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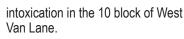
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1 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance at a residence in the 300 block of Creekside Drive. During their investigation, it was alleged that during an altercation David Simmons had battered the victim. Simmons was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail.

Suspect: SIMMONS, David, 50, Willits Charges: 243(e)(1) PC Domestic Battery

4 pm: Hit and run collision in the 100 block of North

11:50 pm: Traffic collision in the 800 block of South Main December 16

3:45 pm: Officers initiated a mental health commitment in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

2:15 pm: Traffic collision in the 100 block of Baechtel Road.



10:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance at a residence in the 200 block of Alice Drive. During their investigation, it was alleged Stephanie Stainbrook had battered the victim. Stainbrook was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail

Suspect: STAINBROOK, Stephanie.

Charges: 273.5(a) PC Domestic Battery causing Injury

December 19

1 pm: John Bolton, 39, Willits, was arrested for public intoxication. During transport to the Mendocino County Jail, Bolton became combative and kicked out the rear window of the transport vehicle.

Suspect: BOLTON, John, 39, Willits

Charges: 647(f) PC Public Intoxication; 594(b)(2)(A) PC

6 pm: Assistance with a traffic collision in the 23000 block of Sherwood Road.

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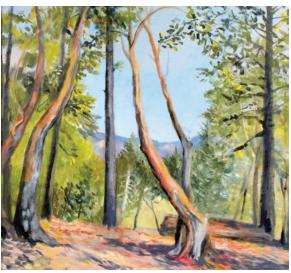
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'Pigments of Our Imagination'

January show at the Arts Center features works by five Willits artists

individual talents of a group of five friends and artists. Laura Corben, Diza Hope, Judy Chance Hope, Robert Permenter and Margaret

Pirouette, who started working together at various art sessions, will be on hand at the artists reception on Saturday, January 9, from 6 to 9 pm.

While their techniques and mediums are varied, these artists' love for art is evident in this upcoming show. The artists credit Cynda Valle Rogers as being the catalyst for their enthusiasm and dedication to creating art in a collaborative environment. Since Rogers has moved to Los Angeles to further her career in art, this group of artists has continued to create at various locations in the area.

Laurel Miller has made her Creekside Studio available for studio work with models. Local artist Tom Zephyrs recently has also made his studio available for sessions. The artists said Zephyrs has been a wealth of knowledge, expertise and encouragement to them and other artists.

Laura Corben moved to the area several years ago after teaching the arts at Los Banos High School in the Central Valley. She received her art degree at San Jose State. She is a versatile artist and will have both portraits and landscapes in the show. Corben's art is also on display at 707 Salon and at Willits Furniture, as part of owner Michael Smith's vision of displaying local artists' work to complement the furniture in his

Judy Chance Hope received her art degree from







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"Pigments of Our Imagination," the Willits Center Humboldt State and has lived for more than 35 for the Arts January 2016 show, will display the years in the Willits area. She enjoys the chance to work with other artists. She has exhibited for several vears at local galleries and now has some of her work displayed on the walls of the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital

Judy's daughter Diza Hope is an artist in her own right. She received her art degree from California College of the Arts in Oakland. She credits the classes she has taken at the Mendocino Art Center in Mendocino as being invaluable in her development as an artist. She focuses on nature and also has art on display at Willits Furniture, Cat's Meow, and Frank R. **Howard Memorial Hospital**

Robert Permenter shared that as a child he loved drawing. After a stint in the military, he moved to Mendocino and reconnected with his love of art. In addition to some courses at College of the Redwoods in Fort Bragg, he credits Cynda Valle Rogers with encouraging and guiding him in his career as an artist. Permenter focuses on portraits, and he stays busy with commissions.

Margaret Pirouette's paintings often include figures. She uses both watercolors and oils, and guite often. her work tells a story. She is the featured artist at Completely You Massage on Main Street in Willits.

""Pigments of Our Imagination" will run at the Willits Center for the Arts through January. Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 3 pm.

If you are interested in helping out at the Willits Center for the Arts (no art experience necessary to volunteer), please contact Nancy Nazarian Reed at 459-1239

Counterclockwise from top right: A painting by Judy Chance Hope, who finds painting is a needed outlet in her busy life. Laura Corben and Judy Chance Hope work together to find the perfect location to hang Corben's portrait.

Robert Permenter finds his art to be therapeutic, especially when

painting his daughter Chloe. Diza Hope loves the spark of an idea that leads to creating her art. A painting by Laura Corben, who taught art and drama for over 20 vears at Los Banos High School.

Margaret Pirouette's art often tells a story.

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Thursday, January 7

VERBAL EABJISE Verbal Abuse at Brooktrails Lodge: 7 pm; all \$10 adults; for under "Legendar punk Verbal rock band they've Ramones, Possessed Bad Brains among others - plays the Brooktrails as part of their 201 West Coast showcasing that spans their 30

plus year repertoire of albums that have spawned an entire generation of hardcore punk enthusiasts. Opening acts include Willits' death metal band Embryonic Devourment and more. Verbal Abuse guitarist Scott Stanton, a Willits resident, says: "C'mon down to the lodge: It's gonna be a community environment; listen to some punk rock and have a slice of pizza while you're at it. Earplugs are encouraged, as this will be a loud, rocking event." 24765

Birch Street. Shanachie Pub: a solo performance by folk-influenced Professor Gall, "A Tincture of Junkyard Folk and Steampunk Jazz." This Portland, Oregon musician performs on vocals, guitar and banjo, bringing his theatrical experience to the musical stage. 8 pm. No cover. Visit http://www.professorgall.com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

Friday, January 8

Willits Home Brew Club: The first meeting of the new year of the Willits Home Brew Club

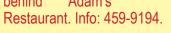
What's Happening Around Town

interested persons to come and check us out. We have a monthly program, a lending library, and some lending equipment." Visit http://willitshomebrew.weebly. com for meeting dates and more

Shanachie Pub: Sarah Rose CD release party. 8 pm. Come oin Sarah Rose McMahon, Hope AcKenney and Forrest Glyer, with opener Billie Kerr, to celebrate Sarah Rose's CD release with some original folk/Americana music! "Sarah Rose McMahon is

a singer-songwriter, ukulele player and cellist from the wilds of Northern California. In her intimate heartfelt original songs, she draws upon her own life experiences and travels: Soiourns to India and Africa, bluegrass in Asheville, backpacking in the Trinities and Cascades with her ukulele in tow, Scottish Fiddle festivals and camps and a childhood

cello music. First 50 Street Adam's



Saturday, January 9

WCT Auditions: Auditions will be held today at the Willits Community Theatre playhouse, will be Friday, January 8, 2016 at 7 pm at 37 West Van Lane, for WCT's June production Willits KOA. (The club usually meets the first of "Pump Boys and Dinettes," an outlaw

Friday of the month) at the Willits country and western musical revue. Saturday, Sunday, January 10 KOA. "We gladly welcome any January 9 at noon, and next month, Saturday

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 February 20. Call is for The call is for 2 women am, Sunday, January 10 at the Harrah Senior and 4 men, 20 years old and up; the women Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Pancakes, eggs sing and dance and the men sing and play

any style, and your choice of sausage, ham, or bacon, Adults \$7, Members \$6, Kids \$5. For more info call 459-

Senior Center Sunday Bingo: once a month Sunday Bingo at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road is scheduled for Sunday, January 10 this month. 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, following the Pancake Breakfast. Bingo buy in \$10, specials \$2 and up. For more info call 459-6826.

Monday, January 11

City of Willits Water Main Flushing Program: starts today, January 11, and will continue for

page for more details.

refreshment, and Cox's

City of Willits, California

are welcome, and there is no charge. For more info: Gary Bodensteiner 459-2708 or Kitty McDill 489-6203

Senior Center Ice Cream Social: "Join us, Monday, January 11, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm for pie and ice cream while enjoying the musical talents of Bruce Burton and John Mather." Adults \$1.50; members \$1. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 459-6826.

Tuesday, January 12

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 include "Star Wars" in 2D, "The Hateful Eight" and "Daddy's Home." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial

Saturday, January 16

January Jump: first annual country-western dance and spaghetti feed to benefit the Willits Food Bank, featuring Country Western/

> Bluegrass music by April Moore & Ranch Party out of Garberville. Saturday, January 16 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Plus a silent auction. Doors open at 6 pm for spaghett dinner; music from 7:30 to 11 pm. Tickets are \$15 (includes dinner): available in Willits at J.D. Redhouse Children 12 and under \$2 at the door. Hosted by Cosmic Pickle Productions: sound by Ancestor Radio Productions. Visit https:// www.reverbnation.com/ aprilmooreandranchparty to check out the band.

Changes Since Last FIRM (CSLF)



FEMA flood maps outreach meeting

on the one woman in the flick, but she's nobody's

Like I said, it's a Jennifer Jason Leigh movie. I

Parents: No. This is not for kids. Not for any

of them. I don't care how old they are, or how

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the

precious angel if you get my meaning.

