

### Motion to dismiss bypass suit denied

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U.S. District Court Judge Jeffrey White on January 23 denied a motion by the California Department of Transportation to dismiss a lawsuit brought against the state agency by the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and Round Valley Indian Tribes.

The tribes filed suit in 2015 against both Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration, alleging that in building the Willits bypass Caltrans had violated federal law concerning protection of Native American cultural and historical sites.

In their legal action, the

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Par course for Haehl Creek Trail OK'd

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A "Fit-Trail" par course soon be installed will adjacent to the Haehl Creek Trail, after the Willits City Council last week



#### February is Dental Month for humans and animals

Dental hygiene is important, whether it's your canines or your canine's canines! February is the month dedicated to awareness of the importance of teeth and gum maintenance and preventative measures to ensure peanut brittle - or a

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com peanut butter dog cookie are enjoyed with ease.

Like humans, dogs and cats can experience build-up,

decay and bacteria on their teeth and under their gums, and sometimes a more extensive exam is required to help treat problem areas.

Annual exams are important, as veterinarians do check the overall health of the mouth, but sometimes with shy or hesitant animals, a full under-anesthesia dental exam is needed to really get a good look and allow the vet to treat any problems properly.



At top: Roxie the German shepherd tolerates an at-home ubbing of her gums and chompers.

### Signage resolution headed to Caltrans

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The Willits City Council unanimously adopted resolution during а last week's meeting to authorize and request from Caltrans the installation of six new directional signs to be located on Highway 101 and Route 20.

According to City Planner Dusty Duley, "Caltrans regulations require a city [to] adopt a resolution" in order for such signs to be installed.

After the resolution passed, Duley said city staff plans to meet with Caltrans again to formally request "two exit signs, two smaller off-ramp signs and

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Local businesses targeted with

**ADA** lawsuits Damian Sebouhian

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An attorney has "been targeting local businesses for ADA [Adults with Disabilities Act] noncompliance," City Manager Adrienne Moore told the Willits City Council during last week's meeting,

unanimously approved the installation as part of grant-funded project а awarded to the Nutritional Services Department at Howard Memorial Hospital by Adventist Health.

The project must be completed by June 30.

"It was an innovative grant we requested through Adventist Health corporate, and part of that is an outreach to forge the path towards a healthier future in our communities," said Kyle Evans, director of

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#### Storm tops Grist Creek site

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The storm that hit California on January 10 caused Outlet Creek to overtop the embankment at the site of Grist Creek Aggregates, а rock processing and asphalt plant approved by the board of supervisors in April 2015 after a cursory environmental review.

Andrew Watson, field office chief of the Ukiah office of the U.S. Geological Survey, said the January 10 storm was not that rare an event. Flow measurements taken on the Main Fork of

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Some things to look for if you are concerned about your pet's dental health are bad breath, broken or loose teeth, pain or bleeding from the mouth, swelling in areas surrounding the mouth, or excessive tartar build-up.

Build-up on the teeth is common, and often is where bacteria lives, veterinarians say. The bacteria can even work its way into the bloodstream and cause heart problems in some cases. Another common problem with pets is with abscesses; roots can start to decay and create pockets under the gum line, which usually requires tooth extraction or removal.

Using anesthesia in these cases allows for safe fingers for the examiner, and the chance to get everything taken care of at one time: exam, cleaning, and extraction, if needed.

> Read the rest of Over on Page 6 Teeth

Above: Poultry-flavored toothpaste! Yum!

Below: Pretty good for a home cleaning, but Roxie will be ready for an in-depth dental exam and cleaning soon.

Photos by Maureen Moore





## **Runaway SUV smashes into tire center**

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"I would have been dead meat," Raymond Thomas told Willits Weekly moments after an SUV crashed through the Les Schwab building on Main Street around 8:30 am last Thursday, January 26.

Thomas had come to Les Schwab for a routine tire rotation, and was sitting at one of the circular tables near the entrance, when he got a sudden craving for coffee.

"I got the cup of coffee, and I was up and stirring it when the truck came and crashed over the table and chairs where I was sitting. I would have been crushed. This coffee saved my life."

The driver of the SUV had suffered a medical emergency, "which ended up being the cause of the accident," said WPD Sgt. Kevin Leef. "He was taken by ambulance to Howard Hospital."

Other agencies responding to the accident included the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and Little Lake Fire Department.

"It was so fast and loud, I didn't have much time to react," said Les Schwab manager Ken Kirby. "I'm just thankful nobody got hurt or seriously Above: A gushing plume of water where a fire injured."

Read the rest of Crash



hydrant used to be floods onto Main Street. Before responders came to turn it off, the water was spraying some 30 feet into the air.

While Moore refrained from going into specifics of who the attorney is and what businesses he's been targeting in her report, Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman highlighted the danger of local businesses facing threats of litigation, using recent precedent as an example.

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#### Housing dominates mental health meeting

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Housing for mental health patients was at the top of the agenda during January 23's joint meeting of the board of supervisors and Behavioral Health Recovery Services Advisory Board.

Michael Pallesen of the Rural Community Housing Development Corporation told the two committees his organization that has found a likely site to construct a 30- to 40-unit, single-residency apartment complex the Ukiah Valley.

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#### Not in partnership with ACNA

#### To the Editor:

The column "Cannabis as Medicine" in last week's edition

of Willits Weekly by U Joi Sandhu, physician assistant, recommended and supported the Emerald Pharms Dispensary at the Solar Living Center in Hopland to be a dispensary to visit for those interested in medical cannabis.

Her column was signed: "This column is written in collaboration with the Mendocino County Cannabis Nurses Association." I need to state that the column was in no way a partnership between Joi and the Mendocino ACNA. Joi's finished draft of her column was never presented to me to view prior to submission to Willits Weekly.

The nationwide American Cannabis Nurses Association (ACNA) does not or will not promote individual businesses in the cannabis industry. They do, however, promote licensed nurses working in dispensaries. Their main purpose is to educate nurses about medical cannabis and to create a Drawing class seeks models credentialed sub-specialty in cannabis nursing that will be recognized by the American Nurses Association.

As of now, cannabis practitioners are few and far between, and nurses stand to fill that gap. This type of specialized education is paramount for the safety and advocacy for all patients.

> Janice Cinek, RN, representative for the Mendocino County American Cannabis Nurses Association, Willits

#### Water main flushing

#### To the Editor:

On February 6, 2017, 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 February 27 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 459-7104 or City Hall at 459-4601.

Cathy Moorhead, city clerk, City of Willits

#### Disappointed in supervisors

#### To the Editor:

A letter sent to Governor Jerry Brown, re: the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors endorsement of John Pinches for Third District supervisor:

#### Dear Governor Brown:

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

It is true that Pinches is the only one of the pool who has supervisorial experience. Yet two others, Holly Madrigal and Ellen Drell, have been very involved in county governmental affairs for years and would also be able to enter into county policy discussions and decisions quickly and intelligently.

Supervisor Dan Hamburg seems to have endorsed Pinches to support his colleagues, and Supervisor John McCowen agreed that recommending Pinches "makes sense."

Sense to whom? Not to me. The appointment of Madrigal or Drell makes more sense to me. They can move the board forward, not back in time.

Robin Goldner, Willits

To the Editor:

The Life Drawing class at the Willits Center for the Arts meets weekly, every Thursday from 1 to 4 pm at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

We are seeking models to sit and pose for our group. All body types, ages, and ethnicities are welcome. Models will be compensated for their time.

We also invite local artists to attend this weekly artistic practice. Beginners are encouraged. Contact Devi Doree Chase for more information: 459-6284.

Devi Doree Chase, Willits

Never too late to guit

#### To the Editor:

Did you know that within 20 minutes of smoking that last cigarette, your body begins to feel the changes that continue for years? Within 20 minutes of guitting, your blood pressure and pulse rates go back to normal, and within eight hours your breathing gets better because your carbon monoxide levels drop and oxygen level increases?

In two weeks to three months, your circulation improves, walking becomes easier, and lung function increases up to 30 percent! No matter your age, guitting smoking improves your health. By guitting, you are likely to add years to your life, breathe more easily, have more energy, and save money. You will also lower your risk of cancer, heart attack, stroke and lung disease.

It's never too late to quit smoking, and there's no better time than now. The good news is that Frank R. Howard Oakland Museum exhibit, we too will offer a "Cannabis



Memorial Hospital offers a free What do YOU think? smoking cessation program. "The key to success in quitting smoking is to keep trying," shares Jennifer Barrett, program facilitator at HMH. "The average person makes nine attempts before they are successful as a

non-smoker. So with every new attempt participants are even more likely to be successful."

Accredited by the American Lung Association, HMH's fourweek program uses a behavior modification approach that helps smokers develop a personal plan of action to assist in breaking the cycle of addiction and provides strategies to prevent relapse. Smokers learn how to guit before they begin the process. The small group setting encourages participants to work on the process of guitting both individually and as part of a group.

"The good thing about this class is that they can start anytime. It is tailored to each person's needs. And even if a participant misses a week, they can easily get back on track," explains Barrett.

The class is free and meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Summit Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the hospital located at One Marcela Drive in Willits. To register, please call 707-540-4208.

Cici Winiger, marketing & communications manager, HMH

#### Call for cannabis art

To the Editor:

In 2016, the Oakland Museum of California presented an award-winning exhibition called "Altered State: Cannabis in California." In the same year, the people of California voted to end prohibition of the recreational use of cannabis.

As we enter a new era of cannabis in California, what will this mean for the people of Mendocino County? Are the taboos surrounding the role of cannabis in Mendocino County's economy and everyday life truly ready to fall away? What is gained by legalization? What is lost? Most of all, what opportunities now exist to begin more open conversations about cannabis and its place in our lives as Mendocino County residents? And what if we invite these conversations to occur through the lens of art?

The Arts Council of Mendocino County invites Mendocino County artists to submit work for inclusion in an exhibit dedicated to this conversation, "Growing: Art, Life, and Cannabis in Mendocino County."

Work may be submitted in any media, and may include participatory projects that invite viewers to respond or provide immediate feedback. Inspired by the

> Confessional" - a booth where you can anonymously share your personal experiences with cannabis.

Work that is documentary in nature, work that calls stereotypes into question, and work that invites viewers to question their assumptions and provide feedback is particularly welcome.

> The goal of this exhibit is to use art to begin talking with each other about the role of

> > contribute work for

Alyssum Wier, executive

director, Arts Council of

Mendocino County





into Cash Willits Rotary Club's sale nets \$6,000 for

Community Fund

It was a two-load sale this year for the Willits Rotary Club - their annual two-day sale ended up tallying \$6,000 in net profit from not one, but two loads of fresh crab last weekend.

The sale Maureen Moore started strong Graphics & Photographress with 1,500 pounds of live

crabs arriving Friday morning - all which sold out that day.

Willits Rotarian and Willits City Mayor Gerry Gonzalez made a 6 am dash to Fort Bragg on Saturday morning to get another 600 pounds of crab to sell, which also sold out by the time the group closed up at 3 pm later that day.

Between the two days, 50 baskets of crabs were cooked: at 20 crabs per basket, that's about 1,000 crabs.

