

## City Park trees to be planted when soil dries up

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As soon as the ground at the Willits City Park dries out sufficiently, eight new trees, currently residing in planter boxes at the public works yard, will find a new, long-lasting home.

The trees were ordered by the city more than two weeks ago from Sanhedrin Nursery, but according to Dave Watts, owner of the nursery, “consistent early storms have saturated the park soils so planting the trees must be delayed until the soil dries out sufficiently, so they won’t be planted in muddy goo.”

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## Contract awarded for Ryan Creek Fish Passage Project

The California Department of Transportation has awarded a contract for the Ryan Creek Fish Passage Project, a mitigation project for potential impacts to fish during the construction of the Willits bypass. The low bidder was Mercer Fraser Company out of Eureka, with a total bid of \$8.4 million.

The project will enhance fish passage by replacing culverts on two forks of Ryan Creek where they pass under U.S. Highway 101 north of Willits. The new culverts will be installed so that they can be filled partly with gravel, resulting in a more natural bottom. This helps fish passage by allowing the creek to flow uninterrupted through the

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## CHP: Maximum enforcement for holiday weekend

North county residents will be among millions of Californians traveling the road this Thanksgiving holiday weekend to visit family and friends. “And while this time of year is usually full of joy, it can be one of the deadliest on our roadways,” says Ukiah Area commander Capt. Bruce Carpenter.

“To help motorists avoid tragedies, the California Highway Patrol will have all available officers on patrol during the Thanksgiving maximum enforcement period,” which begins at

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## Scrumptious Scones

For breakfast or dessert, cranberry orange scones are the perfect way to start or end your Thanksgiving Day



At top: Cranberry Orange scones are perfect for breakfast or dessert! Above, from left: Assemble the ingredients, sift the dry goods, cube butter, and pulse with flour mix in food processor until crumbly. Below, from left: Zest is just the orange part, don’t go into the white! Ah! Don’t forget the cream! Mix wet ingredients. Add to flour, add cranberries, and combine until just incorporated.



### Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups cake flour
- 2/3 cup demerara sugar
- 2 tbs. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp. maple extract
- 1 1/2 sticks butter
- 1 cup cream
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tube almond paste
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 orange or 2 tangerines

### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line two baking sheets with Silpat silicone baking mats or parchment paper. Wax paper is NOT the same thing.
- Sift together both flours, sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon.
- Cut cold butter into small pieces. Use a food processor or two knives to cut the butter into the flour until crumbly. Return to a mixing bowl.
- Zest citrus into the mixture

using a microplane, being sure to get only just the outermost orange peel, not the white pith. Save the zested citrus for juice!

Add eggs, cream, extracts and juice from zested citrus into a separate bowl and whisk together before adding to flour mixture. Add in dried cranberries and combine until all is incorporated.

Dump mixture out onto counter. Break up almond paste into chunks, and add to dough. Knead on counter very lightly until it comes together.

Press into an even square about a half-inch thick. Using a sharp knife, divide the dough into equal portions. I was able to get 24 mini-scones from this recipe.

Transfer the squares to the baking sheet, brush with more cream, and sprinkle with more sugar.

Into the oven, for about 15 minutes. Rotate top to bottom, front to back at the halfway point. Pull when scones are golden and set in the center. Enjoy with coffee or ... Amaretto.



Above, from left: Crumble in the half-tube of almond paste. Knead on counter until just together. Flatten into even square. Cut individual scones with sharp knife. I was able to get 24 from this recipe. Below, from left: Transfer scones to Silpat-lined baking sheet, brush tops with cream, and sprinkle with more sugar. Into a 425 degree oven. When they’re golden brown and just set, they’re ready to enjoy!



Photos by Maureen Moore

## Woodhouse under temporary ‘conservatorship’

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Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse has been placed under temporary “conservatorship” after a November 18 hearing in Ukiah Superior Court.

Judge Richard Henderson granted the petition by Woodhouse’s wife of 45 years, Carlyn Woodhouse, which specifically gives her the right to “resign conservatee’s position as a Mendocino County supervisor” due to the “proposed conservatee’s current disability.” A medical doctor’s statement included in public court documents described the disability as “bipolar disorder.”

Attorney Chris Neary, who represented Carlyn Woodhouse at the Friday morning closed hearing, told Willits Weekly at the courthouse that an announcement would be coming from the family this week or next.

According to court documents, Judge Henderson also granted Carlyn Woodhouse authority “to manage all community property” and “to make all healthcare decisions,” as well as general authority “to make all necessary decisions related to conservatee’s employment

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## Planning commission sends ‘formula business’ ordinance to supes

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The Mendocino County Planning Commission on November 17 unanimously recommended the board of supervisors adopt an ordinance regulating how applications by formula businesses are handled in Mendocino County.

The new ordinance would give the county the right to require formula businesses that wish to build or develop a site in an unincorporated area of the county to obtain a minor use permit.

To secure a permit, the project would be subjected to public review and public comment, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The county also will have the right to add conditions to the use permit.

The impetus to adopt a formula business chapter to the Mendocino County code stems in large part from the successful effort of Dollar General, a

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Time to come home for the holidays

To the Editor:

My name is Sandy Turner. I have been the coordinator of the Willits Kids Christmas Program for many years. It has been a wonderful experience. Looking back I am thankful for all the good people I have met, all the wonderful feelings, all of the emotion and, most of all, all the wonderful children whose lives were a little bit happier thanks to those who supported the effort.

Time passes, however, and it's time now for me to step away from a project that has been such a big part of my life. I couldn't begin to recognize all the wonderful people who have contributed. Thank you all, each and every one. It was a joy to work with you, and I will cherish the memories always.

I want the Kids Christmas Program to continue as long as there are children in our community who can benefit from it. The Rotary Club of Willits and the Willits community have strongly supported the program. I have been assured that they will continue to do so during the transition to new leadership.

Each year the Wild Bunch organizes the Willits Toy Run. When I decided last year that new energy was needed, the Wild Bunch stepped forward and let it be known that they were willing and eager to take on the task. Many hours were spent this year in meetings to assure a smooth transition: that the children would not be disappointed this year. The Rotary Club of Willits, local business owners, community organizations and churches will continue their support. This is just one more of the many reasons that Willits is a special place. Please extend to the Wild Bunch all of the support given in the past. They are good people.

I can't end without some special recognition. Patrick Brown managed the Toys For Tots program. For the last six years, all of the gifts donated in Willits to his program were transferred to our program. Patrick was a Marine. He was blustery, but he loved children and had a big heart. He passed away in February. I will miss him and so will all the children who benefited from his kindness.

Finally, there is my family. My husband, daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren tell me that they have missed me during the holiday season for the last couple of decades. I'm looking forward to decorating, cooking, and being with them this year. I will miss the program and the people, but it's time to come home for the holidays.

Please don't forget the Toy Run on the 27th. It's a great party and open to the public. The price of admission is one unwrapped gift. Stop by and say hi if you wish. I'll be in the kitchen.

Sandy Turner, Willits

## Profound medical properties

To the Editor:

As a cannabis clinician with years of experience in conventional medicine, I feel drawn to contribute some of my knowledge and experience to this community. Cannabis medicine is a very exciting field, caught in a complex situation. There is tremendous conflict and misunderstanding about this plant. My role remains within the realm of healing. I am fully convinced of the powerful potential that PHYTOcannabinoids (the molecules in the pot plant) can have on our body's innate ENDOcannabinoid system (our body's natural cell function which maintains homeostasis, or cellular balance). Cannabis can treat a wide range of medical conditions – it can protect us from developing disease, as well as offer wellness benefits on

the more social and personal levels.

In the past two decades, the endocannabinoid system, ECS, has been implicated in a growing number of physiological functions, both in the central and peripheral nervous systems and in the peripheral organs. More specifically, modulating the activity of the ECS holds therapeutic promise in a wide range of diseases and medical conditions, ranging from mood and anxiety disorders, movement disorders such as Parkinson's and Huntington's disease, neuropathic pain, multiple sclerosis and spinal cord injury, to cancer, atherosclerosis, myocardial infarction, stroke, hypertension, glaucoma, obesity/metabolic syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease and osteoporosis, to name just a few.