COLUMN | At the Movies

On Tuesday, January 19, the City of Willits will host a public outreach meeting from 5 to 7 pm in the City Council chambers at City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. FEMA representatives will be there to answer questions about the revised Floodplain Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and explain the map adoption process. Property owners who think their property might be affected should attend this meeting. The preliminary FIRMs along with other flood management-related information are available for your review by going to www.cityofwillits.com.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Floodplain Administrator John Sherman at 459-7122.or jsherman@willitscity.

WCT holds auditions for

'Pump Boys and Dinettes'

The Willits Community Theatre will be holding auditions for "Pump Boys and Dinettes." an outlaw country and western musical revue, on Saturday, January 9 and on Saturday February 20, at noon.

"Pump Boys and Dinettes" tells the musical story of four guys who run a gas station out on Highway 57, somewhere between Frog Level and Smyrna. Next door to the gas station is the Double Cupp Diner, run by Prudie and

In the show, the Cupp sisters sing and dance, and the guys sing and play piano, bass, and lead and rhythm guitars.

The call is for two women and four men, 20 years old and up.

Each person who is auditioning should bring a song to sing, no more than 8 to 12 measures. The women should bring sheet music if they wish to be accompanied. People who are auditioning for one of the male roles should bring their instrument and be prepared to sing and play one song. In addition to solo numbers, the director will ask hopefuls to sing a song or two from the show and to try their

hand at reading some dialog. Actors will be

taught the songs during the auditions.

"Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be directed by veteran actor/director/dancer and Ukiah High School drama instructor Maria Monti. Former Ukiah High School choral instructor Denise Doering will be the show's musical director. The show will rehearse in April and in May, will open June 3 and will close on June 19. The Willits Community Theatre Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane in downtown Willits. For more info. contact director Monti

Ongoing Events

Thursday at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Fall and winter produce, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more

The Emandal Chorale: ongoing rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 pm, for the Chorale's 21st season, at the Little Lake Grange great hall, 291 School Street. No

new Inner Resource Institute, 1500 Hearst Road (at Hearst and Valley roads in the old Grace Baptist Church building). • Morning Meditation: Every morning at 6 am. • Kirtan: Every Thursday at 7:30 pm. Devotional singing and chanting led by Chinmayan. • Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 am. Satsang and fellowship consisting of a short talk on practical spirituality; meditation; Kirtan and worship; and a prayer service in which we pray for individual, family and humanity's needs. Info: 707-357-4676 or innerresourceinstitute@yahoo.com.

Vintage Toy Display: Inspired by the theme, "Let's Pretend," Mendocino County Museum presents an exhibit of vintage toys, including dolls dating back to 1903, vintage Barbies and accessories from 1968, as well as a fully furnished Victorian-style doll house. Paper gingerbread men will be available to decorate. 400 East Commercial Street. Exhibit displayed through January. Museum hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. \$5 adults; \$1 ages 6-18; children 5 & under are free. Free first Wednesday of each month. Visit www.MendocinoMuseum.

6 through 10 in the Willits school system. Friday afternoons from 4 to 5 pm. Class subjects rotate: Herbs, Crafts, Yoga & Movement, Life Skills, and Cooking and Home Arts. Room 4 in the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, the Cultivate Wellness Studio, Call Michelle Cummins for info: 972-1601

Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo: Potluck dinner and bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road." Be sure to bring a dish to share!" 5 to 7 pm; \$5 buyin; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826

at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop

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

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from

Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from

musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Signups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:

about a month. See article

elsewhere on Calendar

Willits Garden Club **Meeting:** this month's meeting features quest speaker Carol Cox, talking on "Gardening in a Small Space." Monday, January 11, 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, 6 miles south of Willits, west of Highway 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch. Social time starts at 12:30 with coffee and



Willits Community Theatre's 2016 season line-up of plays

live country rock soundtrack in the style of

action takes place in a down-and-out little

highway gas station run by the Pump Boys.

and the Double Cupp Diner, run by sisters

Six musicians provide high octane, rock-

style country music all the way through 21

songs. Directed by Maria Monti, the play

"The Nerd" by Larry Shue will be the

laughs, Rick Steadman the

nerd pays a visit to Willum

Cubbert, a talented architect

who cannot decide whether

to seek greener pastures

in Washington, D.C., or to

waste his talents in his home

town of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Steadman bungles his way

into Cubbert's world and

proceeds to move Cubbert

off the dime, and to move the

audience into gales of non-

stop laughter. Dramatists

Play Service says "The

Nerd" is "one of the funniest

plays ever written." Directed

by Jason Edington, the

comedy runs from August 12

For a family-appropriate

through 28.

classic, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles

Dickens will be staged from December 2

through 18. Directed by Dawn Jacobs, the

timeless tale shows how a curmudgeonly

miser learns that it is better to give than

to receive. A'Dair notes that the tale of

Scrooge's transformation is suitable for the

Advance tickets for the individual

performances are \$10 for Thursday and

Sunday shows, and \$15 for Friday and

Saturday shows. Tickets can be obtained in

person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street;

online at brownpapertickets.com; or by

Tickets will also available at the door for

Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). For more

visit WCT online at Willitstheatre.org.

phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006.

each show until sold out.

whole family.

second show for the summer. For all-out

Rhetta and Prudie Cupp.

runs from June 3 through 19.

A rich mix of comedy, musical and Jim Wann, the musical revue includes a classical plays will highlight the line-up for the Willits Community Theatre's upcoming Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson. The 2016 season.

Producer Mike A'Dair announces: "It's a well-rounded season that offers something for everyone." Patrons will be treated to an exciting blend of high comedy, a seasonal classic, a contemporary avant-garde play, a country-western musical, and a courtroom drama. Season passes for the five shows are currently available at a discount rate of \$75 and can be obtained by phoning the WCT office at 459-0895.

First up for the new season in February will be the avant-garde gem, "In The Next Room or The Vibrator Play" by Sarah Ruhl Nominated for a 2010 Tony Award for Best Play and selected as a finalist for the

2010 Pulitzer Prize in drama, this offbeat play spotlights the dawn of the age of electricity in the late 1800s. A mildmannered scientist, Dr. Givings, has invented a new electrically

Playwright Sarah Ruhl

powered device for treating hysteria: the vibrator. Meanwhile, his unhappily married wife wonders just what the good doctor is up to "in the next room." Directed by Mike A'Dair, the play will run from February 12 to 28. Ruhl also authored "Dead Man's Cell Phone," a 2013 hit at WCT.

"Witness for the Prosecution," a courtroom drama by one of the greatest writers of thrillers, Agatha Christie, will be staged from April 15 through May 1. The classic murder mystery pits a brilliant barrister against a devious and unpredictable widow. The action proves gripping up until the very last second, when Christie pulls off one of the greatest theatrical surprises of all time. Directed by WCT veteran Joe Dowling, the courtroom drama runs from April 15 through May 1.

For summer entertainment, A'Dair says patrons will be offered an homage to the kick-ass cowboy roots of Willits in the form of a rare country musical, "Pump Boys and Dinettes." Co-written by the brilliant team of John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and

Senior Center Lunch

piano, bass and lead and

rhythm guitars. See article

elsewhere on Calendar

page for more details,

and contact director Maria

Monti at 456-0901 or

tappinshoes@comcast.net

reception tonight for the

January show at the Willits

Center for the Arts, featuring

Diza Hope, Judy Chance

Hope, Laura Corben, Laurel

Miller, Robert Permenter,

and Margaret Pirouette. 6

Artists

to 9 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71

East Commercial Street. Show runs through

January 31. Gallery hours are Thursday and

Friday from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday and

Seventh-day

Sunday from 11 am to 2 pm.

"Operation Blueprint": a

free presentation held at the

Willits Community Center,

111 East Commercial Street,

and sponsored by the Willits

Christian Church. Guest

speaker Ivor Myers speaks

on "Operation Blueprint": "a

panoramic presentation of the

prophecies of the Bible: Discover what

they really reveal about the future of our world.

You will be enlightened on the entire Bible

and the history and destiny of all mankind!

Guaranteed! His message is for skeptics and

believers of all faiths." Childcare is provided.

Info: 972-9005 or visit willitssda.com.

'Pigments of

Imagination':

Week of January 11 through January 15 Monday: Beef Stew/Veggies

Tuesday: Lamb Wednesday: Orange Chicken

Sarah Rose McMahon

Thursday: Pepper Steak Friday: Chicken Fried Steak

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. ncludes soup, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info:

Eel River Recovery Project convenes for 2016 Planning

The Eel River Recovery Project will convene a public gathering at the Beginning's Octagon

in Redway on Sunday, January 10 to devise a 2016 Action Plan. ERRP is becoming its own non-profit organization and the first few hours of the day will be an open meeting of the new board of directors. Public scoping and action planning will occur in the afternoon and a Volunteer Celebration dinner will end the day.