"It was a great sale, all in all," said Rotarian Bear Kamoroff. "The money we raised from this sale goes into our community fund; usually our fundraisers have specific groups or purposes, but this is the only event which we are able to earn money to be used when Rotary is approached throughout the year to donate to or help support other, non- 2494." planned clubs or groups. This \$6,000 will go a long way this year, allowing us to help out more of the community."

Kamoroff noted Rotary's immense appreciation to Sparetime Supply for their trucks and workers, Pro-Flame for the donation of tanks and fuel, and to Dave Rupe of Sweetwater Station for use of the property for the sale.

In addition to fundraising, Kamoroff noted the fun of the crab sale event also is a great way to get the "faces" of Rotary out and give the public a great idea about who Rotary is and to encourage interactions between club members and the community.

"We'd love to get some new members joining our club –



Above, from left: Tim King hoses down crabs fresh from the steam pots. Shopper Donna Day purchased eight crabs Sunday morning and received help wrapping and bagging from Jolene Carrillo and Rick Williams. King and Carrillo help Day decide which crabs to select. Below: Members of the Saturday morning crab crew: Bear Kamoroff, Dickey Weinkle, Rick Williams, Bruce Burton, Jolene Carrillo, Tom Herman, Jason Korte, Tim King, Jerry Turner and Gerry Gonzalez.



especially some of the younger generation who can help carry the club into the future," said Kamoroff. "If anyone is interested in joining, they're welcome to come to one of our weekly meetings, held on Thursdays at noon at Szechuan Asian Restaurant on East Mendocino. They can also call our president. Denise Rose, for more information at 459-

Next up for the Rotarians is their All-You-Can-Eat Crab Dinner event, which will be held on Friday February 17, at 6 pm at the Willits Community Center. This event will benefit "seniors and seniors," Kamoroff laughed, as the funds raised will be shared between scholarships for high school seniors and the Harrah Senior Center.

There will be a dollar auction and live auction at the dinner, and live music by The Bassics. Tickets are \$50 each and are available at Willits Furniture, Tri-Counties Bank and the Harrah Senior Center. Those interested in buying tickets can also ask any Willits Rotarian or call Ann Alumbaugh at 841-1315 for more information.



I'm writing to express concern and disappointment that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors have unanimously endorsed John Pinches to serve out the four-year term of Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, based on the unproven assumption that he won't run for the position in 2018.

This is an assumption, made by Supervisor Dan Gjerde and Supervisor Carre Brown that will not be proved true for another two years. In an interview with the Mendocino Voice, when asked if he would run in 2018. Pinches said. "I'm not really planning on it, but I wouldn't totally rule it out." He added that his health issues that led to the decision not to run in 2014 were much improved.

#### The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and 3rd District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the 3rd District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once a month.

Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered





cannabis in Mendocino life, in all its diversity, and during this Valentine's Day is coming up, time of transition. Exhibit space and Willits Weekly is once is limited, and works to be again excited to feature photos included will be selected based of the community's loved ones on available space as well as this holiday. their capacity to contribute to a

rich and nuanced conversation. We will print as many photos as we can in the February 9. To learn more about how 2017 edition. to Please email photos to consideration, please visit www.ArtsMendocino.org and willitsweekly@gmail.com, or look under "ACMC NEWS." ext them to 707-972-7047. or pick up entry instructions Also, please include a caption. at 309 East Perkins Street in identifying yourself, as well as

Ukiah. Work may be exhibited those in the photo. First names anonymously at the request of only are OK. the artist. Donations in support An example: of the ACMC's exhibition Happy Valentine's Day to my program are welcome. sweetie [their name] Deadline for entries is May 1, Love, \_[your name]\_\_\_ 2017.

All photos must be submitted by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 at 5 pm.



## Valentine Dinner **Fundraiser**

**Adventist Christian School of Willits** You are invited to 'An Evening to Remember' February 14, 2017 Service Begins at 5:30 p.m. 22751 Bray Road • Willits, CA 95490

The Adventist Christian School gymnasium will become an "Italian Villa" with ambiance, lighting, and décor to make your experience memorable. Menu features a variety of pastas (gluten-free option) and sauces, a full salad bar, and wonderful desserts (desserts and special drinks extra). Advance tickets \$10; at the door \$12. Tickets available at the school or at The Goods Shoppe. Call 459-4333

Far left: Gerry Gonzalez scoops crabs from the steam pot. At left: Bruce Burton and Tom Herman carry live crabs in the boil basket towards the kettles.

Tim King

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Below, from left: Gonzalez shows off some "floaters" - crabs that "escaped" from the boil basket and required a separate scoop to be brought to the sale table. Crabs for sale. Herman gives one crab a pancake toss, catching it back in the scooper basket.



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## Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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How To Sudoku:

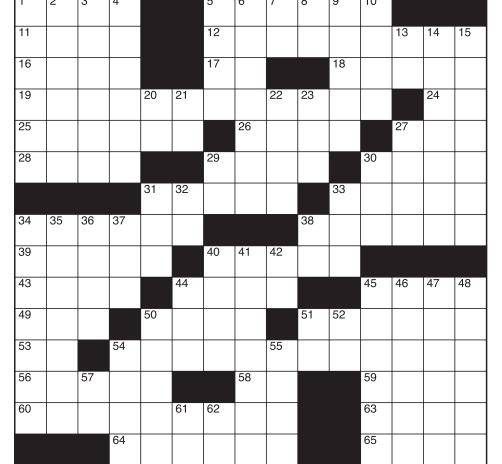
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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# The Big Chief

A down-home 'taste of Louisiana' in Laytonville

Long-time friends and Laytonville residents Matt Paradis, Clay Carpenter and Troy Terrill had a dream: to bring the taste of Louisiana to Mendocino County.

It's been just over a year since Big Damian Sebouhian Chief opened its doors for business, and according to Paradis, the reception of the damian@willitsweekly.com local Laytonville community has "been

beyond anything we could have expected. People have been very kind to us, and business picked up a lot faster than we thought it would."

After tasting any one of the establishment's menu items or partaking from the constantly revolving beer and wine selections, the success of Big Chief comes as no surprise. With fresh, uniquely flavored, and incredibly tasty food and drinks, Big Chief offers something for everyone, from the meat lover, to the vegetarian, to those with strict gluten-free diets, including gluten-free beer and regionally crafted kombucha.

In addition, all the pork and beef are regionally sourced

has a small farm [called Persnickety Farms]. Most of the pork we serve Matt Paradis, at left. comes from there. We're bringing the style of food that we grew up eating and learned to cook at home here to our neighborhood, utilizing some of the ingredients we can get a hold of locally. All of our beef comes from Covelo Naturals. Most of our fish is Fort Bragg-caught. We have a captain that we work directly with; we take the fish right off his boat. We ship in some of our seafood from the south because Gulf shrimp are irreplaceable in my opinion. It's all about making the personal connections."

One special that was served last week was a fried pork sandwich - the meat having been harvested earlier that day - which included the flavorings of sage, oregano, basil, parsley, thyme "and lemon zest, which brightens it up and gives it a freshness I'm really happy with,' Paradis exclaimed.

While most of the food is predominantly Cajun in nature, Paradis said he has been gleaning recipes influenced by other cuisine types.

"A lot of the sausages we make are very German and Italian-inspired," said Paradis. "With a lot of the specials that we do, we've been leaning towards Asian flavors lately. We've done what I think of as a killer item called Cajun Baha; it's fried alligator tossed in an Asian chili sauce, and we make it like a Southern California Baha taco. The daily special is our chance to put things in front of people that they don't usually see. Our fixed menu items are our signature items, like Shrimp Po Boy. It's

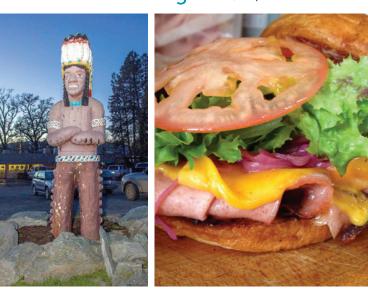
> Read the rest of Over on Page 13 **Big Chief**





At top, from left: Co-owner Matt Paradis. The Big Chief Smokehouse in Laytonville. Bartender Cody Hemsworth entertains at the bar, Above: Daft Punk's beverages on tap include rotating craft beers, cider, wine, kombucha and "nitro iced coffee." "We try to buy as much as we can locally," Paradis said. "My wife Below: The late afternoon crowd at the Big Chief, including, center, Willits Weekly reporter Damian Sebouhian interviewing







the twilight. From far left: Some of the food offerings at the Big Chief including, from left: hot mortadella and cheddar on brioche, Persnicketv porchetta, and chili-glazed gator tacos. Photos courtesv or The Big Chief and Daft Punk Facebook page, /ww.facebook.com

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#### The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 144 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

#### Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

#### January 23

10:32 am: Officers responded to a reported vandalism to a vehicle in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

11:54 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1500 block of South Main Street, where they contacted HAKE, Chad (28) of Willits. Officers placed Hake under arrest for revoked probation and resisting/delaying a police officer.

7:40 pm: Officers responded to a call about a shooting in the area of the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue. No further action was taken.

#### January 24

6:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

#### January 25

7:22 am: Officers initiated a stolen vehicle recovery in the area of North Street and Pine Street.

6:42 pm: Officers assisted a citizen reporting a vehicle theft.



## WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT — **POLICE LOG**

#### January 23 to January 29 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

8:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:29 pm: Officers initiated a traffic stop in the area of Della Avenue and Meadowbrook Drive. FLORES, Anselmo S. (37) of Bakersfield was placed under arrest pursuant to 14601.2 (Suspended License), 23152(A) (Driving Under the Influence), 23152(B) (Driving with BAC .08 or higher), and 23575 VC (Ignition Interlock Device).

#### January 26

8:27 am: Officers responded to a vehicle collision into a building the 1500 block of South Main Street. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

8:39 am: Officers responded to a report of a truck blocking the roadway at the intersection of North Main Street and Sherwood Road. The driver, COUTHREN, Joseph (44) of Willits, a fugitive from justice, was arrested and booked into the

Mendocino County Jail. 9:46 am: Officers responded to a

Joseph Couthren report of illegal camping in the 10 block of California Street.

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4:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of someone sleeping in the bushes and illegally camping in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

6:25 pm: Officers responded to a reported assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:56 pm: Officers initiated a hit and run investigation in the 200 block of Holly Street.

9:38 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 10 block of Holly Street. Officers contacted LOCKETT, William Jeffrey (46) of Willits and placed him under arrest pursuant to misdemeanor 273.5 PC (Domestic Violence), violation of a protective order, and felony probation revoked.

#### January 27

7:55 pm: Officers initiated an investigation of a reported theft in the 300 block of Railroad Avenue.

#### January 28

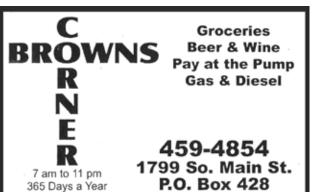
12:50 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Margie Drive where they contacted GLANDERS, Chad Michael (25) of Willits, and placed him under arrest pursuant to 1203 PC (Violation of Probation).

#### January 29

365 Days a Year

9:03 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:05 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.





Below, from left: A selection of brewed beverages. Specialty wines line the wall. "Cee Bass," a happy regular.