In fact, the federal government currently holds six patents on cannabis as a treatment for the following conditions: cancer, nausea, glaucoma, acute and chronic pain, and autoimmune disease. In addition, the patents describe the following therapeutic effects: as an anti-inflammatory, a sedative, an anti-oxidant and as a neuroprotectant particularly in the setting of traumatic brain injury, stroke and dementia.

I have personally met people who have utilized cannabis effectively for their cancer, Crohn's disease, insomnia, autism, depression/anxiety, chronic pain, and more. Without question, certain THC strains are an exceptional sleep aid. It takes time and money to find the strain, the dose, and the method that works for each individual, but it is my opinion that it is absolutely worth it. Cannabis is safe.

Clearly cannabis is an awesome plant with profound medical properties.

The challenge for medical providers involves providing specific doses, formulas and delivery methods. Science and the industry, as well as the political situation, have not reached this level of sophistication yet. The fact is that each individual responds differently to the variety of cannabis strains, so a good relationship between the clinician and the patient, along with a shared understanding of the cannabis products, is extremely helpful. Cannabis materials are highly variable, and multiple components need to be standardized in order to ensure a reproducible effect. My personal concern is that when Big Pharma is manufacturing our medicine that it will have deviated significantly from the plant in its natural state as a complex and holistic organism. Right now in California we have access to dispensaries that offer a variety of products with tested and labeled information. It's not yet perfect, we have a long way to go. But for now, it's pretty great.

If you wish to try cannabis, it is my experience that there is essentially no risk. You can absolutely utilize the medicine without risk of getting high if this is a concern for you; and if you don't want to smoke it, there are several options available. Here in Mendocino County we have access to organically grown plants, which I insist on for my patients, if it's not organically produced, I recommend you do not use it. Also there is no reason for people to purchase or use CBD that is produced from a hemp plant, which is not an optimal source. Our local growers are cultivating organic CBD from cannabis plants which are a far superior source.

There are several excellent websites that offer useful and relevant information. Here are four user-friendly and extremely helpful sites: United Patients Group, Green Flower Media, www.healer.com, and www.ProjectCBD.org.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions; I am happy to offer guidance. Email: ujsmed@yahoo.com .

This letter is presented in collaboration with the Mendocino County American Cannabis Nurses Association, or ACNA. Contact Janice Cinek, RN at janice.cinek@yahoo.com for information about the ACNA

U Joi Sandhu, physician assistant, Willits

## 'An Event to Remember'

To the Editor:

Sponsored by the Willits Chamber of Commerce and with the symbol of a rainbow marking the entrance as guests arrived, the "Supper on the Bypass" held on the viaduct above the old Coleman Ranch was an experience many will remember for a lifetime. Dignitaries, local business leaders and community members – including 108-year-old Edie Recagno Ceccarelli – gathered together with a team of dedicated event staff and volunteers to honor the past, enjoy the present, and share hopes for the future.

Guests enjoyed an array of delicious wines from wineries along the 101 corridor paired with appetizers sourced and prepared by local chefs. The multi-course plated meal was served by local volunteers and delightful young people from the Willits FFA. The elegantly appointed supper tent was filled with laughter, music, and lively conversation, and the day was touched with beautiful moments as the clouds parted and drenched the site in light.

Emceed by Sheriff Tom Allman, the program included remarks by Willits Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Epstein, Willits Mayor Bruce Burton, Phil Frisbie from Caltrans, Patricia Hickey from the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, and Mendocino County Supervisor John McCowen. Four local spiritual leaders offered prayers and blessings for the new road to become a place of safety for travelers. Linda Posner offered a Jewish blessing, Steven Lawler offered a Native American blessing, asking for healing and for protection, and noted the presence of a bald eagle at the beginning of the event. Sam Senerchia offered a Buddhist blessing, and Dennis Long ended the event with a Christian benediction.

Throughout the day, attendees enjoyed beautiful vistas as they strolled on the bypass, and some took pictures lying across the roadway with silly poses. All in all, it was an extraordinary day of community fellowship united with hope and faith for a bright and beautiful future for the city of Willits.

An event like this could not happen without the contributions of many. The Chamber would like to express their heartfelt thanks to: Sheriff Tom Allman, Laura Allman, Ann Alumbaugh, Jeff & Melissa Apodaca, Jemma Apodaca, BARRA of Mendocino (with special thanks to Charlie and Martha Barra and Katrina Kessen), Bella Cibo Catering, Marie Blancas (Chef for Hire), Becky Bowlds, Caltrans (Charlie Fielder, Jim Shupe, Rich Melvin, Mike Maples, Geoff Wright), Kelley Case Brackett, City Manager Adrienne Moore, City of Willits, Heidi Dickerson, Leadership Mendocino, Jay Epstein, Lisa Epstein, State Farm Insurance, District Attorney Dave Eyster, Frey Vineyards, Fryman's Septic Service, Julie Golden, SIP Mendocino, Graziano, B.J. Gutierrez, Emmalee Harmon, Jeff & Beth Havilla (Lake Event Design), Chrissy Jacinth, Willie Jackson, Jenna Kennelly, Lynn Kennelly, Norm Kessen, Jeff Klier, Peter and Laura Koch, Lilly Legris, Steve Legris, Roxanne Lemos-Neese, Loose Caboose Café, Nancy McFarland, Eldon Miller, Nelson Vineyards, Neil Orr, Jr., Bonnie Riley, Matt Roland Events, Dave Richards, 101 Things to Do, Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli, Travis Scott, Gordon Short, Mike Silva, Solid Waste of Willits, Testa Vineyards, Rich Venturi, Troy Walters, Willits Boxing Club, Willits Future Farmers of America, Willits Rental Center and Automotive Repair, Inc., Willits Shifters Car Club, Willits Wild Bunch, Rachel Woods, and the President's Circle Chamber Members (Baechtel Creek Inn & Spa, Super 8 Willits, METALfx, Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, and Sparetime Supply).

Willits Chamber of Commerce, Willits



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"You're vegan? But, what do you eat?"

This is not an uncommon question for those whose diet often coincides with words and phrases like "restrictive" and "no meat" and "no dairy," and "no animal products, not even honey." People tend to focus on the negative.

It's no secret to vegans, and those who love them, that there are other, more accurate words and phrases associated with a vegan diet. They include, but are not limited to: "incredibly delicious," "creative," "colorful," "variety of goodness," "vibrant," and "healthy," just to name a few.

This reporter had attended a vegan potluck last year and was blown away by the variety of delicious foods (there are those words again).

This year, for the fifth annual "Fall in L.O.V.E." Thanksgiving Vegan Potluck held at the Long Valley Garden Club in Laytonville on Sunday, I



## Vegan Potluck

Laytonville diners enjoy an early Thanksgiving with animal-free dishes

wanted to spread my vegan wings, and prepare a dish fit for a Buddha.

It's called "Chickpea, Coconut, and Cashew Curry." It's a recipe that took me three hours to make. The recipe requires 23 ingredients, including 10 spices all in their whole seed forms, which meant I had to grind them down into powder. Thus, the three hours. It was worth it.

I made the dish on Friday with the intention of letting it marinate in the refrigerator for two days before I took it out to bring with me on Sunday. My taste buds had other plans. The recipe capable of serving 10 Buddhas, by Saturday, was no more, having been consumed by one heathen.

So, on Sunday, not having the time to do all that again, I settled for a black beans and rice recipe from Guatemala. I think Buddha would have given it a thumbs-up.

Enough people of the 80 or so attendees at the potluck seemed to like it enough to leave me a clean bowl to bring back home, anyway.

There were roughly 35 main dishes, five soups, an array of chromatically dazzling salads, a dozen desserts, and a variety of drinks shared amongst the satisfied group. Every one of the dishes could easily be profiled here, but alas, there isn't enough room, as there wasn't in my belly, to sample them all.

Instead, here is a short list of some dishes



accompanying by their ingredients, with credit to the cooks and concoctors who brought them.

**Tricolor beet salad with horseradish dressing**, brought by Nancy Metcalf and Justin Bartolini of Ecology Action. **Dressing:** olive oil, shallots, tofu, horseradish, white wine vinegar, salt. **Dish:** Beets (golden, Chivoggia, and standard), pecans, green beans, oliv oil, fennel, apple slices, cranberries.