Since its inception in 2011, ERRP annually gathers in retreat to take stock of the year's accomplishments and to set priorities through devising annual Action Plans that are published and shared online. ERRP projects have grown to include monitoring of fall Chinook salmon, pike minnow, yellow-legged frogs and water temperature and flow. Public school projects have transported hundreds of students to the river to study and learn.

In 2015, ERRP began an ambitious agricultural "best practices" public outreach to help the community implement water conservation and pollution prevention strategies. The ERRP Wilderness Committee works on clean-up of industrial marijuana grows on federal land, improving trail access for recreation, and expanding wilderness areas to protect water supply for the Eel River and to maintain biodiversity.

Doors at Beginnings will open for coffee, organic bagels from Los Bagels, and fresh fruit at 9:30 am. From 10 am to noon the ERRP board will hear reports from ERRP committees and those working on projects, and the public is invited. Lunch will follow from noon to 1 pm, followed by a facilitated 2016 Action Plan brainstorm and prioritization. Members of the public attending will be asked to comment on the effectiveness of ERRP activities and/or provide ideas for needed future projects.

but donations for meals will be accepted. Beginnings is at 5 Cemetery Lane, 5.7 miles west of Redway, just off the Briceland-Thorn Road. For more information see www. eelriverrecovery.org online, check our Facebook page, or

City of Willits water

main flushing program starts January 11

On January 11, 2016, the City of Willits will commence its annual water main flushing and valve operating program. The purpose of the flushing program is to remove accumulated sediments that may have collected during the normal operation of the water system. The flushing is expected to take approximately one month to complete.

The flushing will start at the base of Pine Mountain and continue westerly into town. The flushing of Main Street is expected to commence on or about January 18, 2016 and could take up to one week. Main Street flushing will occur at night in order to minimize the impact to businesses. Motorists are urged to use caution in these areas, as the roads will be wet and the city's work crews will often be in the roadway.

Customers may experience a drop in pressure along with discoloration of their water for short periods in the areas being flushed. Although the water may be brownish, it is safe to drink. Care should be taken in washing clothes, discoloration before washing clothes.

For more detailed information about where the flushing will be occurring, customers may call Willits City Hall at 459-7104

2016 Willits Redwood Little League

Registration Ongoing to February 19

Visit our website to register for the 2016 Willits Redwood Little League season: http:// wrll.siplay.com.

All players must register through our website Late registration will be placed on a waiting list with no guarantee of team placement. Do not register late! Registration fee: \$95 for first player; \$85 for each additional player. For more information contact Melissa Coughlin 707/354-2226 or check "Willits Redwood Little League"

Reggae with Tribal Seeds January 16 at The Mateel On Saturday, January 16, the Mateel

Community Center will kick off the 2016 concert season with Cali reggae faves, Tribal Seeds. Embarking on their Winter Reggae Land Tour, Tribal Seeds will be showcased as part of a three-band bill with UK reggae rockers, The Skints, and The Steppas from Hawaii.

The award-winning reggae group hailing from San Diego, Tribal Seeds have become known for their spiritually driven, refreshing rock vibe which they've infused with the roots

Doors will open at 7 pm with music starting at 8 pm. This is an all-ages show with bar for 21 and over, plus island-inspired offerings from the Mateel kitchen. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

at 456-0901 or tappinshoes@comcast.net.

'The Hateful Eight' Leigh is a good movie...even the bad ones. I feel the same about Bruce Lee and Christopher Lee. auditions: Open to all who love to sing. The Story: An odd, crude Daniel Essman mix of bounty hunters, racists, gunslinger types,

tough cowboys, and

chained-up Bad Woman (Jennifer J. L.) are all

trapped together in a large cabin waiting out a

blizzard ... waiting out their fates.

Thoughts:

Tarantino.

It's bloody. It's

funny. It's grim

and ironic. It's

a movie that's

of movies, and

it's pretty sick.

their collective

blood-soaked

comeuppances.

especially hard

Lotsa

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mature.... not for children!!!

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Inner Resources Institute: three free programs at the

The Mentoring Program: Free classes for girls in grades

Tuesday Wii Bowling: Every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center Dining Room, 1501 Baechtel Road. 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Info: 459-6826.

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club: Monday night workshops at the Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs in the great room. Newer dancers from 7 to 8 pm; plus dancing from 8 to 9 pm. Lawrence Johnstone, caller. Guests always welcome! Info: Jenny Watts, 459-9526.

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm,

Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects - we'll supply the coffee!

Willits Library Public Events: "Pajama Story Time" for families, Tuesdays at 7 pm. "Stories for Crawlers and Walkers," Thursdays at 11 am. Technology group for help with hand-held devices. Fridays at 1 pm. Youth Game Night. ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. Drop-in Knitting Circle, Saturdays from 3 to 4:30 pm. 390 East Commercial

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome: new members are encouraged to join at any

Center, 1501 Baechtel Road,

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience desired not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

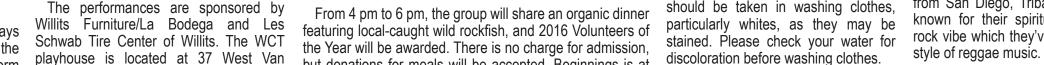
Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

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 always Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works

6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565. Shanachie Pub: World Music Mondays: Sign ups start at 7:30 pm sharp. Music starts at 8 pm. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. "Local

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-

Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays, November to May, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville

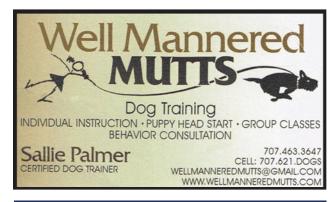


information on the shows and schedules, - Steve Hellman, for WCT call 223-7200 for questions or to volunteer. **Email:** willitsweekly@gmail.com **Mail:** P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Willits Weekly | January 7, 2016

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Monday - Saturday 9 am to 6 pm Sunday: Closed

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Above, left: folk musician Joe Craven. Above, right: Flora, center, dances with friends. Below, left: Freeda Burnstad, director of the Cloud Forest Institute. Below, center: A beautiful young dancer. Below, right: A beaming







New Year's Eve concert at the Little Lake Grange

The Willits Little Lake Grange closed out 2015 on the crowd moving with their powerful tribal rhythms. a Brazilian Carnivale note, featuring headlining band SambaDa. The sold-out, family-friendly event occurred on New Year's Eve and included performances by opening bands Pura Vida, Joe Craven and Mystic Sol.

Doors opened at 6:30 pm, and attendees flooded into the Grange building to partake in the no-host

Damian Sebouhian amian@willitsweekly.com

dinner prepared by Chef Mama Jay and The Zocalo Collective. With a menu Inspired by SambaDa, carnival, and South

American cuisine, attendees chose from an array of farm-to-table delicacies including slow-smoked local pork with black beans and cilantro, local red snapper prepared with lime juice, and tiramisu for dessert.

Mendocino County's original Latin-inspired dance band, Pura Vida, began the evening's music with unique interpretations of a wide variety of Afro-Caribbean styles. The band's performance was dedicated as a tribute to ex-bandleader and muchadmired Ukiah Capoeira instructor Amunka Davila, who tragically passed away three years ago.

"They rocked the house," said Pooba, promoter of the event and founder of Cosmic Pickle Productions. "They played the best they've ever played."

Next up was free-style folk musician Joe Craven, winner of the 2009 Folk Alliance Far-West Performer of the Year. He delighted the crowd with his wit, charm and multi-instrument performance.

Mystic Sol, a local women's drumming troupe, got Santa Cruz.

"Personally, I consider Mystic Sol to be the heartbeat of Willits." said Pooba.

When SambaDa took the stage, not a soul in the crowd was seated, as they dished out a satisfying Brazilian-rooted blend of salsa and cumbia, playfully mixed with funk and reggae beats. Band members were adorned in flashy Carnival-themed attire, inspiring the crowd with the captivating voice and dance of lead vocalist Dandha Da Hora. They played through midnight, announcing the new year in brilliant

The proceeds of the event went to Will Parish's defense fund. Parish was arrested by California Highway Patrol officers for an act of civil disobedience against the Willits bypass construction in 2013, and later incurred restitution fees of \$9,000 owed to

Pura Vita band members include Jim Dooley, Roberto Gloria, Jorge Gomez, Margi Gomez, Isa Davila and Lenny Lax. Visit: http://puravidamendo.

Joe Craven will be conducting a Music Improvisation Workshop at Mendocino College in Ukiah, Friday, February 5 from 6-8:30pm. For tickets and info, visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2484990.