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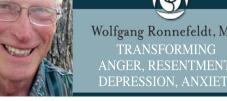




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COUNSELING WITH REFLECTION BRINGS CLARITY AND HEALING

Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, M.A.



Above: Little Lake Fire Department Chief Carl Magann, at right, surveys the damage to the of the Les administered. Schwab building. "An

The rest of From Page 1 Crash

"You could hear everything before it damage, said Thomas. happened." said Thomas. "It sounded like a rumbling train and the next thing we heard hadn't lodged under the truck, it would was the glass." have kept going," said Thomas. "He would

Witnesses from across the street have taken out two other vehicles." reported seeing the vehicle, driving north on Main Street, suddenly swerve off the road, bulldoze the fire hydrant in front of Washeteria, continue at 45 to 50 mph through the Napa Auto Parts parking lot, then hit Les Schwab

"The truck came through and hit a battery rack; it swerved through the north entrance and into the parking lot, where it spun 180 degrees and stopped," Thomas said. "We went over and the driver had a big gash in his head and was slumped at the wheel. We didn't want to move him or anything, but we checked his pulse, and he was alive.

"I was thinking diabetic coma, seizure, something like that. I worked as a paramedic vears ago, and I have a background in the medical profession. My main concern was him."

The vehicle could have done more the roadway.



Teeth | From Page 1 The rest of

basic blood work performed (complete

blood count, chemistry, thyroid level, if

indicated)," Eisenstein said. "The

labs are reviewed before the pet

intravenous

endotracheal

injection," Eisenstein continued. "Dogs"

toenails are trimmed, the ears are checked,

being used to remove the plaque just like

is placed,

is given pre-anesthetic

sedation. After the pet

is calm and relaxed,

and then anesthesia is

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catheter

Dr. Chana Eisenstein of East Hill specific toothbrushes are available, as are Veterinary Clinic noted standard special supporting products like poultryprocedure for dental visits: "Each dog flavored toothpaste. and cat presenting for dental cleaning has

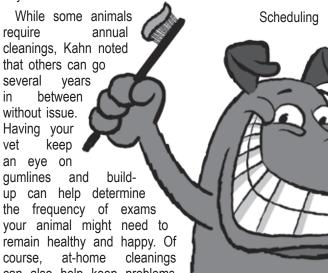
Toothbrushes for pets are different than human brushes; they are soft and angled to assist with brushing the back teeth. Finger brushes are also available, as are single-use wipes. Pairing pet-specific toothpastes with the special brushes is also important, as human toothpastes often contain highfoaming detergents that should not be swallowed or inhaled by dogs. Pet-specific gels and oral rinses can also be used to help with oral care.

Chew toys and treats are another useful at-home care method; anti-tartar chews and biscuits are available at vets offices and pet store. Adding peanut butter to a chew toy can help encourage interest and initial palatability to encourage play (and chew!) time.

For pets, chewing on real bones can be more detrimental than beneficial. Eisenstein noted one of the most common problems in oral hygiene is dogs coming in and then the dental begins. The teeth and with broken or chipped teeth from chewing gums are charted and evaluated. The cleaning consists of an ultrasonic scaler on rocks or bones.

> "The American Veterinary Dental College does not recommend cow hooves, dried natural bones or hard nylon products," said Eisenstein. "They are too hard, and do not mimic the effect of a dog tearing meat off a carcass. Also remember to always supervise your pets while they are chewing on a toy or treat."

Help set your pup up for dental success by having their teeth checked, brush often at home with a pet-approved system, give them tasty, safe toys and treats to chew on, and make sure to keep an eye on anything in their mouth that looks abnormal, red,



## 'The Elk in the Valley'

Wildlife observer Doug Brown captured a beautiful moment with his camera last week – a little break in the rain and about 20 elk grazing in the north end of Little Lake Valley. Brown said he took the photos around 10 am on January potatoes and gravy lunch for Edie, 23. "There were over 20 or more elk on the east side of Highway 101 because of the water," he said. "These photos were taken from the county road around join her at the event, which starts at 10 am - no rain and bright sky fog in the hills east of here."

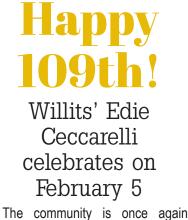


At top: Female elks known as "cows," listen attentively. Above: A bull elk walks by the wetlands. Photos by Doug Brown

> **Furry Friends** Hoping for a Home Mighty Bullwinkle

Lap-dog alert! Bullwinkle is a 6-year-old Chihuahua mix, and he's ready to crawl into your arms! Surrendered to us with his two sisters, this adorable boy is looking for a home with lots of treats, a fenced yard to play in, and a lap to nap in for the rest of his days. Bullwinkle gets along with other small dogs, and would do best in a home without small children.

If you'd like to learn more about Bullwinkle, give us a call at 707-485-0123. check www.mendohumanesocietv.com. or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.



invited to come celebrate with Willits' oldest resident. Edith Recagno Keenan Ceccarelli, who will turn 109 on February 5.

The Harrah Senior Center will be hosting a baked chicken, mashed and everyone is encouraged to come 11:30 am.

Special cupcakes and a cake have been ordered from Phil Roland. also.

In prep for the festivities, Edie will be getting her hair done and a manicure and pedicure with family and friend, Evelyn Persico.

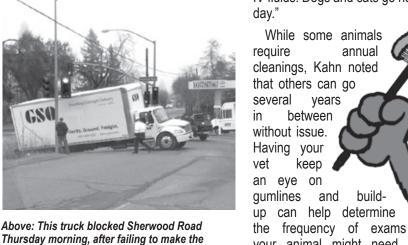
The balloon saved from Edie's 100th birthday will get its annual modification, the 8 from last year has been updated to a 9 in preparation for this year. Persico joked: "I keep playing it forward year after year, it's fun to update it and keep having it to celebrate with her!' Last year, well-wishers filled the

center, and parking lined both sides of Baechtel Road. Edie hopes to see everyone again this year, too! - Maureen Moor

## **Stunning Charlie**

Attention, herding dog lovers! This stunning dog loves to play tennis ball fetch - with gusto! Charlie is a 2-year-old male who currently weighs 44 pounds. Charlie is friendly and happy. During his evaluation, he did well with Oliver – a large, fluffy male dog – and also with another small dog. Charlie gives kisses, and he already knows "sit," "down," and "fetch."

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. Many wonderful dogs and cats, await their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit online at : www.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. "Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month -February 14 this month - for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!" For more information about adoptions please call 707-467-6453.



remain healthy and happy. Of course, at-home cleanings can also help keep problems from developing. Dog- and cat-

tube is placed in the airway and a Doppler blood pressure monitor, pulse-oximeter are placed to monitor oxygen saturation, pulse, blood pressure, and temperature. The dog or cat is wrapped in a Hot Dogger [a warm air blanket] to maintain body

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temperature, and intravenous Les Schwab employees and other fluids are started. volunteers acted quickly to clear the area, and the tire center was open for business "Antibiotic and pain medications are administered

the next day. "I'm glad we had a great crew to clean up

"If that battery rack and the rack of rims

and great people in place to board up the store and service our customers and our community," said Kirby. At about the same time Thursday morning, a full-size box truck heading southbound on Main Street tried to take a right turn up Sherwood Road at the light,

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hairpin turn.

but couldn't negotiate the hairpin turn. The infection, are extracted. truck, tilted, blocked both turn lanes - north and south - to go up Sherwood Road for a

extractions have been performed." couple of hours, requiring traffic control and Eisenstein said, "a polisher is used to backing up traffic. According to the scanner, smooth any micro-abrasions left by the the first tow truck dispatched wasn't big scaler. After this, fluoride is applied to the enough, but at 10:40 am, a bigger tow teeth and then removed [fluoride is toxic to truck was able to move the truck, clearing

the rest of the day sleeping and receiving

inflamed or otherwise painful.

Animal

veterinarians can be done by calling direct: Willits Hospital, 459-6723, is located at 20000 Hollands Lane at the south end of Willits, and East Hill

## IV fluids. Dogs and cats go home the same While some animals cleanings, Kahn noted that others can go gumlines and buildup can help determine

Photo by John Wagenet At left: Customer Raymond Thomas demonstrates what he was doing when the truck crashed

when humans have their teeth cleaned. Any teeth that are dead, broken, decayed or which have suffered gum recession or "After the teeth are clean and all

dogs and cats if swallowed]. The dog or cat then recovers from anesthesia, and spends

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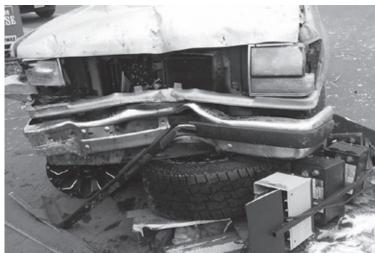
Veterinary Clinic, 459-5236, is located at 1200 East

Hill Road in

the Willits valley.







Below: The severely damaged truck with the tire and battery rack it dragged from the store. Below: The path of damage from the SUV. Notice the fire hydrant on the ground, at center left. Photos by Damian Sebouhian

Schwab's lobby.





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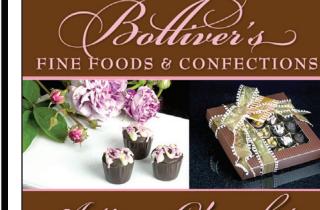
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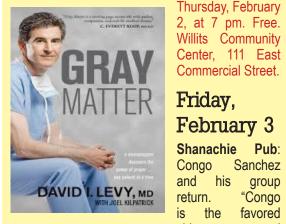
#### Thursday, February 2

Free Positive Parenting Group: "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting" free classes are parental guidance workshops for parents of children ages 4-12, and they will take place once a week for seven weeks, Thursday mornings, 9 to Saturday, 10:30 am, at Brookside Elementary School, Room 25. Open to all families with children in the Willits Unified School District. Breakfast is included. Thursday meetings: February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9. Info: Jackie Herz, 459-3232.

Help with Taxes & Financial Planning: "Taxes and financial planning for your future should not be stressful and definitely should not be avoided.... If you are one of those people who fear this time of year, join Nicholas Casagrande of NC Financial (and real estate columnist for Willits Weekly) for a low-stress, even 'fun' conversation around why it is good, as well as important, to work with an accountant and financial adviser." Thursday, February 2, starting at 5:15 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free admission; light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP by emailing pamela@ ncfinancialgroup.com, or calling 415-819-6934.

Willits High School Boys **Basketball Home Game: Willits** versus Kelseyville at WHS gym. JV game begins at 5:30 pm (coach James Arms); varsity game begins at 7 pm (coach Brandon Norbury).

"Stressed Out: Overcoming Stress in the Modern World": Frank Howard Memorial Hospital presents a free talk by neurosurgeon Dr. David Levy, author of "Gray Matter: A Neurosurgeon Discovers the Power of Prayer ... One Patient at a Time." Dr. Levy, who specializes in the treatment of brain aneurysms and other diseases of the blood vessels of the brain, including stroke, breaks down the reasons behind stress, its causes, effects and why one should keep stress under control, with simple stragies to lower your stress levels.



sideman producer for dance bands and world music ensembles. Musically, he explores downtempo,

Commercial Street.