**Kabocha squash soup**, brought by Dianne Carter. **Ingredients:** Kabocha squash, mushrooms, onions, celery, carrots, apples, green cabbage, fennel, garlic, parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, salt, bay leaves.

**Rainbow Rice**, Brought by Scott and Rosebud Ireland. **Ingredients:** peas, carrots, yams, red bell peppers, oyster mushrooms, red bell peppers, white rice, coconut oil.

**Vegan Brownies**, brought by Breana and Crissy Evans. **Ingredients:** sweet potatoes, ground almonds, dates, cocoa powder, brown rice flour, maple syrup. For complete recipe, go to: <https://deliciouslyella.com/vegan-sweet-potato-brownies-gluten-free/>.

For the recipe of the chickpea, coconut, and cashew curry dish, go to: <http://www.seriousseats.com/recipes/2012/05/chickpea-coconut-and-cashew-curry-recipe.html>.

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Clockwise from top left: Mama J from the Zocalo Collective shows off some vegan coconut bread. A delicious looking plate full of creative vegan fare. Rosebud and Scott Ireland, aka Bug Guts, the singing vegan potluckers. Homemade vegan pizzas with the classic toppings of black olives, tomatoes and green peppers. Paul and Agnus, who brought a "Lazy Confusion" chocolate dessert. A colorful table of vegan dishes. Justin Bartolini, left, and Nancy Metcalf, hold their tricolor beet salad with horseradish dressing. A plate of wraps appeals on a colorful Fiesta dish. The crowd eats in fellowship at the Long Valley Garden Club.



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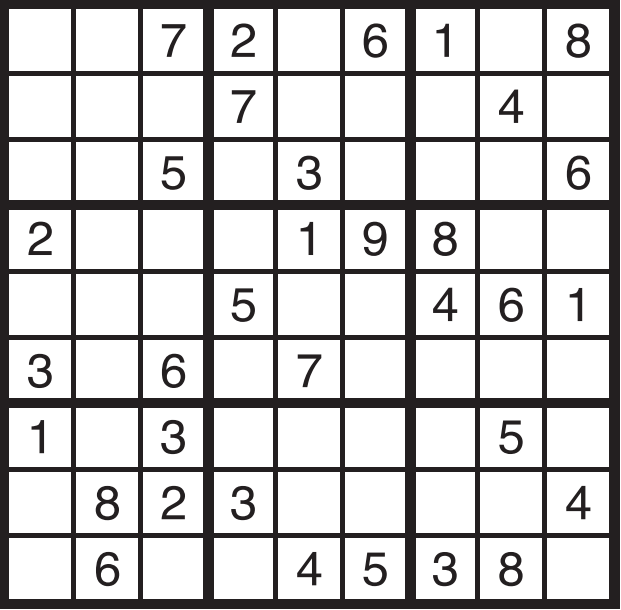
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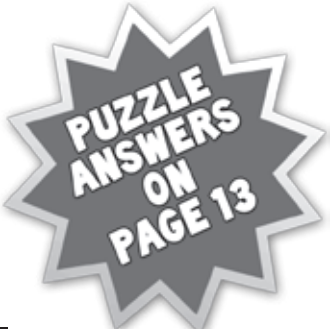
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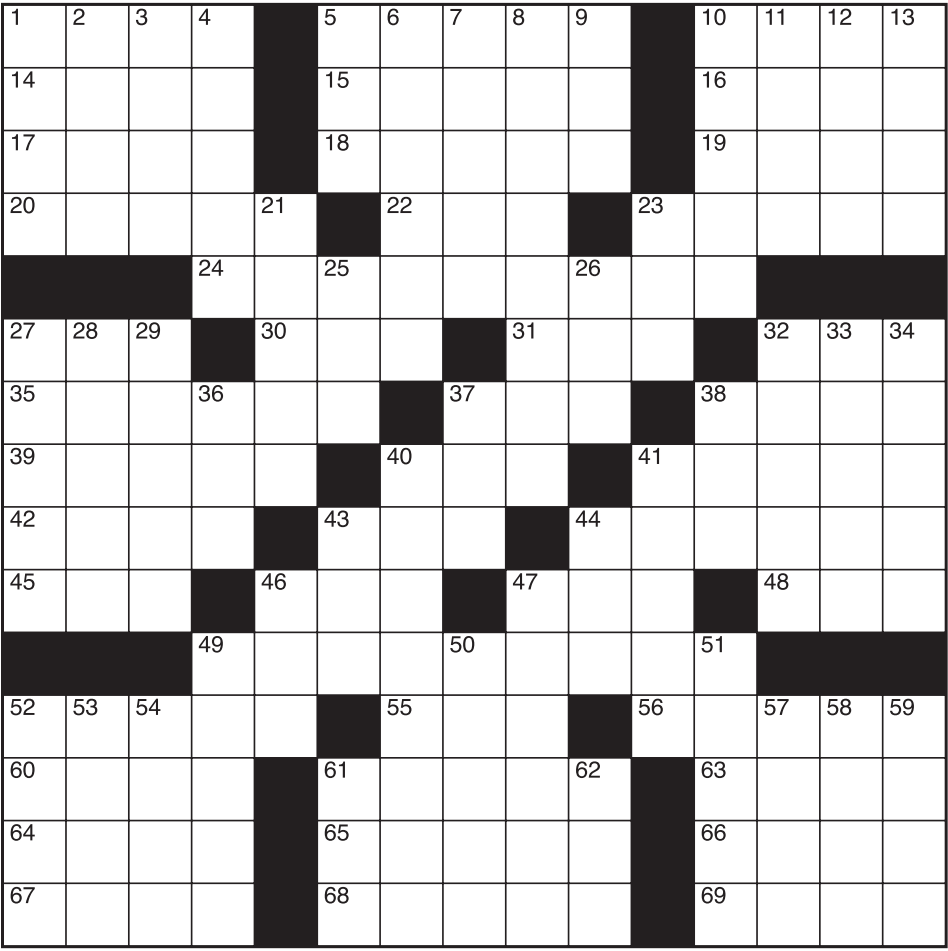


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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sensitivity
- 5. Greek island
- 10. Up to the time of
- 14. Wife
- 15. Composer Ned
- 16. Edging to street path (Brit.)
- 17. Lose energy
- 18. Biblical parable
- 19. Celery (Spanish)
- 20. Arm bones
- 22. Japanese family emblem
- 23. Customary practice
- 24. Acceptance
- 27. Very fast aircraft (abbr.)
- 30. Cool
- 31. Indian state
- 32. Young boy or girl
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Confederate soldier
- 38. Famed German composer
- 39. Alternate name
- 40. Used to pave driveways
- 41. Artery
- 42. Type of powder
- 43. Inquire too closely
- 44. Northern Ireland
- 45. Connects two points at right angles
- 46. Hot drink
- 47. A newt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Very short skirt worn by ballerinas
- 2. Angle between leaf stalk and stem
- 3. Popular in Nebraska
- 4. Dessert
- 5. Cognitive retention therapy
- 6. Wandered
- 7. Mistake
- 8. Adolescent
- 9. Medical term
- 10. Russian tsar's edict
- 11. Type genus of the Nepidae
- 12. High school math class

- 13. Double-reed instrument
- 21. Painful places on the body
- 23. Fiddler crabs
- 25. Resinous substance
- 26. Person of wealth (Brit.)
- 27. Series
- 28. North American plant
- 29. Warble
- 32. Pastries
- 33. Group of eight
- 34. Twyla \_\_, dancer
- 36. Pouch
- 37. Singer Charles
- 38. Cattle genus
- 40. Eye infection
- 41. Where couples go to marry
- 43. Long bench with backs
- 44. Unrestricted free agent
- 46. \_\_ Talks
- 47. Causal agent
- 49. Nincompoop
- 50. Relating to the aura
- 51. Person of conspicuous wealth
- 52. Type of mottled fruit
- 53. Essential
- 54. Fertility god
- 57. Folk singer Ives
- 58. La \_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 59. Foot
- 61. Digital audiotape
- 62. Drunk

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Inspiration for new, well-loved and unique options for this holiday season

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1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
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4. Spread beans onto a baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven and rotate the beans with a wooden spatula to better create equity in roast exposure. No need for pedantic Virgo attention to each bean, unless that's the way you roll. Just move the bottom of the spatula over a collection of beans at a time. The goal is to create a garbanzo bean that is slightly crunchy on the outside and soft on the inside. Bake for another 20 minutes, but be sure to inspect what's going on in the oven at the 15-minute mark. Burned beans are to be avoided. Ideally they should be a nice dark orangey-brown color.
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Come join in the fun at the Harrah Senior Center's Annual Holiday Craft Fair, on Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 4 pm, in the dining hall. See all the lovely handmade items this year's vendors have created. Crafter Helen Oglesby will be selling her rugs that she makes from things like recycled t-shirts. Vendor Nancy Butler will have a booth with low-sugar jams, beaded jewelry and crocheted items.