For more information and upcoming gigs for SambaDa, go to: www.sambada.com/. Their next show is scheduled for January 22 at Moe's Alley in





Above, left: SambaDa vocalist and dancer, Dandha Da Hora, center. Above, right: A costumed jester. Below, left: SambaDa vocalist and guitarist, Papiba Godinho. Below, right: Local women's drumming troupe, Mystic Sol.





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Intuitive Patterns

January 2016

Osho Zen Tarot: Fool, Going with the Flow

Suzanne Wagner

Medicine Cards: Buffalo, Ant Mayan Oracle: Polarity, Portal of Transcendence, Cauac

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What a wild ride 2015 has been. Here we are at a new place, space and time, and never has it been more important to surrender into the bigger energy surrounding you and to go with the flow. Yes, everything, and I mean everything, seems in a very different place.

Confusion is beginning to become clearer as the choices made in the middle of December finally feel as if you are moving on a somewhat more defined track. Don't forget that the Saturn square Neptune is going to hit two more times in 2016, June 17 and September 6. So that unraveling you felt over the Thanksgiving holiday is going to expand your world once again later on this year.

As it is January I want to stand in the place of gratitude for what we have and how far we have expanded in these intense times. Many of you had certain perspectives and now those viewpoints have shifted in enormous ways for you. Letting go of old patterns is never fun. Looking directly in the eyes of your prejudices and outmoded ways of thinking is never pleasant. But you have done it, and you are in a place of seeing your way through to a new perspective and living your life from a place that you own rather than the pattern trapping and owing you.

Uranus is moving forward at a rapid pace, and over the next few months it will finally move out of the pattern with Pluto that has been causing so many things to feel stuck. In fact, January is going to make you feel like there are finally outcomes that you have been trying for over a year to manifest.

As I was writing this article there were two owls that flew past my window. Owl is one of the archetypes of Cauac (a Mayan Symbol of Transformation). Yes, you feel in the dark, and yes, there are many things that are unknown, but do not allow that uncertainty to pull you into despair or allow you to fall into the Leaves of Grass Books in Willits. Getting her first library card was one of the illusion that you are separate from source.

You are being put through a process that is designed to

allow you to shed the shell of your former existence. You are being quickened so you can reconnect your highest self with your human self. Unified they are more powerful than you can presently see or imagine. This wall you feel in your life is an illusion, but it holds the keys to your potential

You are being asked to free yourself from limitation and see how your mind has been keeping you down and out of recognizing that you are the master player in your own great game of life.

2016 promises to be a much better year than 2015. The number 8 (of 2015) was filled with sadness, despair, upset and conflicts that pulled you out of your comfort zone. The number 9 (of 2016) is a year of completion, empathy, intuition, and artistic expression. You really can finally let the past go. You really can step into who and what you really want to be. There is nothing holding you back. It is time to notice all the love that is being offered to you in your life and let the gifts of that energy fully in. Let the connections with others support, guide, and invigorate you to move towards that next level.

Let your motto for 2016 be one of bravery. Don't give up. You are on a new frontier. but one that is sacred for

your growth and potential. Read the rest of Accept the challenge, pick

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weeks of the holidays.

January is the month of good intentions. The year is fresh and anything seems possible, doesn't it? This is when bookstores create inviting displays of books on dieting, clutter control, exercising ... all the of the things you know you should

So in the spirit of manifesting our higher selves through our reading, I'd like to recommend "The Essential Crazy Wisdom" (2001 reissue) by Wes "Scoop" Nisker. This book is an oldie, but such a goodie. It might just make a difference in how the coming year unwinds for you, by allowing you to loosen up your attitude ... about everything.

be doing for yourself, but might have let lapse over the hectic

The author is a seeker, a meditation teacher, and a philosopher with the humor of a stand-up comedian. Nisker's work as a journalist and a radio commentator has sharpened his observations of contemporary life. In this book, he demonstrates his superb knowledge of the many different approaches to the ageless question of how to live a meaningful life. He introduces the reader to all the main schools of Eastern and Western philosophy, both ancient and modern, as well as Native American tricksters.

I'll let the author define "Crazy Wisdom" with a quote from the first chapter: "Crazy wisdom is the wisdom of the saint. the Zen master, the poet, the mad scientist, and the fool. Crazy wisdom sees that we live in a world of many illusions, that the emperor has no clothes, and that much of human belief and behavior is ritualized nonsense. Crazy wisdom loves paradox and puns and pie fights and laughing at politicians." Sounds good to me, especially in an election year.

If that sounds good to you, check this author out. He has written numerous books over the years. I love this volume because it is compact, succinct, funny, and full of good quotes from individuals as diverse as Mark Twain, Ghandi

For one great example, here's a quote from language scholar and writer H. L. Mencken: "We are here and it is now. Further than that, all human knowledge is moonshine."

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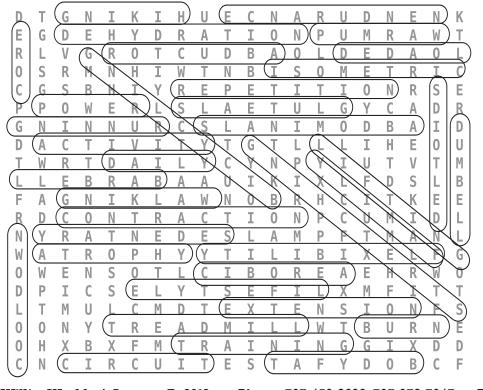
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Memorial service for

Rob LaCount

The memorial service for Rob LaCount is scheduled for this Saturday, January 9 at 2 pm at the Redwood Valley Community Church, 951 School Way, Redwood Valley. A cookies and coffee reception will follow. Friends and colleagues are all welcome to join his family in paying their last respects.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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DADDY'S HOME



'The Chamber Corner'

What has the Willits Chamber of Commerce been up to in 2015?

Members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce gave to accomplish their various goals and objectives the following group report at the chamber's annual Member Breakfast in November, on activities the local business boosters have been doing in 2015.

Some of what the chamber has been up to includes: In March, we approved 10 new board members and

held our first Chamber Mixer (in a really long time) at Savings Bank – which was very well attended and a lot of fun. We also continued our work with the City of Willits on the ad hoc committee to support the effort for the Caltrans planning grant for Main Street. This work is on-going and involves coordination with several other groups. There are many meetings and much work to do as we plan for the future.

In April, the board had our first meeting with the new board members, and we co-sponsored a Responsible Beverage Training which exceeded the expected number of attendees. Also, our new website committee began to meet and continue planning for the new website. These meetings are on-going, and there is work to be done, and we are excited about it.

In May, we held the 34th Annual Community Festival & Car show, which ended up being one of the most successful in years with over 100 entries and over 1,000 attendees. In conjunction with this event, we held our second wildly successful mixer at Baechtel Creek Inn & Spa.

In June, we held the very popular Hometown Celebration, complete with the Local First Prize Wheel, vendors, including food and home-based businesses and other organizations, and a new "Center Stage" promoting local musicians and acts. This is the event that kicks off Willits Frontier Days every year.

In July our North County Women in Business (a program of the Willits Chamber of Commerce) cohosted with the Ukiah Women In Business a joint Commerce, or to become a member, visit http://willits. evening networking event at Barra of Mendocino.

In August, we did a presentation at Willits Rotary to share what we'd been up to so far and what some of our goals were for the future. In addition, newly formed chamber committees began meeting to explore ways

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Willits Sober Grad

Raffle winner and

upcoming fundraisers

On November 18, at the regular meeting of the Willits

Sober Grad Committee meeting the Fall Raffle Basket

winner was drawn by Willits High School Senior Shy

Silverstein, as Willits Sober Grad Secretary Joyce

Waters looked on. The basket was a collection of

many fall-oriented items, including gift cards and a

Disneyland pass. The winner of the 2015 Sober Grad

Fall Basket was Jesus Alvarez Barriga of Willits. The

basket was displayed around town and at the Willits

High School football games, to give the community

In December, Sober Grad raised funds with holiday

candy sales at the Senior Center Craft Fair, the Roots

Express Santa Train, the Laytonville Craft Fair, and

the Holiday Craft Fair at the Willits Community Center.

Upcoming fundraising events include a Pancake

Breakfast Sunday, February 7 at the Little Lake

Grange and a St. Valentine's Raffle Basket in

February. In April there will be a Tri-Tip Dinner at the

Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds - this is the

biggest fundraiser of the year for the annual drug-

and alcohol-free graduation party for all graduating

seniors at Willits area schools. Tickets will also go on

sale in April for the annual Ducky Derby event at the

Sober Grad puts on the annual event to make sure

that students have a safe and sober way to spend

graduation night. The community's continued support

To get involved in helping with the Sober Grad dinner,

contact Joyce Waters at willitssobergrad@gmail.

com or 489-8377. The next Sober Grad Committee

meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20 at

Furry Friends

Hoping for a Home

t wanted to rub his belly! Clifford has an easygoing

nature that makes him great on a leash and great

meeting strangers. He just wants to spend time with

his person and make them proud! Given his size, he

needs a home with room to stretch out, and would

love daily walks or exercise. This gorgeous, gentle

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant

Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4

pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. We have

many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever

homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our

wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website:

www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during

shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

DEATH NOTICE | Dinah Lee Talbott

- Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez,

for the Sober Grad Committee

Gentle

Clifford

Our buddy Clifford is a

2-year-old male mixed-

breed dog who currently

weighs 90 pounds.