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overtones." Friday, February 3, at 9 pm. \$7 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

reggae mzcla with hip-hop

February 4 Sip Some Soup: The annual fun-time soup competition Sip Some Soup" will be held

Saturday, February 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. The goal of this event is to raise money to feed the hungry in our community. There will be soups to taste and judge Emandal Bread and iam to eat, desserts from the Seventh Day Adventist Church and a silent auction. Cost to attend this charity fundraiser is \$15 a person, or \$25 per couple. Soupmakers stil needed! Contact: Cindy Savage, 367-5669, 459-

2579, or cindysavage6@yahoo.com. Willits High School Girls **Basketball Home Game:** Willits vs. Coverdale at WHS gym. JV game begins at 5:30 pm (coach Daniel

Mendoza); varsity game begins at 7 pm (coach Paul Riley). "One of a Kind": the

February show at Willits Center for the Arts features new works by Tom Zephyrs. Opening reception on Saturday, February 4 from 6 to 9 pm. Also: 12 jewelers present a "Pop-Up Shop for Valentine's Day." Also, in the upstairs gallery: "Esther Hart -Retrospective." Both shows run through February

-26 Shanachie Pub: DJ Night with all forms of House Music from 1996 to the present, deep, funky & groovy tunes, with some Latin and Jazz undertones, as well as Electro. Saturday, February 4, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

#### Sunday, February 5

Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast: this annual fundraiser for Sober Grad's drug- and alcohol-free graduation night party for all Willits area graduating seniors is set for Superbowl Sunday, February 5, from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Breakfasts will be served by members of the Class of 2017 with other volunteers, and cooked by the Grange's pancake breakfast chefs. Breakfast includes pancakes made from scratch, scrambled eggs, bacon, orange juice, and coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Tickets \$6 for adults, \$5 for

for children 10 & under. Tickets are available from some seniors, and from Karen in the Willits High 9676 or more info. School office. Sober Grad's Valentine Raffle Basket will also be on display at the breakfast; the drawing will be held on February 13

#### Monday, February 6

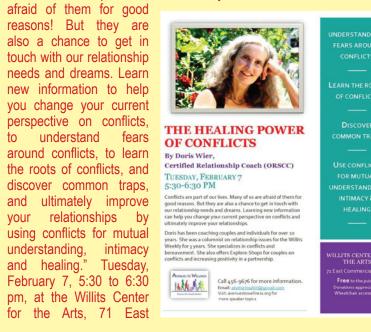
Wrestlers Spaghetti Feed: A fundraiser dinner for the Willits High School Wrestling Team. Monday, February 6 at La Siciliana Restaurant, 1611 South Main Street. Featuring spaghetti with Sugo sauce, garlic bread, salad and beverage. There will be two seatings: 6 pm and 8 pm. Tickets, \$25, must be bought in advance from team members or the restaurant. Info: 459-5626.

Tuesday, February 7

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. Tightwad films this week: "La La Land," "Split," and "Monster Trucks." For showtimes: www. noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696

and healing."

"The Healing Power of Conflicts": Avenues to Wellness speaker series presents Doris Wier. 2433. certified relationship coach, in a discussion of how conflicts are part of our lives. "Many of us are



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senior citizens and \$4 Commercial Street. Avenues to Wellness is a begins at 5:30 pm program of the Howard Foundation; visit www. (coach James Arms); avenuestowellness.org for more speaker topics varsity game begins at and a video archive of past events, or call 456-7 pm (coach Brandon Norbury)

What's Happening Around Town Tickets: \$25 advance at J.D. Redhouse or Eventbrite online; \$30 at the door. Discounted

Willits High School Girls Basketball Home "The Sunshine Boys" Game: Willits versus Lower Lake at WHS gym on at WCT: Tuesday, February 7. JV game begins at 5:30 pm night for the classic (coach Daniel Mendoza); varsity game begins at 7 Neil Simon play "The pm (coach Paul Riley). Sunshine

Twining Time at Brickhouse Coffee: John Wagenet and Anita Blu of Twining Time play the first Tuesday of every month, February 7 this month, at Brickhouse Coffee at the corner of Highway 101 and East Commercial Street. Enjoy live easy

listening Folk/Americana music from 12:30 to 2:30 om. 3 South Main Street, 59-1598. Visit Twining Time on Facebook or www.reverbnation.com/ johnwagenet. Thursday,

Medical Cannabis Presentation: Herbalist

February 9

Jude Thilman will be Anita Blu and John Wagenet of Twining Time giving a talk about Richard Jeske, home orchardist with over 30

medical cannabis for the Mendocino County American Cannabis Nurses Association Meet Up Group. All nurses welcome. Must bring proof of licensure with photo ID. Thursday, February 9, 5

to 7 pm. Willits Library. Info: Janice Cinek RN. 489-

Center.

ham radio operators and anyone interested in WHS Booster Club amateur radio are invited to attend. There will be Meeting: The monthly discussions of tower installation, antennas and Willits High School Booster propagation, basic test equipment and how to use Club Meeting is set for 6 t, and how the countywide repeater system works. pm, Thursday, February Finger foods and drinks will be served. Saturday, 9, at the Willits High February 11. 10 am to 2 pm. Mormon Church, 265 School Food Center. Help Margie Drive. Info: Joyce Cader at W6MMM@ support athletics and other gmail.com.

Street. Info: 459-5926.

Louis Rohlicek. Friday,

February 10. 8 pm. Tickets \$15. Willits Community

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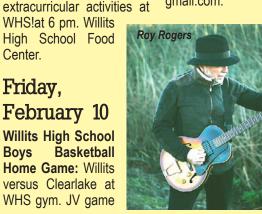
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#### Willits as a Food Destination forum February 13

The Mendocino County Food Policy Council is holding a community forum on Monday, February 13 from 2 to 4 pm at the Little Lake Grange. The topic of discussion is how to define Willits as a food and restaurant destination. "At this forum we plan to discuss the ways in which Willits can boost tourist traffic and increase local interest in our food culture. We hope to connect local food producers with area restaurants, marketing assistance, and other resources. We have invited quest speakers from different sectors of our local economy and welcome all interested parties to join in the discussion." Website: www.mendocinofood.org



part vocal harmonies with three of Willits' own musical trios: "Chanterelle," "Twining Time," and "Just Enough," on Saturday, February 11, 7 to 9 pm at the Willits Methodist Church, 286 School Street (across from the Willits Grange). Refreshments will be available after the show. Suggested donation \$10 per person at the door. Info: Clancy at 367-0889.

Tickets: \$25 advance

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"Trio of Trios Concert":

a benefit for the Willits

Food Bank. An evening of

acoustic music and three

"The Sunshine Boys" at WCT: see Friday, February 10 for more information. Saturday February 11, 8 pm. Tickets \$15. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Info: 459-0895.

#### Sunday, February 12 places similar to Willits that are

not real close to the ocean). 37th Annual North Coast Striders Willits Classic: How to plant and care for 5K and 10 mile road race. Race day registration your fruit tree with the goal of begins at 9 am. The race starts at the Recreation actually getting some delicious Grove. The 10 mile starts at 10 am. The 5K starts fruit to eat. Presented by at 10:30 am. Entry fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 18 & under and \$40 for families. The fee years of experience locally as a pruner and fruit includes logo gloves and refreshments. The Willits consultant. Saturday, February 11. 10 am to noon. Classic is sponsored by Frank Howard Memorial \$5 donation. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Hospital and benefits Willits High School Cross-Country and Track programs. Pre-registration is Willits Amateur Radio Society Seminar: All available at active.com or download a mail-in entry at striders.org. Sunday, February 12, Recreation Grove, East Commercial Street. Info: visit striders.

> SonoMusette In Concert: Sunday, February 12. 2 to 4 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Info: 459-0895.

#### COLUMN | At the Movies

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org, or Gail Leland: 485-7821



#### The Story: A romantic story of love and professional dreams. It is also an entrancing musical. Mia (Emma Stone) is a gifted but struggling

actress working day jobs in Hollywood, going to auditions, hungering for a break. Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) is a pianist with a jones for old school jazz and the hope to one day be playing keyboard

at his own jazz club. My Thoughts: I grew up in L.A., in Hollywood, and I know Los Angeles. Daniel Essman despite the struggles

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from and alienation, can be Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard

## **Ongoing Events**

Willits Winter Farmers Market: at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. 3 to 5:30 pm Thursday afternoons. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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.

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 buy-in; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

Free Seeds for your Winter Garden: "Check out" flower, vegetable, and herb seeds to plant in your garden. After the plants are done, save the seeds , label them and return them to Will Minor at Willits Public Library. Heirloom seeds only. No GMO and no hybrids! Questions? Call Will at 459-5908, e-mail him at minorw@co.mendocino.ca.us, or see him at the library desk.

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, 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 Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects - we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary - everyone is welcome to drop in."

Library Coloring Club: Want a little color in your life? Then by all means, come to the library!

The Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, is hosting a Library Coloring Club, every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for ages 14 and up. "We've got the crayons and the paper - you bring the imagination."

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 time.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road,

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym;

Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience

desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night

free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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'An Evening to Remember' February 14

Valentine Dinner to be served at the Adventist Christian School of Wilits, 22751 Bray Road on Tuesday, February 14, 2016. Romantically named "An Evening to Remember," this meal will be served in the school gymnasium which will be transformed into an "Italian Villa," with ambiance, lighting and décor to make the whole experience memorable. Service begins at 5:30. The meal will feature a variety of pastas (gluten free option) and sauces, a full salad bar, and wonderful desserts. Desserts and special drinks extra. Fundraiser Tickets purchased ahead are \$10 and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be bought at The Goods Stamp Shoppe, or at the school. For more information, please call 459-4333.

Members of the American Legion Willits Post #174 and Legion Auxiliary are now selling tickets to the annual "Sweetheart Raffle," with prizes set to be drawn on Valentine's Day, February 14.

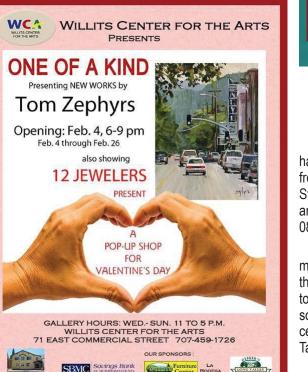
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**Annual Sweetheart** 

Raffle

Look for tables in front of Safeway and The Book Juggler to purchase tickets, or call either Dori Grauer at 459-6535 or Vicki Ham at 456-9858 who will see to it that you get tickets.

There will be three or more prize packages consisting of a night at a local motel, dinners or luncheons, flowers, candy, haircuts, theater tickets, movie theater tickets, video certificates, and various other special coupons for gift items, with the grand prize being "A Night on the Town," with dinner, show tickets and a night's stay at a local motel. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Need not be present to win!





For more information call Clancy (707) 367-0889

## **Trio of Trios' Concert**

February 11

Enjoy an evening of acoustic music and three-part vocal harmonies, 'Trio of Trios Concert,' on Saturday, February 11, from 7 to 9 pm in the Willits Methodist Church at 286 School Street. Three groups will perfom: Chanterelle, Twining Time and Just Enough. \$10 suggested donation. Info: Clancy at 367-0889

Madge Strong, Diane Smalley and Helen Falandes form the musical trio Chanterelle. "They bring lush vocal harmonies to their repertoire, ranging from originals and contemporary songs to folk music from around the world." Sometimes acapella and sometimes accompanied by guitar and percussion, their songs celebrate nature, justice, peace and joy from the works of James Taylor, The Beatles, Holly Near, MaMuse and Copper Wimmin.