The P.E.O. women's organization will have tables at the craft fair, with handmade crafts for everybody, including wild bird seedcakes, baked goods, dog treats, soaps, Christmas ornaments, sachets, and sewn items, including aprons, hot/cold neck muscle rolls, Crayola roll-ups, and scrubbies.

Don't forget the Brown Bag Raffle and lots of baked goods as well.

The Harrah Senior Center Thrift Store's "Christmas Store" opens on December 1 and runs through December 10. Thrift Store staff and Christmas Store organizers snap up Christmas items that come in throughout the year, then offer them at very low prices, during this special Christmas sale. Monday through Saturday, from 9 am to 4 pm.

The senior center is also selling See's candies as another annual winter fundraiser: options include 1 pound boxes of various assortments of chocolate candies and more.

The Harrah Senior Center is located at 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

— Jennifer Poole

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# Standing with Standing Rock

## Local couple travels to the pipeline protest in North Dakota

By Greg Kanne, contributing writer

It wasn't meant to be a vacation, though we did vacate Mendocino County in Northern California in November to drive 1,687 miles to Standing Rock in North Dakota. After weeks of viewing videos of violent assaults on Native Americans with tear gas, batons, attack dogs and rubber bullets, we were filled with frustration and disgust. When Mary's son, Douglas, asked "What do you think about going to Standing Rock?," we did not even hesitate a second.

Standing Rock is Selma redux. This is a battlefield on the climate change threat to so many life forms on our planet. This is another front on the ongoing battle between individual rights and corporate rule. Even getting awareness of the Standing Rock situation is an example of corporate attempts to quash and quell resistance. Mainstream press barely mentioned what was going on. Social media exchanges spread the news that corporate powers tried to suppress.

DAPL (Dakota Access Pipeline) had planned to place the project near Bismarck, the state capital. Pipelines do have occasional breaks and mishaps. White privilege and political power prevented the threat to Bismarck. DAPL's response was to take the time-worn path of railroad questionable projects near or through Native American lands.

Once again, the Lakota people resisted. But this time, they were not alone. They sent out a plea, a request to other indigenous tribes, and hundreds of tribes from around our nation and around our world have responded. Tribes from Brazil, Venezuela and other South American countries have responded. Maori people from New Zealand have sent their support. And the Lakota nation opened the invitation to all people. North Dakota's newest city was born. An empty prairie became home to more than 100 tipis and thousands of tents.

Main Street in this new town is the Avenue of Flags, more than 100 colorful sovereign nation flags flying and snapping in the harsh prairie winds. I especially appreciated seeing flags from Sherwood Valley Pomo, Cahto and the Round Valley flag of the Yuki, Wailacki, Pit River, Nomlacki, Concow and Pomo. A number of flags include the colors red, white, black and yellow, recognizing and accepting all races, all people.

It wasn't meant to be a vacation in the usual sense of the word. At the daily introductory meeting, newcomers are told bluntly and politely that: "This is not Woodstock. This is not Burning Man. This is not a festival. We are here for a purpose. This is a camp of ceremony and prayer." The message was not somber. It was uplifting.

This was not meant to be a vacation, but the sharing, the camaraderie, the cooperation was enough to make one giddy. We had done enough research of the camp purpose, values, expectations and protocol. We knew that supporting Standing Rock meant adding, not subtracting resources. We took enough supplies to be self-sustaining, more than enough food, firewood and propane, so we would not have to avail ourselves of the camp's largesse. We did refill our water containers, and Mary and I were provided with seating and served a

hot meal at the spirit fire as a respect to elders. We deposited some warm, donated coats, and Mary picked up a warm sweater in a department store-sized collection of donated clothing.

This new city is an anomaly, a city of a population in constant flux, ranging from 2,000 to 8,000 at a given time. A city this big with no cash registers or fees. A number of kitchens and mess halls. Scores of porta-potties cleaned out every day. Food is provided for all. Warm clothes, firewood, propane and water is provided. No questions, no requirements. Everything is supplied through donations and volunteer work.

There is a Camp Center with the spirit fire burning 24/7. At this center, there is a microphone and camp-wide loudspeaker system monitored by Native Americans sharing announcements, messages, singing, drumming, chanting and praying from 6:30 am with a camp wake-up call to 10:30 pm with a final prayer.

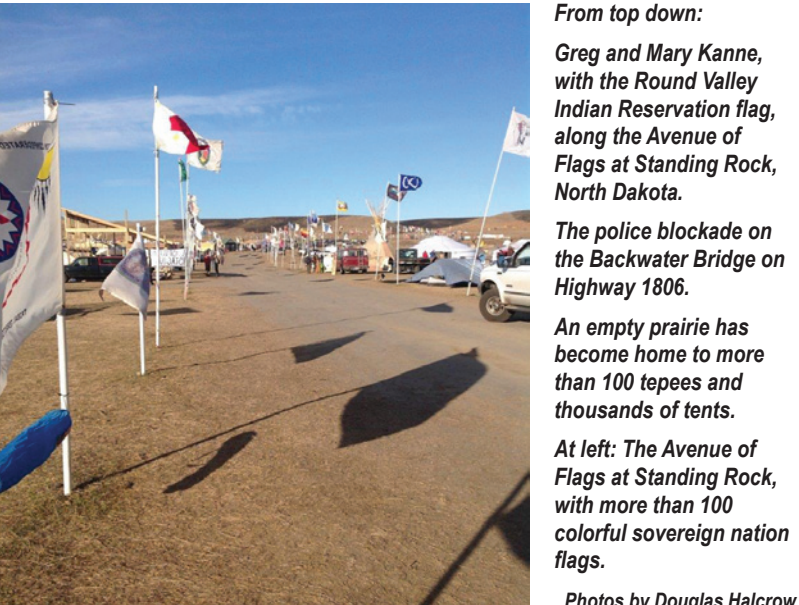
We "paid our way" with simple tasks of helping unload plywood from a truck, to splitting some firewood, to picking up any flyaway trash that the prairie winds were intent on spreading. Douglas took his work tools and spent a day building compost toilets for those who are staying the winter. On the day that he went to help construct a yurt, he asked, "Who is in charge here?" They said, "You are."

It wasn't meant to be a vacation. But arriving after dark and unclear about the process, we drove around this large camp, finally asking a fellow where we could set up our camp. He said "Why don't you camp here with us?" Immediately, strangers were offering help and lamps and welcomes. Soon we were sitting at their campfire meeting people who had just met each other.

This small camp within the camp had people from Wisconsin, Utah, Oregon, Rhode Island and us from California. Natives and non-Natives. Immediate friendships developed. In the following days, some people left to go home, and others arrived and joined our small camp. A Native American school principal from Manitoba with her 15-year-old son, a college professor at Old Dominion University in Virginia, four young men from Colorado who came for one night but towed a U-Haul trailer full of donated supplies, a young grad student in geology from Oklahoma who was also part of indie media. We all shared meals or coffee or campfire talks. It wasn't meant to be a vacation, but it had all the attributes and accoutrements of the best vacations I have ever had.

We had eight days from the time we decided to go and our departure date. I posted our plans on Facebook and opened an opportunity for others to donate to the Standing Rock cause. In those eight days, our always generous and caring friends and neighbors in Willits and Dos Rios contributed \$1,300 to donate. I distributed \$550 directly to people in the camp, and the other \$750 went to the supply tent.