Clifford is a fantastic dog.

At 89 he is the definition

of a "gentle giant." This

big lump of love wouldn't

hurt a fly, especially if

6:30 pm at the Willits High School Food Center.

the opportunity to buy raffle tickets.

Brooktrails Golf Course in May.

Photo by Rod Coots

guy is a true gem!

the 2015

In September and October, we held two meetings with Willits' largest employers, city officials, and chamber board members. During the initial meeting, we discussed the issues surrounding being a major employer in this town. The most pressing issues that were identified were: recruiting and retention of qualified and quality workers, housing, and drug testing – lack of a drug testing facility here in Willits.

The second meeting focused on finding real solutions and resources to address the issues. There was consensus that we need high school and community college curriculum geared to meet local employer needs and expectations. We are working toward implementation of student internships, a job shadowing, career fair at the high school, and developing curriculum at the high school and college level to better prepare students for local jobs. Attendees included representatives from Women in Business, Mendocino County Office of Education, the Willits Unified School District and Mendocino College. We meet again in January.

In October and early November we worked on the planning for the Willits Chamber Breakfast Meeting, along with a couple of holiday events coming up: "Small Business Saturday" on November 28, and a chamber mixer, with Roots of Motive Power and the Mendocino County Museum, and a tree lighting event on December 11. We held the initial/kickoff planning meeting for the 35th Community Festival & Car Show coming up next May.

In December, we continued working on getting our new website live.... And that's just a quick sampling of the things we been working on over the last year.

To learn more about the Willits Chamber of org, email info@willits.org, call 459-7910, or stop by the chamber office at 299 East Commercial Street in the Skunk Train Depot building.

> - submitted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce

2016 Willits Science Fair

Deadline to participate is January 25

The 2016 Willits Science Fair will be held on February 9, 10 and 11 at the Willits Community Center, Individual projects from 3rd through 12th grade students, along with classroom projects from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade classes, will be on display from schools in Willits

Students in 3rd through 12th grade who are interested in doing a science fair project for the 2016 Willits Science Fair must have an "Intent to Participate" form submitted by Monday, January 25, 2016. Students or teachers must have submitted a form or a list of students to Sharon Hanna, Willits Science Fair coordinator, by the deadline, to be eligible to bring their project to the community center. Projects cannot be accepted at the fair without prior knowledge and must meet the minimum criteria for display. Please contact Sharon Hanna if you have questions concerning project criteria. Intent forms are available at most schools, and students should ask their teachers about them.

Please be aware that these are the dates of the citywide Willits Science Fair, and not necessarily when science projects are due. Most teachers will have their own due date by when the project should be completed and brought to school. It is a good idea to plan to have the project completed by Friday, February 4 to bring to school. Contact Sharon Hanna or your child's teacher for more information on minimum display criteria and when projects should be done by.

Many students will be bringing their projects by bus to the Willits Community Center on the morning of Tuesday, February 9. Judging will take place later that day. The Science Fair is not open to the public on judging day. The Science Fair will be open to the public on Wednesday, February 10 and on Thursday, February 11. All projects must be removed on Thursday, February 11 after 3 pm and picked up no later than 6

Read the rest of Science

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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Sweet Connor

Connor is an 8-year-old neutered male Hound mix who currently weighs 70 pounds. Connor has lived with other dogs and children and is great with both. He is a young 8 years old, and loves his daily walks or time to sniff and explore in the yard. He also loves to play fetch! This sweet guy needs a home where he gets daily exercise as well as lots of love. We know people often overlook older dogs, but this gorgeous gentleman has many years left to be a loyal and loving companion!



Photo by Rod Coots

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OBITUARY |

Rose **McCombs**

Rose Lillian McCombs passed away in West Sacramento on December 11, 2015 at the age of 97. She was born in Malin, Oregon to Rose and Otto Kalebaugh on July 5, 1918. Rose grew up in Rio Vista, California; married Norman McCombs August 2, 1936, and moved to Covelo where, after moving many times in 12 years of marriage, they bought a small ranch and lived there for 50 years.

and Norman celebrated over 61 years of marriage during which they raised their three children. She loved being homemaker, inside and outside; tending her flower garden, especially her pansies, and always harvesting a large vegetable garden, canning hundreds of jars each year. She also loved to sew, knit and crochet. When work was done, she could be found curled up with a good book.

Norman preceded her in death in 1998, and then her daughter, Norma Dean, in

She is survived by her son, Rano (Bobbi) McCombs of Covelo; her daughter, Vona (Delbert) Giese of West Sacramento; grandson Elton (Rebecca) Dean of Layton, Utah; and greatgrandchildren: Ransom, Eckrin, Ruzina, Ethnie, and

Graveside services were held on Monday, December 2015 at Valley View

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

Dinah Lee Talbott of Willits passed away on December 12, 2015 at the age of 70. Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary Pg. 10 **Phone:** 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 **Email:** willitsweekly@gmail.com **Mail:** P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Willits Weekly | January 7, 2016 Library | From Page 1

The move came just two weeks after a joint meeting of the board of supervisors and the Library Advisory Board, during which Friends of the Long Valley Public Library President Susan Bradley told supervisors and county staff her group was frustrated by the slow pace of getting the bookmobile to the north county town and making it a functioning branch

The Laytonville Unified School District is providing space for the bookmobile at the site of the old Laytonville high school. However, Bradley said she doesn't know when the bookmobile will be ready for use by the public. She noted her group's fundraising efforts have been hampered by uncertainty as to whether the county would be willing to sell them the bookmobile and at what price, and are still in the early stages. Those who wish to donate can write a check to "Healthy Start/FOLVPL" and mail it to Friends of the Long Valley Public Library, PO Box 143, Laytonville, CA 95454.

In other county library news, on December 15, supervisors named Karen Horner acting-director for the county's library

Horner received her bachelor of science degree from Oregon State University in 2008. She also earned a master's degree in Library Science and Information Science from San Jose State in 2014. She has formerly been a branch librarian in the Tulare County library system and most recently was branch manager of the Fort Bragg library.

Carre Brown, chairwoman of the board of supervisors said: "On behalf of the board. I know we are all very excited to see Ms. Horner in her new role, understanding she brings with her both experience and passion for the work she does.'

Police | From Page 1

600 block of Crest Drive in Willits, observed a man in a red pickup truck pull up to a house and park. A man later identified as 30-year-old Fernando Duran left the house, walked to the truck and "engaged in behavior indicative of a drug sale," according to sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten

As the pickup drove away, the deputy observed a lighting equipment violation and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, 35-year-old Marco Solis of Willits, was found to be driving

As Solis began to exit the vehicle at the deputy's direction, what appeared to be a pistol was spotted concealed in his

A search of Solis's clothing revealed a baggie containing a small quantity of methamphetamine and a glass methamphetamine smoking pipe. The suspected pistol was determined to be a BB air pistol that was a replica of a .357 caliber handgun, Van Patten said.

Information gathered by the deputy during the traffic stop resulted in issuance of a search warrant for the residence where Solis had been parked, which was executed that

While searching the home, deputies discovered "approximately 5.3 grams of methamphetamine, several oxycontin pills, drug paraphernalia and packaging," Van

Fernando Duran and his brother Jose, 29, were arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and suspicion of possession for sale of a controlled substance.

Both were booked into Mendocino County jail.

Solis was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine, possessing of drug paraphernalia and for driving without a license. He was cited and released.

Both Duran brothers have previous arrest records in Mendocino County. Fernando Duran has been arrested for possession of meth for sale, possession of controlled sub, possession of drug paraphernalia, assault and battery, child endangerment, assault with a deadly weapon, and being a member of a street gang.

Jose Duran has been arrested for possession of methamphetamine for sale, four arrests for being under the influence of a controlled substance, burglary, theft, and violating probation.

At 11 pm on December 23, sheriff's deputies engaged in a high-speed chase on Highway 101 after 34-year-old Ben Brooks of Redwood Valley reportedly refused to pull over during a traffic stop for an equipment violation on Branscomb Road near the intersection of Willis Avenue in Laytonville.