Twining Time (John Wagenet and Anita Blu) are a duo with polished vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard accompaniment. They have been performing their eclectic and

fun mix of polished harmonies, Folk/Country/Blues/Americana Roots, plus original French bread. Also, wine and beer will be available music since 2014. With special guest Helen Falandes.

The Willits-based trio Just Enough is made up of friends Kate Black, Clancy Rash the Willits Community Center. Dollar auction and live and Helen Falandes. Each has played and sung in a variety of musical configurations auction, live music by the Bassics. This event is a as long as any of them can remember, reaching back to roots in Oklahoma, benefit for the Willits High School Seniors Scholarship Washington state and Maine. A little over four years ago they fell into playing some Fund and the Willits Senior Center. Tickets are \$50, tunes together and found a sound and mix that made them happy. Close harmony and are available at Willits Furniture, Tri-Counties Bank vocals, acoustic guitars (and the occasional ukulele) mix up a variety of tunes: some and the Willits Senior Center. Ask any Willits Rotarian folk, some blues and Americana roots music.

#### Blackwood Legacy Gospel Quartet February 15

The Blackwood Legacy Quartet, direct from Nashville, will be in concert on Wednesday, February 15, 7 pm at Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street in Willits. Admission is free to this community-wide, non-denominational event and a free offering will be received for the group.

The popular Blackwood Legacy Quartet blends the best of traditional Southern Gospel with today's newer Country Gospel for a unique mix that pleases audiences of all ages. The group most recently performed at the prestigious Fanny Cosby Memorial Concert, televised live from Nashville across the US.

Group owner and bass singer, Rick Price, was originally a protégée of the late Cecil Blackwood of Blackwood Brothers fame, and began his 40-year career singing with the Blackwood Brothers in 1977. Price was honored with induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame with the legendary group in 1998.

Blackwood Legacy Gospel Quartet



Willits Rotary Crab Dinner

February 17 Rotary Club's All-You-Can-Eat Crab Dinner serving loads of fresh sweet crabs, salad, pasta, and

for purchase. Friday February, 17, 2017, at 6 pm at

or call Ann Alumbaugh: 459-1440, or 841-1315.

a romantic town. This flick is about nighttime places and iconic stars and the romance of artistic struggle, a struggle to be somebody, a

> somebody whom people notice, a somebody whom people name and respect. This movie is also about meeting cute and falling in love.

The pantheon of old Hollywood screen goddesses, the legendary greats of jazz, the song and dance fantasy tropes and colors of classic musicals are all inventively assembled. tossed and tumbled into this beautiful. brilliant movie. It has already won a large truckload of awards for artistry and critical raves.

My recommendation: go see it on the big screen Parents: This is a love story. Most children will not appreciate it. Teens and adults.

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination. Senior Center Lunch





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 welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Singer songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays, November through May, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

Senior Center Lunch

Entrees for the week of February 6 to 10 Monday: Baked Chicken Tuesday: Pork Chop Wednesday: Tamale Pie Thursday: Chicken Enchilada Friday: Chicken Fried Steak Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per

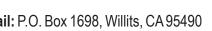
week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

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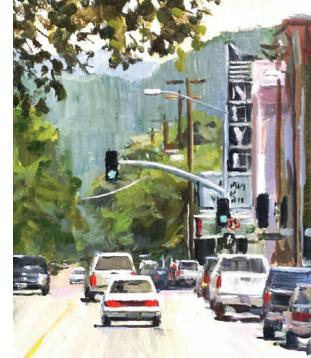
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## **'One of a Kind'**

#### Tom Zephyrs' paintings featured at the Art Center's February show

"One of a Kind," the February 2017 show at the Willits Center of the Arts, features Willits artist Tom Zephyrs' acrylic paintings of local Willits scenes, landscapes from the surrounding area, and still lifes. The opening reception will be Saturday, February 4 from 6 to 9 pm, with catering by Scoops.

As a convenience to Valentine's Day shoppers, the WCA gallery will also feature a "Pop-Up Jenny Senter Jewelry Store," displaying the one-of-Features Writer a-kind pieces of 12 Mendocino County

jewelers. The variety of jewelry for sale will include hand-carved jade, gold, silver, and gemstones.

Additionally, in the upstairs gallery, a new display will host a retrospective look at the work of Esther Hart. The art, which spans decades of this 94-year-old Laytonville resident's life, will also be on display in February. Hart will be on hand at the opening to discuss her paintings, from her time living in Hawaii and the rugged Olympic coastline. Hart is the matriarch of four generations of women including her daughter Donna Lee Hart, granddaughter Cece, and greatgranddaughters Caruna and Celina.

An artist for 26 years, Zephyrs related that he spent his initial years exploring different art genres and mediums. For years, he favored oil paints until he discovered and switched to acrylic paints. "For the way I paint, the advantages of premium quality acrylics far outshine the advantages of oils. Modern acrylic paints are of equivalent quality and longevity to oil paints."

Zephyrs, a former "Signature" artist with Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, is known for his plein air paintings. He left LPAPA because of the distance to Laguna Beach from Willits, but he still enjoys plein air painting. However, he is also comfortable with studio painting. "Obviously, weather and the complexity of the subject can be determining

At top, from left: "Rainy Day Rural Delivery" by Tom Zephyrs. A pendant by Laura Buckner, owner of Happy Woman Jewelry, who will have many pieces in the "Pop-Up Jewelry Store." Stone's Throw's wire-wrapped jewelry by Nancy Finn.

factors," he said. "Both are a delight.

When asked about the challenges he faces when creating his art, he explained: "One of the essential challenges is finding and developing the source of inspiration, or as many in the arts call it. 'the muse.' He must ask himself. 'What is this source? How can it be recognized and developed so that the painting has more of those qualities that are interesting to the viewer? What can keep me engaged and enticed as an artist?"

On the business side of being an artist, Zephyrs related that the challenge of delivering his work to distant commercial galleries no longer interests him. Logistically, he loves living in Northern California, and it is just too challenging to transport his work to the galleries as he once did. Creating art for those galleries also made him question an important aspect of his personal art process. "During the painting process, if one is painting for product, it has a very different feeling to it, a very different internal dialogue, than if one is painting for the artistic intuitive experience.'

His personal motto for creating art is: "Don't let nature get in the way of a good painting." He goes on to explain: "For me, this is the 'art' in painting ... using the elements of a landscape scene or still life set-up and instilling in the painting its own special character. Rearranging, eliminating and adding."

Willits has been home for Zephyrs for 15 years, and he has been a member of the Willits Center for the Arts for about 10 of those years. "Willits has a special, creative atmosphere to it," he says; "fascinating and friendly people, and is the first place coming north on Highway 101 that has a different climate, trees, hills. It just feels good to live here."

"One of a Kind" will run at the Willits Center for the Arts. 71 East Commercial Street, from February 4 to 26. Winter hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.



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two directional signs" be installed "at a cost to the city of \$10,000 to \$12,000."

"This [resolution] doesn't require us to pay for the signage," Duley told the council, as such funds are not budgeted. To meet the cost of sign installation, the city will have to pass a budget amendment in the near future, said City Manager Adrienne Moore.

"The resolution is just the first step in moving forward towards [implementing new signage]," said Duley. "We'll have to work with Caltrans with the encroachment permit process to identify the exact location, size and number of signs, but we're looking to establish a "Downtown Willits" sign in both directions before the North Main Street exit, some signs at the offramps directing people downtown, a directional sign at that first left-hand turn going into Willits, as well as a smaller sign on Highway 20 directing people to downtown Willits on the left."

Duley said the city could possibly reduce installation costs by making the signs inhouse

"We have the capacity to make some of the signs ourselves with equipment we have down at the public works yard," said Duley. "We're limited on the size of the signs we can make, but that is a potential cost savings. We'll be working with Caltrans to try to waive the encroachment permit fee if we can" and will also "explore the idea of doing the installations ourselves. As best as we can, we'll try to use existing posts out there so we won't have to put in new ones.

"The city is good at pinching pennies," he said

Fielding questions from the council about where specifically the signs would be located on Highway 101, and what they would look like, Duley explained: "Going back to the interchange itself, on the highway, you'd be traveling and just as you see a North Main Street exit in both directions, either on that sign, or before it, it would say Downtown Willits," Duley said. "It would be your standard green sign with white lettering." As for the Highway 20 location, "as you

arrive into Willits [from Highway 20] with Main Street and Safeway in front of you, we have that green strip of land along the south side

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Pallesen said he could not divulge the exact location of the site, nor the identity of the owner, as negotiations have not yet been finalized.

The county has tentatively agreed to contribute \$1.3 million of Mental Health Services Act funding to the project. The money has been accumulating in a MHSA account for several years and been earmarked for housing for mentally ill patients.

Pallesen also said he has reached tentative agreements with other funding sources, but that funding remains in limbo until Mendocino County makes a firm commitment to the project. Supervisors Chair John McCowen told Pallesen the issue would likely be on the board's February 7 agenda.

of Highway 20 there; we're requesting putting with a theme, but we'd have to run that by a sign [indicating] Downtown Willits is to the them."

Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez asked Councilman Ron Orenstein noted all the directional signage being requested by the city was promoting downtown Willits, but "we businesses advertised.

still have the issue of south Main Street.' "It sounds like you're promoting the

downtown section up here," he said, "and that's a good thing. But we're not promoting, and maybe even ignoring, south Main Street, which contains all the gas stations in town and all the fast-food restaurants. In other words, the source of most of the general fund tax revenue that the city enjoys.

"Do we have any plans for that?"

"We've been requesting a multitude of signage," Duley confirmed, "not only for the north end of town, but the south end of town as well. Last Wednesday, we had a meeting with Caltrans staff, and they were able to show us some potential additional signs they're going to be putting into place, and that includes directional signs once you get off the exit in both directions.

"For instance, at the southern interchange, you have a sign that says Highway 20 Fort Bragg and it has the service signs," he said. "Once you get off the offramp, we're looking to have additional signage duplicating those service signs and pointing you in that direction."

Councilman Larry Stranske addressed the lack of directional signage once a driver pulls off Highway 101 in either direction.

"When you get off you just run into a road, and you don't know if it's two miles or 10 miles to the next gas station." he said.

Duley replied: "In the update Caltrans gave us, it did contain a mileage marker with that directional sign.

Duley noted Caltrans is willing to work with the city to implement a Willits theme for some of the signs.

"With Caltrans still retaining our Main Street until the relinquishment, we would be required to work with them if we want to come up with our own theme and signage to start

connecting the dots within the city," he said. "They said they'd work with us if we came up

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lawsuits in the city of Napa in one month." Sherman said. "All of [the lawsuits] were [against] small businesses.'

"An attorney came in and filed action on a client," said Mayor Gerry Gonzalez. "The way it was described to me is that the client didn't even know she was suing this business. It's one of those ... I'll call it a shakedown. Apparently, it's allowed under the law.