This event is not over. This is a movement. This was not meant to be a vacation, but it has been a life-changing, life-enriching experience, and the best vacation that I have ever had.



From top down:  
Greg and Mary Kanne, with the Round Valley Indian Reservation flag, along the Avenue of Flags at Standing Rock, North Dakota.  
The police blockade on the Backwater Bridge on Highway 1806.  
An empty prairie has become home to more than 100 tipis and thousands of tents.  
At left: The Avenue of Flags at Standing Rock, with more than 100 colorful sovereign nation flags.  
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Thursday, November 24  
Happy Thanksgiving!

27th annual Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Annual free Thanksgiving feast (donations appreciated) from 11 am to 3 pm, Thursday, November 24 at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Dinner prepared by the Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp and served by community volunteers. "Come give thanks and celebrate this holiday with our community!" For more info or to sign up as a volunteer: 459-3333.

Friday, November 25

**Shanachie Pub:** Schindig, "a band of homegrown Mendocino County boys playing a unique eclectic blend of folk, rock, country, blues with a jolt of world music thrown in for good measure," play their annual day after Thanksgiving show at the Pub. Friday, November 25, at 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



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Saturday,  
November 26

**Small Business Saturday:** Check your local merchants for sales and specials, and pick up a "Passport" at any participating business, to be stamped, and entered into a drawing for special prizes. "November 26th marks the seventh annual Small Business Saturday, a day dedicated to supporting the local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country. Small Business Saturday was created by American Express in 2010 in response to small business owners' most pressing need: more customers." Visit <https://www.americanexpress.com/us/small-business/shop-small/> to learn more about the benefits of shopping locally.

**Shanachie Pub:** an intimate acoustic show with Donovan I-taweh Cunningham, the singing bassist, guitarist and studio musician from St. Ann's Parish, Jamaica, who's toured and played with Sugar Minott, Gregory Isaacs, the Mystic Revelation of Rastafari and more. Visit [www.i-taweh.com](http://www.i-taweh.com). Saturday, November 26, at 9 pm. \$10. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, November 27

**Willits Toy Run:** The 24th annual Willits Toy Run, the kickoff for the Willits Children's Christmas Program each year, is set for Sunday, November 27, rain or shine! Motorcyclists, accompanied by Santa and Mrs. Claus and fire engines from the Little Lake Fire Department, gather at the Evergreen Shopping Center and ride through town to the Little Lake Grange, for an afternoon of music (featured band this year: Il Big); food by the Willits Rotary Club (also event sponsors); no host bar by the Willits Lions Club; and great raffle prizes. Everyone is invited! Admission to the party is one unwrapped toy, for ages 1 to 17, to be distributed through the Christmas program. Info: HOG@bellsprings.com or call 707-489-3313.



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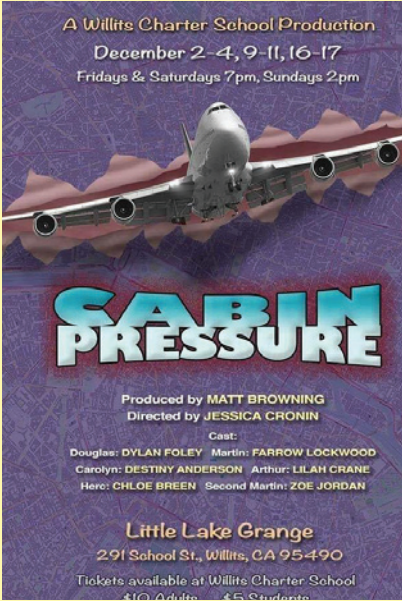


Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford plays folks, Americana and blues every first Thursday of the month; this month, Thursday, December 1. 8 pm. No cover. Pick up a copy of his latest EP, "Where Have You Gone" or visit [www.cdbaby.com/Artist/AaronFord](http://www.cdbaby.com/Artist/AaronFord). 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, December 2

**"Cabin Pressure":** A Willits Charter School Production, opens Friday, December 2 at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Cabin Pressure" follows the day-to-day working life of MJN Air, and its crew of four: Carolyn Knapp-Shappey, owner and stewardess; Douglas Richardson, an experienced pilot, fired from his last job for stealing; Captain Martin

Griff, the chief pilot who loves flying planes but isn't very good at it; and Arthur Shappey, Carolyn's overexcited and idiotic son who works as a steward. In their plane, GERTI, the crew is chartered to take all manner of things across the world." Produced by Matt Browning. Directed by Jessica Cronin. Cast: Douglas: Dylan Foley; Martin: Farrow Lockwood; Carolyn: Destiny Anderson; Arthur: Lilah Crane;



Herc: Chloe Breen; Second Martin, Zoe Jordan. December 2-4, 9-11 and 16-17; Fridays and Saturdays 7 pm, Sundays, 2 pm. Tickets, \$10 adult, \$5 student, are available at WCS, 1431 South Main Street, 459-5506.

**"A Christmas Carol":** Opening night for Willits Community Theatre's holiday tale about the greedy, curmudgeonly miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who ends up realizing the worth of his fellow human beings and gaining the true joy of living. Runs through Sunday, December 18. Directed by Dawn Jacobs, with an all-star cast featuring Rod Grainger, Dave Watts, Randa Craighead, Christopher Martin, Mike A'Dair, Sylvia Wartell, Robert Ford, Soren Pinelli, Kathy De Bane, Amarah Potter, and Spencer Copperfield. Plus, at the end of each show, the cast conducts an interactive sing-along with the audience, with Robert Ford and Greg Schindel on guitars, in renditions of old English carols, including among others, "Silent Night," "Deck the Halls" and "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." Thursdays at 7 pm for \$10, Friday and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$15, and some Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$10. Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). See article on page 10 for more details.

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**Shanachie Pub:** "The Cult of Ours," a new local group: "You will recognize many of the musicians on stage this night." Friday, December 2, at 9 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Saturday, December 3**  
**Senior Center Holiday Craft Fair:** Harrah Senior Center's Annual Holiday Craft Fair is set for Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 4 pm. "Come join in the fun and see all the lovely handmade

items this year's vendors have created. Don't forget the Brown Bag Raffle and lots of baked goods as well!" Plus See's Candies for sale. Also, the Harrah Senior Center Thrift Store's "Christmas Store" opens on December 1 and runs through December 10, featuring Christmas items at very low prices: Monday through Saturday, from 9 am to 4 pm. 1501 Baechtel Road; info: 459-6826

**First Baptist Church Christmas Fair:** The First Baptist Church Christmas Craft and Vendor Fair is set for Saturday, December 3, from 9 am to 3 pm at the church house located at 145 Wood Street. Features many handcrafted items will be available along with vendor products. Info: 459-2144.

**WHS Jr. Boosters Holiday Bazaar:** Willits High Schools Jr. Boosters Club presents a Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, December 3, from 10 am to 2 pm at the WHS Food Center. \$20 table fee for vendors of crafts, candy or baked goods will be donated to WHS Boosters and all other proceeds go to the individual vendors. "We encourage all to come and sell or buy for your holiday needs!" Info on becoming a vendor: Christy Wisdom, 459-7700 ext. 1554 or Jennifer Barrett, 707-540-4208.

**Dual Auditions at Willits Community Theatre:** auditions for two plays, Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" and Yasmina Reza's "God of Carnage," on Saturday, December 3 at noon and on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm, at the playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, just a block behind Niko's Gyros and Shanachie Pub. Call for "The Sunshine Boys" (directed by Christine Dill, call her at 462-4015 with questions), is for two older guys who have comic timing and who can remember a lot of lines, plus two women and two men, 20 to 60 years old. Call for "God of Carnage" (directed by David Parth, call him at 459-7054 with questions). People who come to this audition may try out for either play or for both. Scripts of these plays are available at the front desk of the Willits Library.

**"Cabin Pressure":** 7 pm, see Friday, December 2 listing for info.



"A Christmas Carol": 8 pm, see Friday, December 2 listing for info.