Instead, Brooks sped south in his white Ford Ranger pickup truck in rainy weather, with deputies in pursuit at speeds that reached between 80 and 90 miles per hour, according to sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten

Near mile post marker 61.53, Brooks lost control of his truck, which careened up a hillside, spun in several tight circles and finally flipped over onto its roof in the center of

Brooks, crawled from a window and fled on foot, Van

Deputies subsequently discovered the pickup truck had been reported stolen from Lake County In addition to the open charges related to the stolen

vehicle and the vehicle pursuit, Brooks was wanted on a Mendocino County arrest warrant, Van Patten noted. The following morning, a resident in the 35000 block of North Highway 101 discovered Brooks hiding in a storage

shed just before noon and called law enforcement. Brooks was arrested on suspicion of evading and obstructing or resisting a police officer. He reportedly had suffered "significant injuries" during the accident and was

taken to an area hospital for treatment. On December 27 Brooks was medically cleared and

Police

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The folks from Behavioral Health Concepts looked at two programs: The Children's Assessment Needs Program and the Katie A screening process.

For the Children's Assessment Needs Program reviewers looked at surveys completed by 240 clients who received mental health services over the past year. Each client filled out three surveys.

According to Briley, "The survey results showed an improvement of client outcomes, and better protocols and procedures - an improvement of 64.9 percent over the previous year's scores."

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Inspectors believed they were looking at a partial hospitalization program. According to the report, a partial hospitalization program "means a distinct and organized intensive ambulatory treatment program that offers less than 24-hour daily care other than in an individual's home or in an inpatient or residential setting.

However, according to Cryer, neither the county nor Ortner run a partial hospitalization program from the Bush Street crisis center.

"We haven't run such a program since 2000," Cryer said. "We haven't billed for hospitalization since 2005. So the people who came up from the state to inspect us were reviewing a program that didn't exist. They shouldn't have been doing that."

Cryer said she has spoken with Dana Fornay of the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, who agreed the inspection was immaterial and the proper response from the county is to do nothing.

This is fortunate for the providers involved. because the report highlights some major failures.

The report states the provider "failed to develop and maintain a system of communication that assures the integration of services. This failure resulted in a lack of coordination of care between [one of its clients'] contracted mental health plan coordinator and the outside healthcare provider that prescribed [that client's] psychiatric medications."

In support of this finding, the report stated that same client's psychiatric nurse practitioner told the interviewers "there was little collaboration with the client's contracted adult services, that she was unaware of what services were available, that she knew there were no medical provisions, and that she asked if there were any clinical providers on

The report went on to list some failings on the part of the mental health center. The report stated the center failed to provide outpatient partial hospitalization program services, center staff failed to maintain an accurate accounting of the center's active clientele, and also failed to provide documentation that an inspection of the center's fire extinguisher had occurred.

Inspectors reviewed the medical records of 10 patients processed by the center over the past year and a half. The clients were selected at random. According to the report: "The community mental health center failed to ensure the standard for partial hospitalization programs, when an active day treatment, or other partial hospitalization services, or psychosocial rehabilitation services,

The Katie A program seeks to shorten the timeframe between screening and access to services. Reviewers from Behavioral Health Concepts found implementation of Katie A protocols had shortened timeframes and resulted in early identification of needs and improved access to services.

Briley said the Children's Assessment Needs Program was given a score of 93.10 percent, while the Katie A program was given a score of 100

for 10 out of 10 sampled outpatient clients, was not

The inspectors also determined that at least one patient's personal counseling program had inadvertently ceased to function. This was a client referred to in the report as Client 10. He was scheduled for a counseling session on January 13, 2015, during which the counselor was going to address the client's revised life goals and housing needs. The records indicate that Client 10 did not make his January 13 appointment.

According to the report, "[clinical worker] G stated she normally called the client one day prior to a scheduled appointment and the day after the appointment if they did not show. When asked why the clinical record for Client 10 did not indicate that for Client 10's 1/13/15 appointment, [the clinical worker] replied that phone calls were not billable.

The medical records reviewed by the inspectors indicate Client 10 was found dead in his apartment on March 2, 2015. There is no hint in the report either that the death of Client 10 was the result of a breakdown in communication with the clinical worker, or that it was not the result of that

In addition to these failures, an array of additional minor failures were also discovered during the September inspection. Inspectors found two sharps containers (i.e., containers for used syringes) for which the lids were not closed over the containers. These sharps containers contained "numerous tablets and capsules mixed in" with the used syringes. Inspectors found six labeled bottles of medications on site in a ziplock bag located in an unlocked cabinet under a sink. Inspectors also found facility staff did not know where completed medication disposal logs were supposed to be

Inspectors also discovered the facility did not have a contract with a licensed and certificated firm for picking up and disposing of biohazardous waste (such as sharps), but instead one of the staff routinely took the boxes of sharps in her private car to the local waste disposal site.

Cryer said she and her staff have spoken with representatives from ICMS about these issues.

"Regardless of whether or not the report was valid or not, it certainly exposed some flaws in the medication management portion of ICMS's program here," Cryer conceded. "We have spoken to them about these flaws, and I think it is fair to say that 98 percent of them have been corrected, or are in the process of being corrected.

SWOW From Page 1

company to impose a hefty rate increase on some of its garbage

These requested rate hikes won't affect people in Willits - which just signed a new 15year contract with SWOW or in Brooktrails. It will affect customers who use the transfer stations in Westport, Covelo, Albion, Potter Valley, Boonville, and the South Coast area, as well as people who use solid waste pickup services in Anderson Valley and on the South Coast.

In a letter to county solid waste czar Mike Sweeney, SWOW President and CEO Jerry Ward explained his company is losing money overall and the bank has called in all of SWOW's term loans and "non-renewed" its letter of credit.

"Poor operating results in the company's overall operation over the past few years has resulted in the company's banking institution to call all of its term loans and non-renewal of a letter of credit that supports the bond funding of the company's letter to Sweeney stated that recyclable materials recovery facility," Ward wrote.

"This has forced the company to seek loan and letter of credit funding elsewhere at greater expense," he said.

> "The company can seek to renegotiate these higher rates if increase of 5.9 percent for his

these losses are eliminated." Ward added.

"There is no more creditable audit than a bank calling your loans," he said. "The bank receives and monitors the company's quarterly financial statements and compares the operating results to benchmarks that measure the financial health of the organization.

"When the bank calls loans, the conclusion is obvious. An expensive financial audit is not necessary," Ward wrote.

Ward is seeking two things. He is seeking a "larger rate increase" than the annual hike allowed by SWOW's contract with the county. That annual rate increase is based on the CPI rate increase and on gasoline prices.

A larger rate increase is allowed under the contract, but it requires a lengthy review process including an audit, which Ward is asking to forgo. SWOW would have to pay for the audit.

Data included by Ward in his during 2012, 2013 and 2014, SWOW posted in negative territory by \$510,860. A threeyear average for those losses amounts to \$170,028. In 2014, the company lost only \$151,414.

Ward is seeking either a rate

create a "break-even" situation within his overall operations Ward said he is not asking for a rate increase for Willits because he just entered into a 15-year contract with the City of Willits, and that contract stipulates a mandatory two-year rate freeze.

Covelo and Westport operations.

a 6.2 percent increase for his

Anderson Valley operations,

and an 8.9 percent increase for

his South Coast operations, or

a \$157,856 subsidy from the

county, in order to stabilize his

operations without a rate hike on

According to Ward this will

his customers.

actually be going down this year, by 1.5 percent. This is because the materials recovery facility construction component of ratepayers' bills has been eliminated, which reduces the monthly charge by \$3.64. In addition, fuel costs are down. and so those lower costs are reflected in the reduced rates as

For Brooktrails, rates will

When asked why he isn't seeking more than just a "breakeven" cash flow, Ward was philosophical. "How high can you raise these rates before people start throwing it in the ravine?' Ward asked. "I would have asked for more, but I thought this was the best I could do.'

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Above, left: The "sleighs" of the Little Lake Fire Department line the street, as Santa and his elves return for another load of toys. Above, right: Mike Griggs, Jr. loads toys to be delivered Christmas Eve morning.

Below: Engineer John Turner, Deputy Chief Jon Noyer, Santa (Firefighter Dalton Williams), Firefighter Wyatt Galten, Engineer Albert Hinkle, and Captain Eli Owen. At bottom: Kevin "Santa" Reedy. At bottom, right: Bikes and bags of toys await delivery in the old Rexall building.

Photos by Maureen Moore



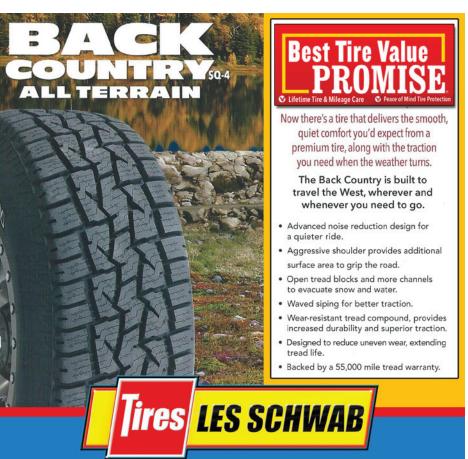




Beautiful, tastefully remodeled home on half an acre in town. This 4 bdrm., 2.5 bath, 2700+/sq. ft. home features hardwood laminated floors, carpet, fireplace, tile, granite counters, wood cabinets, stainless appliances, lighting, heating and A/C, all new. There is lots of storage plus a 2 car garage. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac street. Private, fenced usable



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Snowy Delivery Day Christmas program volunteers deliver to

430 kids for Christmas Eve

A white Christmas was underway already on Christmas Eve morning, when volunteers from the Willits Rotary's Community Christmas Program hauled truckloads of toys and goodies out to the community, in actual falling snow.