## Parolee

arrested after vehicle search A 55-year-old Willits man

During a search of Esquivel's

vehicle, deputies discovered

controlled substances, metal

knuckles, and drug paraphernalia,

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Duley about the logo program and what is being held without bail in business owners need to do to get their Mendocino County Jail after deputies arrested him last

"What Caltrans has explained to staff is that Thursday night for violating his we should expect to have those logo signs on parole. either direction at the southern interchange Sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer and for reasons I can't guite understand - so says Rudolph Esquivel was I'll just describe it as a technicality - we're taken into custody at about 10 not getting those logo signs at the northern pm on January 26 after patrol interchange. What we've asked Caltrans is deputies spotted him driving in for direction as to how we would request an the Meadowbrook Drive and exception to that. For instance, we have 40 to Sherwood Hill Drive area even 50 restaurants, but there's only an opportunity though the DMV had suspended for people to put six logos on the food sign at his driver's license. the other interchange.'

Duley said any business wanting to request a logo sign should contact Aaron Dorsch of Caltrans at 445-6389 for information about the application process.

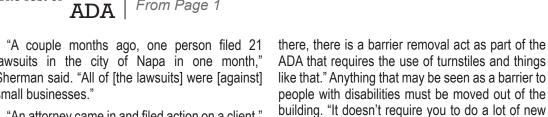
Cromer said. They contacted Greta Kanne, owner of The Book Juggler, Esquivel's parole officer, who compared Willits with Cloverdale, in her plea placed a hold on the Willits man for the city to be firm with Caltrans. for violating his parole conditions.

"If you drive through Cloverdale, you see Esquivel was arrested on they have six different logo boards." Kanne suspicion of violating parole said. "They have two at each of their exits. possessing and the logo boards aren't just for business. possessing they're good for promoting to travelers that substance, this is a community that has more than one or paraphernalia, and driving with a two things to offer. suspended license.

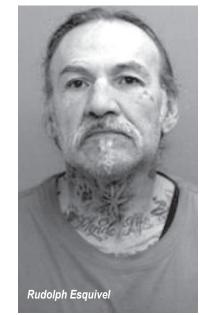
"If [travelers] see there are five different gas stations, six different restaurants, it gives the impression this is a community of size that is worth a whole lot," she said. "Having those boards with multiple businesses established on them indicates that it's really worth stopping. It's important, and I encourage you to stick it to [Caltrans]."

An email from Duley forwarded by the Willits Chamber of Commerce says the form for businesses to apply to the Caltrans Business Logo Program has a Redding address, but some locals who have sent applications to that Redding address have had them come back as "undeliverable." Duley said the correct address is via P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502.

For more information, Dusty Duley can be reached at 459-4601.



construction to the building, but it requires that you take out the barriers." Greta Kanne of The Book Juggler discussed what she and co-owner Chris Harper have done about trying to meet ADA standards.







Above: Rings by Made in the Jade's Ted Johnson, who specializes in working with Northern California jade At right: A painting of the Olympic coastline by Esther Hart.





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Pallesen was upbeat about the chances RCHDC can put the deal together. "If we shoot too high and don't have enough funds, we're not going to get funded at all," Pallesen said. "But I am pretty optimistic at this point."

Redwood Quality Management Company Operations Manager Camille Schraeder said her company is negotiating with owners of two separate properties to secure a building to house a 25- to 35-bed mental health crisis and residential treatment center.

Schraeder said RQMC is planning to use \$500,000 in grant money secured by the county's Behavioral Health Recovery Services Division in 2015 to help convert the as-yet-undetermined building into a crisisresidential facility. However, she added, the deal is not yet done, and to secure the grant money, an agreement must be reached by June 30.

Crisis Coordinator Chandra Gonsales told the committees that, since July, RQMC and its mental health partners have made 860 crisis assessments (306 youth or young adults and 554 adults or older adults). The number of unduplicated people assessed for crisis was 583 (210 youth/young adults and 373 adults or older adults). The crisis line received more than 2,500 calls, and crisis workers spent 3,207 hours providing crisis intervention and an additional 2,576 hours providing after-hours care.

There were 238 inpatient hospitalizations, she said. The readmission rate was 15 percent. Redwood Community Crisis Center had a hospitalization rate of 27.6 percent.

During the second quarter of 2016, 52 percent of the calls and/or appearances at the crisis center were from family members, friends, or walk-in patients themselves; 26 percent were from law enforcement; 13 percent were from RQMC partners, including county Public Health staff and other organizations, such as Manzanita Services, Tapestry and the Mendocino County Youth Project. Nine percent were from community hospitals and clinics

From October 1 to December 31, law enforcement provided 115 referrals to the Redwood Community Crisis Center: 46 from the Sheriff's Office, 33 from the Ukiah Police Department, 22 from the Fort Bragg Police Department, and 12 from the Willits Police Department. Two were from the California Highway Patrol.

Sheriff Tom Allman, who attended the meeting, said he has been talking with RQMC to see if after-hours response duties can be shifted from sheriff's deputies to RQMC staff. Allman said his goal is to do so when the potential client is nonviolent and not carrying a weapon, and when the situation arises "after hours," that is, after 5 pm.

"A mental health crisis worker should be the first responder," Allman said. "It would benefit our community if we had non-police officers doing this work. If we can divert even 10 percent of the calls we normally handle to RQMC, I'd be a happy camper.

"RQMC has people who go to hospitals and who go to the jail to deal with situations," he noted. "But they don't have anyone who goes into people's homes."

"According to this business owner his insurance won't cover it because it specifically says it won't cover ADA issues," the mayor said. "It's one of those [quagmires where] you can fight it and you might win, but you might go broke paying for the attorneys to fight this attorney."

Sherman said while "people are under the impression that current ADA and California building code accessibility regulations are required to be applied to all properties. That's not the case.

"When a property does substantial improvement like structural upgrades, additions, or new construction, that's when – as part of the approval process of those projects – they're required to meet current California building code accessibility standards. ADA parking, restrooms, things like

that ' Buildings are required to "meet the code that was in effect when that work was done last," Sherman said. "If you have a building that hasn't been worked on since the 1970s, nobody has ever stood up and said you have to comply with current regulations."

When asked by Councilman Ron Orenstein about how much work on a building would have to take place in order for current ADA regulations to kick in, Sherman answered: "If you do substantial percent of the value of the building, then you need to [be compliant]."

As an example, Sherman said: "Say you remodel one wing of your office building. Then you're required – from the point of entry to the property to that particular space - [that it] be brought up to current accessibility standards in terms of an accessible path.

"If it's on the second floor at the far end, you need to have an elevator," he said. "Because this involves everything from the point of entry, your parking spaces are reviewed. That accessible path all the way to the unit that's being altered is subject to those requirements. Now the other end of the building on the second floor has nothing to do with

that. The restrooms on the way to that area, they have to be brought to standards." Sherman then addressed the latest ADA Barrier Removal Program.

"With public accommodation occupancies out

"We believe we have removed the majority of any barriers," Kanne said. "We've had regular customers with wheelchairs who have not had problems accessing the store.

However, she noted: "Our building is over 100 years old. Because of this issue we have looked into having a specialist come and observe our property and give us an evaluation basically to figure out if there's anything we need to be working on. Once you do that, you can have a plan in place that shows you're moving towards compliance.

"You don't have to make all the changes at once, and it legally covers you so you're not in jeopardy of interfering with someone's civil rights.'

Kanne added that being compliant with ADA is an important priority.

"For me personally, it's not just an insurance and a liability issue, it's doing the right thing," she said. "Making sure that your customers have access to your business [is vital]. They have the same rights of accessibility as everybody else does."

Sherman addressed actions owners of older buildings might consider taking.

"If your building is 100 years old, you might want to look into possibly being on a registry," Sherman said, because doing so would "give you a whole lot work to the building that's worth more than 20 of rights which you wouldn't have with a modern building."

> Moore and Sherman are currently organizing a forum to educate concerned property owners about their rights and ADA regulations.

"I'm excited that we're going to have some education," said Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez. "As a business owner, that's what you want to know before something happens, what you need to do to make things accessible, as well as being in compliance."

Moore urged the public to "reach out to our legislative representatives" about being at risk of lawsuits as described by Sherman's example of the attorney in Napa.

"Our state representatives trying to change state laws is difficult," Moore said. "But they need to know what's going on in order to be responsive and figure out a way to deal with it. We are letting them know, and all of you should likewise let them know.

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## **Poetic voices of Mendocino County**

Linda Noel, Mary Korte, WJ Ray read at the library

"It was an accident that this [poetry reading] was scheduled before the inauguration," WJ Ray told an audience of roughly 30 poetry enthusiasts during the January 19 reading at the Willits Library, explaining that the intention for the gathering wasn't strictly an act of protest in conjunction with the world-wide marches.

	"[However], we are not
Damian Sebouhian	going to censor our poets
Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com	either way," Ray said. "Plato forbid poets in the republic

because poets see the depths of reality, whereas politics seek uniformity in reality for the purpose of control and harmony. Poetry will be here when all the tumult is done.

WJ Ray, along with his colleagues of verse Mary Norbert Korte and Linda Noel, have represented the poetic voice of Mendocino County for decades, and their unique styles were on full display as they read poems that covered the full spectrum of the human condition, ranging from the absurd to the sublime.

Korte, a Beat Generation poet who has long since transcended that designation, and who had her first poem published by the Atlantic Weekly at the age of 14, began with a reading of "Winter," an eloquently wrenching piece of verse about surviving the winter siege of Sarajevo, where "people had to burn their books to keep warm. The collected works of Balzac were enough for two meals."

Korte switched from political commentary to personal struggle, as she read a poem about a hospital incident that nearly ended her life, written in the third-person, as if recounting the incident as an out-of- body experience. As with much of her work, Korte is a master at revealing the humor within tragic situations; when on the hospital bed, she takes the time to correct someone's grammar.

"She wanted to fly out the window," Korte read. "Doctors held her back. They got in her face. They told her 'lay down.' 'Lie down,' she said. 'I'm leaving my body,' she announced. She wanted to fly out the window. She talked on the loose chasing twin about how she wanted to hang up her body in the closet devils and Groucho Marx."

poem never names him

"A privileged boy becomes a privileged man who becomes a robber baron, a landlord, gold holder. From a jeweled thrown he spews his directives, daring any to disagree and cast scorn into the littles beneath him. dismissing those of varied views, especially those who have never known privilege. A privileged boy becomes a privileged man who waves his tongue as if to brush-color the word in his hue and his tone."

Despite the bleakness she paints in her more recent poems, Noel, ultimately finds courage and inspiration in the spirit of community, as shown from the following lines:

"In the trenches of mud and children's bones we shall pray for young spirits to ascend with grace from mountain earth and floor beneath the rivers and the light shall fan the sparkle of stars. Let us summon compassion to counter ill-defined judgment when honesty and clarity shall prevail. Let us know the river between head and heart."

WJ Ray closed the evening with readings from his Winter Haikus, followed by some of his longer, lyrical verse.

"Praying for my mother A moment silent By the winter rose vines" "Falling winter Yellow yoke sun You break my heart"

Ray's poem "At the Hop Up in Willits" was whimsical and surreal, and reminiscent of Bob Dylan's "Desolation Row," with long winding

verses including: "The Bedouin thief shrugs in the hall and Ingrid Bergman is

and got a job working at a

mustard factory. His verse

drips with gritty, evocative

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Dan Roberts was in attendance, and recorded the event. to be used later for his KZYX radio show "Rhythm Running River," which airs on alternate Sundays from 2 to 4pm.