**Shanachie Pub:** "DJ Night with Podge: "all forms of House Music from 1996 to the present concentrating on deep, funky & groovy tunes." Saturday, December 3, at 9 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday,  
December 4

**Laytonville Christmas Bazaar:** The Laytonville Christmas Bazaar Craft Fair is set for Sunday, December 4 at Harwood Hall

in Laytonville from 10 am to 4 pm, featuring a variety of hand-crafted arts by over 50 local artists. Refreshments will be served. There will also be an opportunity for children to have their photos taken with Santa. Info: 984-8089. "The Christmas Bazaar is an annual fundraiser for Harwood Memorial Park and we appreciate the community's support of this long-time event."

**"Cabin Pressure":** 2 pm matinee, see Friday, December 2 listing for info.

**Open House at the "Willits Hub":** Open house at the new "Willits Hub" on Sunday, December 4 from 3 to 5 pm, at 630 South Main Street, celebrates the Willits Environmental Center (WEC), Willits Economic Localization (WELL), Save Our Little Lake Valley (SOLLV), and the Eel River Recovery Project under one roof. Food, music by Just Enough (Kate Black, Clancy Rash & Helen Falandes) and Chanterelle (Madge Strong, Diane Smalley & Helen Falandes), and short introductions. Free; all are welcome!



**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."

**Morning Tranquility Meditation:** every weekday 8 to 8:30 am at the Inner Resource Institute, 1500 Hearst Road. Open to all, this simple, blissful silent meditation is suitable for beginning (instruction included) or experienced meditators. Info: 357-4676.

**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.

**Smoking Cessation Program:** Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are 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](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** 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 Summer 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.

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Skunk Train's  
"Magical Christmas Train"

The Skunk Train's first "Magical Christmas Train" of the season out of the Willits Depot, 299 East Commercial Street, is set for Sunday, December 4, but that train and the December 10 train out of Willits are already sold out! Seats might be available on sold-out trains due to cancellations, but reservations are always recommended! Get your tickets now for "The Magical Christmas Train" out of Willits, starting December 11 and continuing every day through December 23, a 90 minute train ride through a storybook wonderland, cookies, hot chocolate in a souvenir mug, and a personal visit with Santa Claus himself. "Come dressed in your Christmas morning pajamas, if you'd like, and join us in carols and reindeer games!" 60-minute train rides out of Fort Bragg available on Saturday, December 3 and Saturday, December 9. Call 707-964-6371 or more info or reservations, or visit [www.skunktrain.com/christmas.html](http://www.skunktrain.com/christmas.html) for more info and tickets: \$44 for ages 13 and up; \$34 for ages 2-12; free for children under 2; \$10 for dogs.

Grange School  
Meet & Greet  
Monday, December 5

Grange School Leadership Meet & Greet: The Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture is holding a Leadership Meet & Greet event on Monday, December 5 from 4 to 6 pm at the Grange Schoolhouse at 16200 North Highway 101, south of Willits. "Looking for a way to engage and activate your community? Seeking a way to impact the future of our food system? Interested in joining a dynamic team working towards a common goal, inspired by passionate young farmers? Meet staff, graduates of the program, and our board to get a better understanding of the complex programming at GSAA. Consider joining an Action Team, working to creatively meet our mission of training the current and next generation of farmers in the science, art, and business of food production." Refreshments provided, tours available. For directions or more information, visit [www.School\\_Of\\_Adaptive\\_Agriculture.org](http://www.School_Of_Adaptive_Agriculture.org).



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Week of November 28  
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Friday: Salisbury 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, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

"Working Through Loss & Grief: Finding Light in the Darkest Time"

Avenues to Wellness presents its December speaker event, Tuesday, December 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, with Roland Hulstein, MSW, therapist and spiritual care provider at Phoenix Hospice. "Learn the common elements of the grief process. Discover the misconceptions related to grief, and ways to move through and perhaps beyond our loss. Explore the idea that loss can lead to opportunities to grow and change." Presentation includes: The steps of the grief process; learning about hospice and bereavement care; early, delayed & complicated grief; and managing the holidays with sadness. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free to the public; donations appreciated! Wheelchair accessible. Info: 456-9676, [atwforhealth@gmail.com](mailto:atwforhealth@gmail.com) or [www.avenuestowellness.org/](http://www.avenuestowellness.org/).



Volunteers at the Class of 2015 candy sale, from left: Naomi Amador, Izabel Hageman and Antonio Amador.

Sober Grad Committee  
needs bakers, candymakers

The Sober Grad Committee is planning three "Homemade Candy and Cookie Sales" this holiday season to raise funds for the big graduation night party next spring. Can you help by making some cookies or homemade candy? Sober Grad volunteers will be selling candy on Saturday, December 3 at the Senior Center Holiday Crafts Fair, from 9 am to 4 pm, and also on Saturday, December 3, at the Willits High School Craft Fair to be held at the WHS Food Center, from 10 am to 4 pm. The third sale will be at the Willits Holiday Craft Fair at the Willits Community Center, on Saturday, December 10, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Please drop off your candy and cookies to Nancy Christiansen at Tangles, 59 School Street, by 5:30 pm on December 2 for the December 3 fairs; drop-off deadline for the December 10 fair is December 9 by 5:30 pm. You may also bring your candy/cookies directly to the fairs before they begin.

Open house at "The Hub"  
Sunday, December 4

All are welcome at an Open House on Sunday, December 4, from 3 to 5 pm, to celebrate the Willits Environmental Center (WEC), Willits Economic Localization (WELL), Save Our Little Lake Valley (SOLLV), and the Eel River Recovery Project all sharing the space at 630 South Main Street (just a few doors south of Mariposa Market). This home for the combination of environmental, justice, and localization groups is now being dubbed the "Willits Hub."

The Open House will include food and entertainment, with performances by two local trios: Just Enough (Kate Black, Clancy Rash & Helen Falandes) and "Chanterelle" (Madge Strong, Diane Smalley & Helen Falandes). There will also be short introductions of the groups and a brief WELL membership meeting to elect coordinating committee members.

WELL works on projects, investments, and education to make the Willits community more self-sufficient and sustainable, including issues of energy, food, water, transportation, health, and local business. The WEC has been at the forefront of many environmental issues in our region for over two decades, including successful campaigns to preserve wilderness areas and to protect forest and water resources.

SOLLV continues working to monitor Caltrans mitigation work and support Native American tribes' struggle to reclaim and protect cultural artifacts desecrated by the Caltrans bypass project. They usually meet on first Fridays at 5:30 pm. Check their website at [savelittlelakevalley.org](http://savelittlelakevalley.org) for latest news. The Eel River Recovery Project has worked on river restoration and protection for many years, primarily operating out of Humboldt County. A state grant may soon enable them to open a Mendocino County office here in Willits.

Please join us at the Open House, Sunday Dec. 4th, 3-5pm at 630 S. Main Street to learn more about the work of these organizations and enjoy holiday festivities!

– Madge Strong, WELL



Save  
the  
Date:

"The Gift of Art: Small Works Show," Willits Center for the Arts, December 4-24  
30th Annual Willits Holiday Craft Fair, December 9 to 11, Willits Community Center and Willits Center for the Arts





At far left: Three ghosts haunt Ebenezer Scrooge, in bed, played by Rod Grainger. Dave Watts as The Ghost of Christmas Past, Spencer Copperfield as the Ghost of Christmas Future, and Christopher Martin as the Ghost of Jacob Marley. At left: Rod Grainger plays two lead roles in "A Christmas Carol": the author Charles Dickens, left, and Ebenezer Scrooge, right. Below: Rod Grainger as Charles Dickens, seated, imagines characters for "A Christmas Carol" – including, from left, Spencer Copperfield as Young Ebenezer Scrooge, Amarah Potter as Young Scrooge's fiancée, Belle, Robert Ford as Scrooge's nephew Fred, Sylvia Wartell as Scrooge's sister Fan as a young girl, and Soren Pinelli as Tiny Tim. At bottom: Soren Pinelli, left, portrays Tiny Tim and Dave Watts plays his hard-working father, Bob Cratchit.

Photos by Ron Greystar

## 'A Christmas Carol'

Traditional holiday cheer – with singalong carols – takes the stage at WCT

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas are coming to the Willits Community Theatre in a stage adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," the classic Charles Dickens tale of personal transformation. Visiting Director Dawn Jacobs leads an all-star cast in presenting this holiday tale about the greedy, curmudgeonly miser who ends up realizing the worth of his fellow human beings and gaining the true joy of living.