The Little Lake and Brooktrails fire departments delivered off the backs of fire engines Maureen Moore and other vehicles, Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com with sirens and lights

blaring. Many other community volunteers loaded gift bags into their own pickup truck "sleighs." Each route and team had a Santa on board, as well as elves to help guide their sleighs to the 430 kids who received

Each year, the Willits Community Christmas Program coordinates with schools, county programs and other agencies to identify and assist families in need to ensure the kids have something to unwrap under the tree Christmas morning. Gifts are provided for free to these families and include anything from clothing to books to bikes to dolls.

Groups met early at the old Rexall building where program coordinator Sandy Turner, her family, and many volunteers had organized, wrapped and sorted the hundreds of gifts to be distributed that morning

Turner, who just completed her 18th year with

"I really want to thank my family especially, for

all the support and help doing this whole project for all these years," explained Turner. "The hours and hours of their help made it possible for me to do this for as long as I have.'

While Turner's great-grandaughter, Viviana, now 3-1/2, shows the makings of a head elf some years from now, Turner is hoping that someone else can help coordinate the families, shop for presents, track and replenish the tags on the trees, and do all the other facets of the program that allow it to be such a success each year.

"Viviana was such a help this year," laughed Turner. "This year, she learned to use scissors, and I can't even tell you how many of those presents she wrapped!'

Viviana was also a greeter to many of the folks who stopped by the building. Turner noted that the Main Street frontage really increased the awareness and participation of the general public who came by to inquire, share stories, drop off donations, and get a little more insight into how the program works.

"Hearing the stories of the families, seeing many of them again each year, watching the kids grow.... It's a wonderful part of heading up this program," said Turner. "But I'm sure I'll be back to help wrap and help out next year, indeed!

If you are interested in learning more about the the program, is now looking to program or how you can help it continue for years pass the torch to another head to come, contact Turner at 490-8872.





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both his parents injured.

The fire may have been

started by a propane-

the Mendocino County

Chief John Thomen.

mother had stepped out

the RV with their father.

mother, Tasheena Odom,

sheriff's reports the two

toddlers were asleep

Odom said she had

gone to get the boys'

watched television when

[14-month-old Jayden],

breakfast while

on fire.

Jacoby.

Little

when the fire broke out.

According

Mendocino

space heater,

fueled

ongoing.

containing the fire by 9:28 am and controlling it by 9:37 am, the fire department spokesman

Sheriff's Office says, Firefighters remained but the investigation is at the scene until 11:57

The fire erupted at about Jacoby's body was 8:54 am in a recreational found inside the RV. vehicle in the 22000

Jayden suffered burns block of Eastside Road, over approximately 40 according to Little Lake percent of his body and Fire Department Deputy is being treated for "firstand second-degree burns to his arms and back in County the intensive care unit Sheriff's Captain Greg at Sacramento Shriner's Patten, deputies Hospital," according to a were told the family's family member.

Leroy Odom is being of the RV briefly while her treated for "first-, secondsons were asleep inside and third-degree burns to his face, arms. and However, the boys' chest," according to a GoFundMe site was set in a message posted on up for the family. social media disputes

Tasheena Odom suffered less severe

"While the investigation suggests a propane space heater may have been the cause of the fire," Van Patten her husband, Leroy, ran out to tell her the RV was said, "the investigation into the cause of the fire is still ongoing."

Both parents entered "This family is torn apart their burning home to try by a tragic fire that has to rescue their children. left them homeless and in Van Patten said. They despair mourning for their "were able to rescue little angel," according to the GoFundMe site. "The but were driven back by fire left them with a total the heat of the rapidly growing fire" and unable loss of everything." reach 2-year-old

As of Wednesday, the

make any kind of donation

in Willits. The Odoms'

4-year-old daughter Ciara

needs clothes (size 4-5T)

and shoes (size 11 girls)

fund to raise money for Jacoby Odom's funeral Lake Department units arrived expenses has reached \$7,705. To donate online, at 9:04 am to find the RV "fully involved, and flames search www.gofundme. spreading to a one-room com for "Jacoby Odom." building next to the home Those seeking to help and a nearby fifth-wheel may donate clothes, or

trailer.' Flames damaged both at the Sherwood Valley the fifth-wheeler and the Tribal Center located at small building, as well as 190 Sherwood Hill Drive two nearby vehicles.

A total of 17 firefighters, including two chiefs, used three LLFD engines, a water tender, and a while Jayden will need Howard Forest CalFire 18-24-month-size clothes engine to battle the blaze, and size 8 boys shoes.

The rest of Timberland

to live in, so that said a lot." Roy Branscomb "grew up

in Laytonville with the best set of parents in the world. I had a terrific childhood were problems in the world, and everything was cool at home." And then he regales us with 10 pages of magical Dos Rios, Leggett Valley, Woodman Canyon, Island Mountain and elsewhere in Mendocino County

Sharon Branscomb Adkins shares stories about her Grandpa Bill Rathjens' sense of humor. He was a skilled builder, and he built their house with just a handsaw, hand plane, level, nails and hammer. He worked without blueprints or plan. He jokingly told the kids: "I cut it off twice, and it's still too short."

One of my favorite contributors is the feisty Mary Branson Burkowski. whose entry is titled "Fiercely Independent." There are no rose-colored glasses here. Mary says, "I learned at an early age to defend my mother and myself when we weren't being treated right." Her father had a serious problem with drinking and physical abuse. "He hit me one time when I was older, and I literally beat the hell out of him. My parents lived life the same as the life they were raised in. It was a rough life.... My sister was a prissy-

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she could have done some good; but she didn't... "I think living in the timber

community taught us more about survival than anything because I didn't realize there else, because it taught us if we were too wimpy, we wouldn't make it.... Going back to remember my childhood and growing up is fishing and hunting trips in not something I ever really wanted to do, as it was not the happiest part of my life. But it is OK to look at now because I have grown far beyond the pain."

> greatly appreciate this book. It is replete with humanity, both the beauty and the pain. Kudos to Karen Branscomb Milam for an excellent job of compiling and editing. The 75 stories keep their individual perspective, but Milam's deft hand at editing makes every entry smooth and enjoyable

"Timberland Treasures." a hefty 600-page paperback volume priced at \$35, is available in Willits at The Book Juggler, the Mendocino County Museum Gift Shop. Brown's Corner, Persico's Eel River Fuels, and the Howard Memorial Hospital Gift Shop. The book can be purchased at numerous outlets in Laytonville and north, or by messaging "Karen Branscomb" on

Editor's Note: This book review was originally written for the Roots of Motive Power newsletter.

Ortner

ers. Ortner provides mental health services for adults.

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Initially, former Mendocino County Chief Medical Officer Marvin Trotter addressed supervisors during the public comment period of the meeting. Trotter's appearance was to introduce Ace Barash. MD. who works in the Howard Memorial Hospital emergency room. Barash read a two-page letter signed by more than 50 doctors, nurses, psychiatrists and other Mendocino County medical professionals.

In the letter, Barash claimed Ortner was concentrating too much on placing people with serious mental health issues - those considered to be a danger to themselves or to others – in company-owned out-of-county treatment facilities, while not paying enough attention to providing early treatment to those suffering from mental illness.

Under Ortner, Barash said: "The availability of local mental health services for the patients of our county has deteriorated markedly: outpatient and day treatment, respite care, and necessary local programs. This is definitely not better than previously.

"Studies have shown," Barash continued, "that patients treated earlier may be prevented from arriving at the level of dangerous intensity, i.e., the 5150 level, by 97 percent. That is, only three percent of those dealt with early progress to 'danger to self and to others.' This has been widely recognized in recommended provision of best medical

Barash also criticized how Ortner interacts with local providers

"There has been friction and disagreement between the managing group and our own facilities that seems to highlight their status as an outsider," he said. "This has escalated to a level of a lack of trust and confidence in providing mental health services. This is a very serious aspect in the deterioration of our local mental health services, the lack of collegiality and collaboration between Ortner and our own providers.

"Availability of talent and heart abounds in local residents who might potentially be providing Mendocino ter to discuss County mental health care," Barash continued. "We have a lot of available resources. These are, unfortunately, beginning to atrophy due to the palpable lack of inspiration which currently predominates the mood of services.