Many of WJ Ray's poems can be found online at www. wiray.net.

To read Linda Noel's "Lesson in Fire" go to: http:// mendocinocountylibrary.blogspot.com/2012/04/april-ispoetry-month 23.html

To find more information about Mary Norbert Korte and her poems, go to: http://rbscp.lib.rochester.edu/4729





The rest of Big Chief | From Page 5

straight-ahead New Orleans standard, but you can't beat it. Simple but delicious.'

The "jambon et fromage" is more than a ham and cheese sandwich, according to Paradis.

"We make our own pickled onions, smoke and cure our own hams," said Paradis. "I'm very pleased with that sandwich as well. A lot of people really appreciate it. It's a little different than the normal fare.'

The three Big Chief owners are not new to providing a unique dining experience to the Laytonville area, as they started with a catering business several years ago, and created the annual Crawfish Boil Festival, which celebrated its 10th anniversary last summer.

"What I'm most proud of about that event is that you get people from all the various cross-sections of this town,' Paradis said. "Lavtonville old timers, hippies out in the hills. the fishermen - a wide cross-section of the community show up and have fun together.'

The event started as a fundraiser, Paradis explained, "to support the cleanup efforts after the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Since then, the event raises funds for local Laytonville projects and organizations.

"We raised \$34,000 for the ambulance service this year," said Paradis. "In years past we raised money for the high school. There's a big beautiful greenhouse there that the garden program is utilizing that we helped pay for, and a 2017-F0067 smaller greenhouse at the elementary school."

Each of the owners brings his own unique perspective and skills to the Big Chief experience.

"I have more traditional restaurant experience than [Carpenter] does, but he has a lot more butchering experience. We complement each other well. [Terrill] is the front of the house guy. His focus is the world of draft beer. What we're trying to do is provide opportunities for people to try beer that they would not get anywhere else here in town."

With that in mind, Terrill is constantly changing the taps with a vast array of California brews.

"I focus on California beer, because I can drive anywhere in the state and pick up kegs directly from the brewery within the state of CA," Terrill explained. "So I'll go down to San Diego to get kegs, and down to Sacramento."

Terrill also purchases kegs of kombucha, serving the drink on tap rather than in bottles. He and Paradis were pleasantly surprised by the popularity of the drink.

"It started off, I bought four kegs," said Terrill. "Then later I had to buy a whole pallet to get sent up here.'

"Working with the brewers we get a higher quality product than just the stuff you can buy in bottles," Paradis said. "People come in with their growlers and get them refilled all the time."

As far as finding the best gluten-free bread they could offer. Paradis said they conducted extensive research.

"We work with a wonderful lady down in Santa Rosa of Liberty Five Bakery; she provides all of our gluten-free bread. We did a lot of searching around, and we're super pleased to meet her. Our gluten-free crowd has responded strongly. We've had people wanting to buy the bread from us to take home, because it's a good product. We have

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

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WW102 **Fictitious Business** Fictitious Business Name Statement Name Statement 2017-F0069

The following persons are business as: Imagination Station doing business as: Pacific Blue Preschool & Childcare Center, 32301 Pearl Drive, Fort Bragg, CA Inc., 11 North Marin St., Willits CA 95437. This business is conducted 95490: Saprina Rodriguez, 331 by a General Partnership: Carlon West Mendocino Ave., Willits CA Cathey, 411 South Street #4, Fort 95490. This business is conducted Bragg CA 95437, and Stephen by a Corporation: Imagination Dunlap, 32301 Pearl Drive, Fort Station Preschool & Childcare Bragg, CA 95437. Center, Inc., 11 North Marin St., The registrants commenced Willits CA 95490 to transact business under the The registrants commenced fictitious business name or names to transact business under the listed above on February 1, 2017. fictitious business name or names This statement was filed with listed above on 2/1/11 the County Clerk of Mendocino on Statement filed with the January 26, 2017. Mendocino County Clerk on s/Stephen Dunlap January 26, 2017.

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and go about her business." Ray's most poignant

poem of the evening "Blue The poem ends with a plea towards the immortal: "That Collar," is about how, at the was what Dante meant when he talked about Music of the Spheres. It's because he could dance through the sky, age of 20, he dodged the Vietnam War draft, moved glistening, without ever leaving his desk." to Rochester, New York,

Korte ended with a poem titled "Working Man's Weed," where she cleverly uses cannabis as a metaphor for personal freedom

"Eat your brownie first thing in the morning. You'll sleep most of the day and half the next with all night in between.

Later in the poem: "She thinks of how she can acquire bilocation, permanent pain-free thought travel along with wisdom, the kind she gets listening to river sounds."

The poem ends: "You got to remember the land. The land is everything. Way too large and too small, but with land and lumber we are called upon to make a home."

Linda Noel, whose poems have been anthologized in various publications, including her piece "Lesson in Fire" which can be found at the Autry Museum of the American West – read verse which touched on her Native American heritage, as well as the current state of political affairs.

Some lines from "Survival Poem": "May grandma is more than a glittering fleck of memory in the shadow of gold diggers, and they called us dirty diggers because we dug for food. Sometimes I read the clouds, certainly the stars, wind, and the spoken word. I am always seeking words to find my way. Words as warriors, words as friends, words as warmth, words as belief in tomorrow for survival."

Stayed in the yellowing flesh Noel read from her most recent work in progress, A statuary of confusion and "Privileged Man," clearly about Donald Trump, though the pride."



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a gluten-tree batter and a dedicated fryer that's separate from the regular fryer so it doesn't get cross-contaminated. We can give you a fully gluten-free experience."

Big Chief is gearing up for Mardi Gras day, scheduled for Tuesday, February 28.

"We're going to provide crawfish here, roast a pig, and have a Mardi Gras party," Paradis said.

Big Chief is open Monday through Friday from 11 am to 7 pm and on Saturday from noon to 7. To call in your order, dial 884-6770.



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Willits Weekly | February 2, 2017 Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Pg. 13 La Siciliana owner Kapila Phoenix, left, and WHS wrestler and restaurant staffer d'Artagnan Meek pose in front of the restaurant's bar with the salad, spaghetti with Sugo sauce, and garlic bread the "all you can eat" Spaghetti Fe d they'll be serving at eed on Monday night. Below: A close-up view of the Italian spaghetti dinner. hotos by Jennifer Pool

La Sicil

## **Spaghetti Feed**

La Siciliana hosts benefit dinner for WHS wresting team

is hosting a Spaghetti Feed on Monday, February 6, to Phoenix said, "d'Artagnan Meek, is a senior at WHS and a benefit the Willits High School Wolverines wrestling team. All proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to the team help with tournament fees, headgear, singlets and other his dedication and work ethic to the restaurant and his love expenses.

La Siciliana is donating all the food and labor costs for this event. There will be two dining times: a sitting at 6 pm and another at 8 pm. Dinner includes "all you can eat" spaghetti topped with La Siciliana's signature Sugo sauce and freshly grated Romano cheese, garlic bread, fresh green salad with your choice of dressing, and a nonalcoholic beverage. Adults can purchase wine and beer separately.

Tickets, \$25, must be purchased in advance, as seating is limited. Wrestling team members have been selling tickets, which are also available at the restaurant at 1611 South Main Street.



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Kapila Phoenix, owner of La Siciliana Restaurant, this fundraiser? "One of the valued staff at La Siciliana," member of the varsity wrestling team. He mentioned to me that the team was in need of new singlets. Having shown of wrestling, I felt compelled to help.'

> The WHS wrestlers are "doing really well this year," Meek said, "and we have a lot of freshmen on the team." Doing a successful fundraiser, he said, "will really impact their first year, as well as the rest of their years at wrestling."

Meek says La Siciliana's Sugo sauce is "a different take than marinara sauce - sweeter and prepared differently. It's prepared by hand in the back. You can taste the difference."

Phoenix opened La Siciliana Restaurant "with the desire to give back to the community that so warmly welcomed me when I moved here 10 years ago from the Bay Area," he said. "First, I wanted to bring a unique cuisine that was about

not available in Willits. My second goal was to mentor young people about work ethic, timeliness,

> responsibility, etc., and third I wanted to donate to various local charity events. Fourth is this new venture, a spaghetti feed benefitting a local sports team."

La Siciliana is open Tuesday from Sunday, am to 9 pm. questions please call Kapila Phoenix at the restaurant at 459-5626.





### Willits Chamber news

The Willits Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors had its regular meeting last week at the Super 8 Motel in Willits, hosted by Super 8 owner Denny Shah.

Executive Director Lisa Epstein announced that the chamber office at the Skunk Train Depot has a new parttime staffer, Monica Gutierrez, and new regular hours: Monday, from 10 am to 1 pm; Tuesday from 10 am to 4 pm; Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm; and Thursday from 1 to 4 pm.

Resumes for the position of Willits Chamber of Commerce executive director are still being accepted. Those interested can review the full job description at https://chambermaster. blob.core.windows.net/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/2901/ File/EDJobDescription.pdf

North County Women in Business, a Willits Chamber committee, hosted another Wednesday morning networking meeting this week, featuring Hayley Schmidtke, director of Organizational & Brand Development at New Trend Wireless, with her presentation on "Joyfully Plugged-in: Embracing Technology to Enhance Work, Wealth & Well-Being.

Committees are meeting to plan for 2017 events, including the Willits High School Career Fair, the Memorial Day Weekend Community Car Show, and the Hometown Celebration that kicks off Willits Frontier Days.

Learn more about the chamber - and the benefits of chamber membership - at http://willits.org.

#### – Jennifer Poole

Above: Members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors pose in front of the beautiful bench on the patio at the Super 8 Motel. In back, from left: Pam Baskins, Janet Rodriguez, Linda Matz, Barb Ivey, Carlin Horger, and Roxanne Lemos-Neese. In front, from left: Roshan Patel, Katrina Keesen, Laura Allman, Lisa Epstein, Denny Shah, and Chuck Persico.

Below: A light-hearted moment at the chamber meeting



#### The rest of Grist Creek From Page

the Eel River near Leggett indicate the storm was just under a five-year rainfall event. he said.

Because neither Grist Creek Aggregates nor Mendocino Countv was required to get a federal permit to site the plant in the 100-year flood plain of Outlet Creek, said Bob Coey, chief of the North Coast Branch of NOAA fisheries, there is no federal nexus connecting the Grist Creek operation to NOAA or to the National Marine Fisheries Service, the alternate name for NOAA Fisheries

Therefore, he said, NOAA has nothing to say and nothing to do about the flooding

"There were many businesses, highways and towns that were flooded all over the North Coast," Coey said. "We certainly don't have the manpower to go out and investigate all of them."