The legendary transformation of Scrooge comes to life under a script by Michael Paller. Director Jacobs, who has lived a passion for the theater since childhood, says that she was particularly drawn to Paller's adaptation because it broadens the original story to include the famed author himself. The Dickens tale was published in 1843 London, during a time of a growing monied class contrasted by the extreme poverty and desperation of the lower class.

The play's action opens on Christmas Eve at the Dickens household, with the author coaxing his friends into donning costumes and acting out all the parts. "The resulting action is very funny," Jacobs says. "The script also offers a background to Dickens and his world and the plausible way he came to write the story." The adaptation remains faithful to the interior of the Dickens classic, complete with

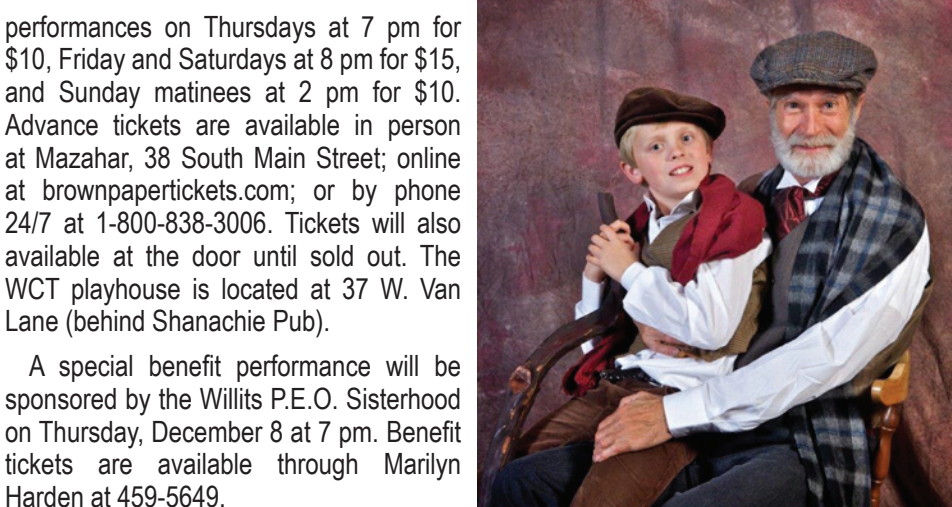
three ghosts, the sad character of ailing Tiny Tim, and the numerous other colorful characters.

Starring in the WCT production are Rod Grainger, Dave Watts, Randa Craighead, Christopher Martin, Mike A'Dair, Sylvia Wartell, Robert Ford, Soren Pinelli, Kathy De Bane, Amarah Potter, and Spencer Copperfield.

Because these 11 actors play a total of 40 different roles, this play within a play is wonderfully challenging. The mood of the scenes shifts back and forth from dark and spooky to holiday laughter and back again. Along the way, the action conveys how a closed-off, self-absorbed man whose only God is money ultimately finds redemption and ends up doing significant good with his wealth.

The show is designed to be engaging for adults and children. As a special treat at the end of each show, the cast will conduct an interactive sing-along with the audience, with the accompaniment of Robert Ford and Greg Schindel on guitars, in renditions of old English carols, including among others, "Silent Night," "Deck the Halls" and "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." The intent is to send patrons back home in good holiday cheer and with warmed hearts.

The show runs from Friday, December 2 through Sunday, December 18, with



performances on Thursdays at 7 pm for \$10, Friday and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$15, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$10. Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 W. Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

A special benefit performance will be sponsored by the Willits P.E.O. Sisterhood on Thursday, December 8 at 7 pm. Benefit tickets are available through Marilyn Harden at 459-5649.



Above, left: Malanyon Adams dips the turkey into scalding water, to release the feathers. Above, right: Friends, relations and staff work on processing turkeys. Below: At rear from left, Michelle Kluskiewicz, a former Emandal staff member, Kashaya Adams, and Tony Giusso, all pitch in to pluck the first turkey.



## Emandal Turkeys

Harvesting locally raised birds for the Thanksgiving table

Most of the 14 turkeys raised at Emandal-A Farm on a River this year will be gracing Thanksgiving tables across the Willits area this year, as owner Tamara Adams and a crew of 12 harvested the birds this past Sunday.

"We saved the largest [at 44 pounds] for our Thanksgiving at Emandal," Adams said. "It will be paired with our own garden potatoes and sweet potatoes, corn, and oodles of salad greens."

Adams had received the turkey chicks at the end of April, and they grew fast and big, feeding on pasture grass during the day and chicken feed at night.

"We put them inside with chicken feed at night because of bobcats and coyotes and foxes and such."

They started with 25 chicks, said Adams, "but they aren't noted for their intelligence, or their hardness. [I'm] delighted that we ended up with 14!"

The advantages of purchasing turkeys from Emandal are many, explained Adams.

"They've been fed well," said Adams.

"I know what they've eaten. They've had a nice life. They've been indoors and outdoors. I think it's a humane way to raise them."

Although not all the turkeys were sold, according to Adams, "that leaves us more for serving next summer during family camp. Turkey mole is hard to beat!"

Summer camp at Emandal Farm is a popular program, serving families "from the Bay Area and all over the country. Mainly we cater to people with kids, to be on the farm and swim in the river and eat good food," Adams said.

Emandal farm used to raise turkeys on its own, "but stopped for a few [years], knowing that we could get a great one from [Willits rancher] Greg Randrup. Unfortunately, he passed away, giving us the incentive to start again."

For more information about Emandal - A Farm on a River, call 459-9252, or visit [www.emandal.com](http://www.emandal.com).

— Damian Sebouhian



Above, left: Buffalo Adams sprays off the stainless work table after the work's all done, with assistance from Alex from San Francisco, at right. Above, right: Tom O'Brien, a friend of Emandal Farm, carrying one of the last big birds to the cooler. At left: Friends, neighbors and staff work on three of the turkeys. Below: Lots of turkeys, wrapped and ready.

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# Run a mile, win a turkey

Second annual Turkey Trot event held at BGMS

Several lucky Willits students won turkeys for their Thanksgiving dinners this year, including Janie Ruiz, Aleen Hernandez, Eric Rodriguez, Enrique Cisneros, MJ Anderson, Emily Williams, Kati Williams, Caleb Jordo, Joseph Loya, and Gabriella Bacci. What did they do to win a turkey? Well, run a mile around the fields at Baechtel Grove Middle School, of course.

In P.E. classes throughout the day on Friday, November 18, students ran the mile, and, for each who succeeded, they wrote their name on a raffle ticket and placed the tickets in a hat. At the end of each class, a winning ticket was drawn. That student won a turkey.

"The students really get excited about it," explained BGMS P.E teacher Matt Moratti. "We feel like it's a great way to motivate physical activity by connecting Thanksgiving and community to our school. We hope to continue to keep up this tradition every year, and thank Grocery Outlet for donating the turkeys."



At left: BGMS students celebrate at the end of the Turkey Trot track

At right: Another lucky turkey winner, Joseph Loya.

Far right, top: Janie Ruiz and Aleen Hernandez hold their turkeys.

Far right, below: Gabriella Bacci, at right, holds her winning turkey, alongside her mom and sister.

Photos by Matt Moratti



At top, left: Students ready for the Turkey Trot. Above, left: Turkey winners, from left: Janie Ruiz, Aleen Hernandez, Eric Rodriguez, Enrique Cisneros, MJ Anderson, Emily Williams, and Kati Williams. Above right: Grocery Outlet's crew member Juan Mandujano brings out the cart full of donated turkeys.



## Sober Grad raffle winners

Sober Grad Fall Raffle Basket winners Bo Stephens, center, and Jenny Forrester, right, with Forrester's son, Colten Horger, a senior at Willits High School, at left. This year's basket had a value of more than \$600. All items were donated by Cat's Meow, Flowers by Annette, Main Street Music, Mirror Mirror on the Wall, Buster's, and parents of Willits High School seniors.

The raffle drawing was held November 16 at the Sober Grad meeting; anyone interested in helping out raise funds and organize for the 2017 Sober Grad Night is welcome to attend the next meeting, January 11. For more information contact Joyce Waters, 707-489-8377 or willitssobergrad@gmail.com.