'We healthcare providers of Men- board members docino County feel it is still within our agreed with Mcreach to develop a mental health care Cowen.

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pm. Projects are subject to disposal if not picked

County Mendocino Science Fair Qualifier Projects will be chosen in grades 3 through 12. Those students or classes will be eligible to participate at the County Mendocino Science Fair, which will be held at Mendocino College on Saturday, March 12.

you have any questions about the Willits Science Fair, please call Sharon Hanna, Science Fair coordinator, at 459-4116 or sharonhanna@ willitsunified.com.

- submitted by Sharon Hanna for the Willits Science Fair

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up that glove, use the fear

to fuel you to new heights, and propel yourself towards the challenges of 2016. Cast your old self into the fire, and discover that you will rise from the ashes transformed. Suzanne Wagner is a professional psychic who teaches the intuitive arts throughout the United States. She

singers, to Lori and Kathy of Ardella's for the wonderful venue, to Sparetime Supply for the box truck, and to all those who helped make the is the author of "Integral Tarot" and event a great success and a "Integral Numerology," which can be found on Amazon.com. For more sweet beginning to Christmas information: visit www.suzwagner.com week 2015.

Don Fiers.

Coconut Cookies made by

Everyone enjoyed listening

to the carols and songs of

Nancy New, Devon Jones and

Willits Weekly gives a huge

thank you to all who baked,

attended and voted, to the

Damian Sebouhian.

system of which we can be proud that would also be within the reach of our budget. However, if we continue on the current trajectory, we don't believe this can ever be achieved?

Barash gave the letter to the deputy clerk of the board to pass on supervisors. Mental health advocate Sonya Nesch provided Willits Weekly a list of persons who signed Barash's statement, including Willits area providers Jeremiah Dawson, MD; William Bowen, MD; Mills Matheson, MD; Angus Matheson, MD; Elizabeth Whipkey-Olson. DO: Carla Longchamp, MD: Monte Lieberfarb. MD; Michael Medvin, MD; Bruce Andich. MD: Tedd Dawson, MD: John Glyer, MD; Kim Faucher, MD; and Charles Hott, MD

Nesch provided documentation claiming the number of 5150s has increased dramatically in recent years in Mendocino County. She said that in 2013, 145 people were arrested and detained on a 5150 charge; in 2015 that number had climbed to more than 400.

Sheriff Allman, who spoke next, told supervisors he thought "mental health is the No. 1 public safety concern in Mendocino County," and repeated his call that the county fund construction of a mental health hospital.

Allman also noted privatization hasn't worked out too well. "I don't believe we would have gone down this road [of the privatization of mental health services] if we could have seen the kinds of problems that we've been having now.'

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse asked that the issue of Ortner Management Group's performance be placed on the board's agenda for its January 5 meeting. However, Supervisor John McCowen said the board was scheduled to hear a report by the Kem-

per Consulting Group on the strengths and weaknesses of the county's mental health system early in the year, and it would be bet-Ortner's performance on the same day the board hears that

The

The rest of Cookies From Page 3

report.

Jessica Koehler, Tam Adams and Tom Allman, selected Lisa von Schlegell's Aunt Polly's Munchins as the Judges' Choice winner, and the public voted Kathryn Sterngold's Jo's Lemon Snowflake Cookies as

the People's Choice winner. Other entries included Christmas Blues cookies made by Joey Lorenzi, Chocolate Christmas Mice submitted by Roxie, Koulirakia submitted by Evelyn Fisher of Nikos Gyro Shop, Yummy years ago. Shortbread made by Jennifer According to the mayor, the city has selected Sookne, Brown Butter Oatmeal and Triple Chocolate Chip made by Tina Shull of

J.D. Redhouse, Sugar and in December. Butter Almond Cookies and Noni Bello's Biscotti made by Elaine Mancini, and Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Almond

Burton acknowledged the opening of the Willits bypass may affect local businesses.

community and facilitate projects which improve the quality of life in this community, especially in terms of jobs.'

ongoing priority he has as mayor: determining how to best move forward with what he called "the under-utilized industrial property in town."

"To me it always remains a priority project, to revitalize our community.'

describing the Main Street corridor project as "a tremendous opportunity for our community," adding: "I want to stay focused on getting it

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assed girl. She was a grown-

up, and if she had wanted,

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booked into Mendocino County iail. Bail was set at \$120,000.

At about 6:30 am on December 30, deputies answered a domestic violence call at a business in the 44000 block of North Highway 101 in Laytonville. California.

They discovered a woman hiding in a restroom, who claimed she had been physically assaulted by her boyfriend.

The woman received medical aid at the scene and was subsequently transported by Laytonville Ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits where she was treated for a broken nose and a right eye orbital fracture. She was later eleased.

Searching the area the business around discovered the woman's boyfriend, 25-year-old Trevor Traphagen of Shasta City.

Traphagen was arrested on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a dating partner and booked into the Mendocino County jail. Bail was

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At the beginning of the meeting, Orenstein nominated Burton to serve as the city's mayor for another year: Councilman Larry Stranske seconded the nomination; and the council voted in favor, 4-0, with Councilwoman Holly Madrigal

Burton then nominated Orenstein for another year as vice mayor. Councilwoman Madge Strong seconded the motion, and the council voted in favor 3-1, with Councilman Stranske

"The relinquishment of North Main Street [by Caltrans] to the community is a big event, Burton said during a recent interview with Willits Weekly. "There's not only the redesigning of Main Street, there's also the [concerns about] the integrity of the two bridges we'll be inheriting back from Caltrans, the one on Mill Creek and the other on Baechtel.'

Each of the bridges are over 100 years old and likely will require some work.

"The agreements [with Caltrans] are in place," said Burton. "It's the fine print we have to pay attention to this next year.

Burton cited recent successful projects the city has completed.

"We've modernized the wastewater plant; we've built a backup water system for drought relief," Burton said. "We have a brand-new hospital and a new medical clinic. Some of our core infrastructure projects have put the City of Willits in a better place than [where it was] five

a preferred candidate from the five design and engineering teams that submitted proposals for the Main Street Corridor Enhancement Project "It's on the council's agenda this next week,"

said Burton. "And it will be discussed and dealt with during the next council meeting."

"We need to be responsive to the business

As part of this goal, Burton added another

He stressed optimism for the coming year,

or call her at 707-354-1019.

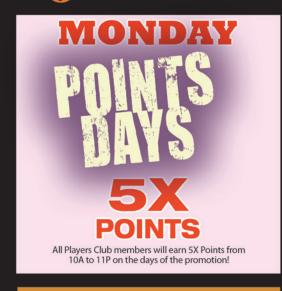
JANUARY 2016 CALENDAR

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January 2, 9 and 16





WEDNESDAY

Part #1 3X Points (9A - 3P)

Hot Seat Drawings 10A to 3P - Two random winners/hour for \$50 Free Play/winner.

Part #2

winners/hour for \$100 Free Play/winner.

Bonus Drawing

Part #1 or Part #2 times.

10 points/entry

(points earned on specific Wednesday only)

Drawing Time between 10:30P - 10:45P for \$600 Cash



\$100 GAME

11AM, 12PM & 1PM

\$200 GAME **7PM & 8PM**

Early Session

Registration starts at 12P - Tournament Starts at 2P 40 Points redeemed (points must be earned on the particular Saturday)

Limited space available **3 Minute Tournament**

4th through 6th Place

1st Place \$150 Cash 2nd Place \$100 Cash 3rd Place \$50 Cash

Evening Session

Registration starts at 7P - Tournament starts at 9P 80 Points redeemed (points must be earned on the particular Saturday) Limited space available

> 1st Place 2nd Place

\$25 Free Play (each)

3 Minute Tournament \$300 Cash \$200 Cash

\$100 Cash



\$50 Free Play

Saturday Night Bingo **January 23 & 30**

Bingo at 8P for \$150 Cash, 9P for \$200 Cash, 10P for \$300 Cash & 11P for \$400 cash for each game winner. Players Club members may receive one Bingo card after earning 40 points during each specific

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 7P for the 8P game, and immediately after each finished game to receive a card for the following game.

If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

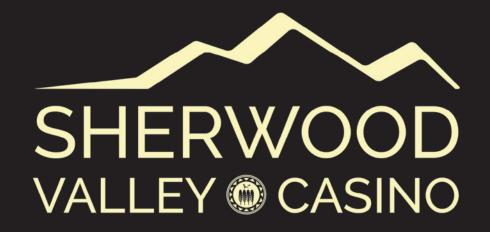
Players Club members that earn minimally 40 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club). Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be;

\$10 Free Play \$20 Free Play

\$75 Free Play \$100 Free Play \$20 Cash \$50 Cash \$100 Cash

Customers may receive only one Scratch Card each Sunday for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2A on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account.

Management reserves all rights to cancel or alter any promotion with little or no notice.



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