Lynn Talkovsky, a member of the community watchdog group Friends of Outlet Creek, reported the water rose two feet above the surface of the plant. Talkovsky, along with The rest of other members of FOOC, took photographs showing the water overflowing the sediment ponds and swirling around the base of a Nutritional Services at Howard Hospital small hill of "fines." "Keith [Johnson] is the representative with Howard Foundation "Grist Creek Aggregates used to for the Commonwealth Garden," Evans said. "We talked about have a spoils site on Outlet Creek, how they're going to integrate that into the Haehl Creek system but NOAA closed it a long time ago," that already exists. It could be good for hospital staff, as well as Talkovsky said. "So now, they pile patients and families, to enjoy that opportunity so close to where up their fines, and that is what you the location is " see standing there in the middle of Evans and Johnson say the funds will cover purchasing the the picture, a small hill of very fine equipment, installing it, and even funding some maintenance dirt and silt. requirements into the future "The problem is, with Outlet Johnson told the council he will be the one installing the Creek overflowing the berm and equipment. running over into the asphalt plant "One of the main things we made sure when talking with area, well, where do those fines [City Manager] Adrienne Moore about this is that there'd be go? Do you think it could go into the creek? The creek is right there. "The Eel River already has a sediment-impaired status," she said. "And it also has several listed species, salmonids, which lay their eggs in clean gravel. So, if the fines

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Par Course

some money set aside from the grant to install the equipment completely - the equipment, the concrete, the tools. [After installation], there'd be some left over for a maintenance fund. The Commonwealth Garden made an agreement that we would pay them on an as-need basis to maintain the equipment at no financial burden to the city whatsoever." Such maintenance includes cleaning up any potential go into the creek, then they go vandalism or graffiti, Johnson said. into the river, and they settle in the "The city would be held harmless as far as liability," Johnson gravel, which basically smothers the said. "We're installing it on city property, but the city will be held spawning beds. So this is removing harmless." spawning habitat for several listed species.

Johnson provided the council with a report that included a list and description of the "20-station Fit-Trail" equipment planned to "Plus, we know Grist Creek be installed Aggregates has been sloppy,

According to the plan: "A 20-station Fit-Trail is an outdoor Talkovsky continued. "We've seen reports from Air Quality [the exercise system installed on a walking or jogging trail. It contains instruction signs and exercise equipment designed for the novice Mendocino County Air Quality Management District] and from the or conditioned athlete. The typical trail length for a 20-station State Air Resources Board that say fitness system is between a half-mile to 2 miles long. their people saw things spilling and Exercises will be described with appropriate directions at have either been damaged or are overflowing onto the ground when each station and include equipment for calf stretches, upper threatened by construction activities 17, 2017. they were making asphalt. So this hamstring and side stretch. flooding puts toxic substances into quadriceps stretch, bent the water. It adds to the sediment knee with heartbeat check. load. It puts Outlet Creek and the knee lift and toe raises, sit Eel River at risk." ups, quadriceps climb and NOAA Mendocino County sit, pull-ups with heartbeat Branch Manager Tom Dougherty check, hand walk, bar jump, said he had looked at Talkovsky's body tuck, overhead ladder, photographs and wasn't sure he balance walk, and tension could agree on what she claimed release. was silt or fines running into Outlet Councilman Larry Creek. Stranske commended the "I looked at it with Bob [Coey]," project, but asked that Daugherty said. "We weren't sure consideration be paid to other locations if ever a grant what it was." like this were to emerge North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Executive Officer again Matt St. John downplayed the "I just want to remind you significance of the event. "What is there is a north side of the a misconception is that people are town, and if you ever get surprised when they see ponding any more funding it would and flooding at gravel extraction be really nice to have a par sites. There is often water there. course at [that] end of town They are designed to hold water also." Stranske said. He and to retain water. A lot of people suggested City Park or Rec don't know that." Grove Park would be ideal John had not seen locations. photographs of the flood event at "Two years ago, I ran that press time. [Haehl Creek] trail, and I Asked if Water Quality had any was running on it while you concerns that a rock-processingwere still working on it," asphalt-production plant situated said Councilwoman Saprina on a 100-year flood plain flooded Rodriguez. "A week-and-aas a result of a five-year rainfall half ago I had the opportunity event, St. John said the question of to go out there with whether the plant should have been Leadership Mendocino and sited where it was, was out of his take a tour of the hospital, office's jurisdiction. eat at the restaurant, and check out the garden. I was "That the plant was put there and really impressed. We're just allowed to operate there, that is a fortunate to have this in our land use decision. It's not in our jurisdiction," St. John said. "It was community. the county's decision to site this "I'm excited about the plant where they sited it. equipment going in at the "From our assessment to date, trail. I live on the north end, the company is in compliance with but I drove up to the south

end and ran the trail."

At left: This January 2016 photo of the southern portion of the Grist Creek Aggregates plant shows trees and bushes on the bank of Outlet Creek, at bottom left, which are largely under water in the 2017 photo.

At left, below: This 2017 photo of the Grist Creek plant shows Outlet Creek overtopping the bank and flowing into the plant during a rainstorm on January 10.

Below: Another January 10, 2017 photo shows Outlet Creek flowing into the Grist Creek Aggregates site. At the upper reaches of the plant, the water appears to be some 2 feet deep.

Photos courtesy of Friends of Outlet Creek

related to the Willits bypass project.

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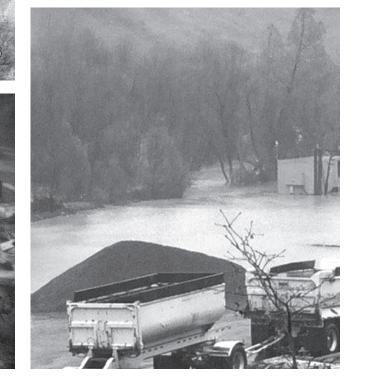
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The rest of From Page 1 **Bypass** 

tribes claimed Caltrans and the FHWA failed to properly identify and protect "ancestral, sacred, cultural and archeological sites and resources" and destroyed certain sites during bypass construction.

The tribes also alleged the complaint continues. "including agencies failed to "adequately but not limited to, failing in good address the direct, indirect and faith to negotiate a written MOA or cumulative cultural, environmental programmatic agreement, which and historic impacts" of the bypass, documents how the defendants failed to "identify and finalize the would avoid, minimize or mitigate details of the mitigation plan or its adverse impacts, the ancient village environmental and cultural impacts," site known as Yami Village was and failed to "commit to necessary destroyed. Yami Village was located mitigation measures." at the northern end of the project, on

Michael Hunter, chairman of the eastern side of Highway 101." the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, explained the short version rule in favor of the two highway of what Caltrans did wrong: "On agencies. He struck the tribes' September 12, 2013, in the dead of claim for monetary damages from night, Caltrans' bulldozers destroyed the complaint. However, the court one of our sacred sites in Little Lake allowed the tribes to file a motion for Valley without tribal monitors notified leave to amend the complaint to add or present. The National Advisory a claim against Caltrans under the Council on Historic Preservation Federal Tort Claims Act. referenced the destruction of this

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ancient village as a major violation As a result of White's denial of the motion to dismiss, the tribes' lawsuit against Caltrans and the Language taken from the actual FHWA now will go to a hearing on complaint provides a longer version the motion to dismiss that is being of the offense. "The plaintiffs have brought by the FHWA and a case learned that their historic properties,

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# February 2017 Calendar



10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!



Approximate Times of Hot Seat Drawings 1P – 4P (twice per hour = 6 Drawings) 7P – 10P (twice per hour = 6 Drawings

Winner will receive one Plinko Chip. The Winner will place the Plinko Chip in a slot of their choice on the top of the Plinko board. The plinko chip will slide down the board and will land in one of 8 prize slots. Prizes will be randomly placed at the bottom of the Plinko board.

The prizes are: "\$20 Free Play", "\$40 Free Play", "\$60 Free Play", "\$100 Free Play".

If a winning customer has less than 300 points earned (on the day of the promotion) when their name is drawn, they will win the "base" Free Play amount. If the winning customer has earned more than 300 points on the day of the promotion, they will earn a 50% bonus on the Free Play they won.

The Players Club Representative will switch the prizes on the bottom of the Plinko Board every six games. All Free Play won must be played by 2A.



DISCOUNT FOOD COUPONS ISSUED (to be used for that

day only) when the customer has earned minimally 50 points from 10A to 7P.



\$250 GAME \$300 GAME

**10PM** 

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 12P, 1P & 2P bingo games. Bingo at 12P for \$100 cash and 1P & 2P for \$150 cash for each game winner.

> Players Club members must have earned minimally 75 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games. Bingo at 8P (\$200 each game), \$250 for the 9P game and \$300 for the 10P game.

ANY SENIOR (55+) THAT WINS A BINGO GAME (Not a second chance) WILL WIN A \$50 FREE PLAY BONUS.

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 10A for the 11A game, and 6P for the 7P game. The 12P, 8P, 9P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended. wo customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 2P and 9P & 10P, there will be a "Second Chance Win" fter a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed) the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win SS0 Cash for the 2P game and S100 Cash for the 9P &10P game

The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.





### SATURDAY FUN • HOT SEATS (FREE PLAY) February 4 & 11

#### Round #1:

11 AM to 12 PM – 2 random winners per hour; 12 PM to 1 PM – 2 random winners per hour; 1 PM to 2 PM – 2 random winners per hour. Each winner will win \$50 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$20 to be eligible for Round #1.

Round #3: 9 PM to 10 PM – 3 random winners per hour. Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$40 to be eligible for Round #3.

#### Round #2:

5 PM to 6 PM – 2 random winners per hour. 6 PM to 7 PM – 2 random winners per hour. 7 PM to 8 PM – 2 random winners per hour Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$30 to be eligible for Round #2.

#### Round #4:

10 PM to 11 PM – 3 random winners per hour Each winner will win \$150 in Free Play. Customers will have to play a minimum of \$50 to be eligible for Round #4.

All winner(s) must use their promotional "Free Play" by 2AM the night they won, or the Free Play will be removed from their account. Customers may win up to two (2) times each Saturday of this promotion.

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## HOT SEATS & Bonus Spin WEDNESDAYS Double Your Fun!

EARLY SESSION: 11A ending at 3P 2 random winners/hour (8 total winners) Each winner will win \$40 in Free Play Each Hot Seat winner will also spin a prize wheel that could double their Free Play winnings.

EVENING SESSION: 7P ending at 11P 2 random winners/hour (8 total winners) Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play Each Hot Seat winner will also spin a prize wheel that could double their Free Play winnings. Customers may win up to two separate Hot Seats each week for this promotion



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 \$50 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.

Tuesday, February 14 Box of Chocolates

2P to 7P Players Club members can redeem 40 points earned on February 14, 2017 for a box of chocolates



(While Supplies Last)



**SATURDAY SPORTS FUN** February 22 & 24 March 1 & 4. We will be giving away 8 pairs of tickets to the Golden State Warriors game on March 26. Earn entries (25 points/entry) on February 22, 25 and on March 1, 4

Drawings at 8P & 9P on February 25 & March 4 2 pairs of tickets for each drawing time each week. The Raffle Barrel will be emptied after the 9P drawings each week. Players Club members may win once per week and up to 2 times for this promotion

# Saturday Bingo Fun • February 18th

6PM "Buy-In" for the 7P & 8P games - 75 Points 7PM Game - \$150 Cash • 8PM Game - \$150 Cash 9:300PM "Buy-In for the 10:00P, 11:00PM 10:00PM Game \$250 Cash 11:00PM Game \$300 Cash



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