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The eight trees are each residing in 24-inch boxes, "so they already have some size," Watts said. "They are about 12 feet tall by 8 feet wide."

"[The city's] priority is to get them in as soon as they are able," said City Manager Adrienne Moore.

In the meantime, the stumps of the old silver maples within the interior of the park next to the play area and the restrooms will continue to be uprooted and removed, Moore said.

"I'm going to start planting a couple of the trees," where stumps have already been removed, said Public Works Supervisor Bill Wilson. "And then I'll pull the other stumps out as [the ground] dries up a little more. The problem is getting in there and tearing out the stumps without tearing out [too much useful soil], because it's so wet."

Currently, there is a section of the park where one of the silver maples once stood that is cordoned off. "We need to bring in some more fresh topsoil in that section, then we can plant at that point," said Wilson.

Watts gave a detailed description of the new trees:

"[They are] Acer truncatum x A. platanoides 'Warrenred,' with the common name of Pacific Sunset maple.

"They are a hybrid cross between a Chinese maple and

a Norway maple. This hybrid maple is tough, drought-tolerant, and very well-suited for the City Park soils. They will grow fairly quickly to a height of 30 feet by 25 feet. They have dark green glossy leaves in the growing season and very colorful yellow-orange to bright red leaves in the fall."

According to both Watts and Moore, the Pacific Sunset maples will be planted in the same pattern as the old maples planted in the early 1900s, during the park's creation. A 1992-93 tree management plan drafted by arborist John Phillips states: "City Park was officially created in the early 1900s after the land was donated to the city by the Northwestern Redwood Company."

In his report, Phillips identified the superintendent of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco as the designer for the Willits City Park.

For this and other reasons, the City of Willits intends to maintain the same planting configuration, although, according to Moore, the trees are "not going to be as close to each other, so they'll have more room for growth."

Watts said the Pacific Sunset maples should avoid the unfortunate fate of the park's original silver maples.

"These trees were chosen for their toughness, beauty and size," said Watts. "The original silver maple trees

Below, left, stumps of some of the trees removed at City Park. Below, right, the new Pacific Sunset maples, to be planted at City Park.

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6:01 pm on Wednesday and continues through 11:59 pm on Sunday, November 27.

During the MEP, CHP officers will enforce traffic safety laws throughout the state to ensure everyone has a safe holiday, Carpenter said.

He reminds motorists to travel at a speed safe for conditions, avoid distracted driving, and designate a non-drinking driver for the safety of everyone on the road.

Last year during the Thanksgiving holiday, the CHP made more than 1,000 drunken driving arrests.

While the number of people killed in traffic collisions during last year's Thanksgiving weekend was down from 2014, 35 people died in collisions across the state. Of the 17 vehicle occupants killed within CHP jurisdiction, 41 percent of them were not wearing seat belts.

"Buckling up is simple and the most important safety measure you can take to protect yourself in a collision," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said. "Seat belts save lives and prevent injuries. Do not put your own life at risk, or the life of your family or friends. Buckle up."

Nationwide, more than half the drivers and passengers killed in collisions were not wearing seat belts. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates seat belts saved the lives of 12,802 passenger vehicle occupants in 2014.

Carpenter encourages area residents to call 9-1-1 to report unsafe or impaired drivers.

### Caltrans takes holiday break

Caltrans will suspend work on Northern California highways from Wednesday, November 23, through Sunday, November 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary for Caltrans Maintenance forces to respond to emergency situations.

This report was based on press releases from the CHP and Caltrans.

### Jury deadlocks in Spyrock pot robbery

A superior court jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict last week in the trial of a Sonoma County man accused of armed robbery and burglary during a large-scale illicit marijuana transaction gone awry in the Spy Rock area outside Laytonville in March.

Kevin Jeffery Mcanallan, 64, continues to be charged with unresolved allegations of first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, and using a firearm in commission of a felony, the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office says.

After the jury was excused on November

15, Judge Ann Moorman gave the DA's Office until November 30 to decide if it will seek a new trial in the case

"As happens in all matters that result in a hung jury, this case will be team reviewed by senior prosecutors in the DA's Office before a recommendation is made to the district attorney on whether or not a second trial should be sought," a DA's spokesman said.

This report was based on a post from the Mendocino County District Attorney's Facebook page.

## Caltrans posts video of bypass opening highlights

Caltrans recently celebrated the completion of the Willits bypass project on U.S. Highway 101 in Mendocino County, which also included the dedication of the 1.1 mile-long viaduct portion – the Jesse D. Pittman SO1 Navy SEAL Memorial Bridge – to a local hero who gave his life in service to his country in Afghanistan in 2011.

In a Caltrans News Flash, which can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/9YSyzl-z\\_Qo](https://youtu.be/9YSyzl-z_Qo), you'll see the highlights of that ceremony, hear about the service of Special Operator 1 Pittman and learn why the new bypass is important not only to the local area but to transportation in northern California.

On August 6, 2011, U.S. Navy SEAL and Willits local Jesse Pittman was aboard a military helicopter participating in a night raid over Afghanistan to root out Taliban fighters. The helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade and crashed, claiming the lives of those aboard. Jesse also served his community as a CalFire firefighter in Mendocino County shortly before enlisting in the Navy.

The \$300 million two-lane bypass is improving safety for traffic and pedestrians traveling through the city of Willits. The project also eliminated the only stoplights on U.S. 101 between San Francisco and Eureka, relieving congestion and reducing delays for motorists.

This News Flash is the 103rd in a series of videos highlighting Caltrans' activities that present the wide-ranging and critical work that Caltrans does to enhance California's economy and livability. To see more of these and other videos, search for #CaltransNewsFlash on Twitter or go to <http://bit.ly/1ez3LYz>.

– submitted by Caltrans HQ, Sacramento

grew over 60 feet tall and were subsequently pruned back severely to contain their size.

"Repeated severe pruning subsequently caused major decay in the trees, which resulted in their becoming a hazard to park users," Watts added.

The maples – as well as sycamores along the outside border of the park – were deemed hazardous to public safety and removed.

"The new trees, because they are not as tall, will not need to be 'contained' by severe pruning, creating the subsequent problem of becoming hazard trees," said Watts.

More trees will be ordered in the near future, funded from a recent \$2,500 grant awarded to the city by PG&E, for the purpose of tree planting.

Sanhedrin Nursery, owned by Dave and Jenny Watts, is "a distributor of bareroot fruit trees and roses to most areas of the U.S." Hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, and on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm; closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

For more information, call 459-9009, or visit [sanhedrinnursery.com](http://sanhedrinnursery.com).

The rest of  
**Ryan Creek** |

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culvert and will open up additional spawning areas on Ryan Creek, which is a headwaters of the Eel River. Construction will begin this fall with the removal of trees necessary to install the new culverts. Culvert replacement will begin next June, with completion by next fall.

This project provides mitigation, in addition to fish passage and water quality improvements already completed as part of the bypass construction and the wetlands mitigation projects.

This report was based on a post on Caltrans' Willits Bypass Project News website.

## Emergency winter shelter for the homeless to open in Ukiah

In response to the impending cold and wet weather and the lack of a year-round shelter, local organizations and agencies have collaborated to develop an emergency winter shelter, scheduled to open by December.

The Inland Valley Emergency Winter Shelter for the Homeless, proposed at the rear unit of 1045 South State Street in Ukiah, would be open for approximately six months and would provide safe, supervised shelter for the most vulnerable of the area's general homeless population.

This effort is coordinated by the Homeless Services Action Group, with funding and resources contributed by the Ukiah Valley Medical Center, the City of Ukiah, the County of Mendocino, the Health and Human Services Agency of Mendocino County, the Community Foundation, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, and other community members.

The proposed shelter would be open seven days a week from 6 pm to 8 am. It would provide more than 40 beds and shower and bathroom facilities, as well as crates for homeless pets and a state-of-the-art kennel, loaned by Sheriff Allman.

Ukiah Police Chief Chris Dewey has expressed support for the emergency shelter. "I am really appreciative of the people who are working to make this happen," Chief Dewey said. "It is essential to have a shelter during the winter weather for the safety and well-being of our most vulnerable population."

Organizers report that the South State Street location is ideal due to the close proximity to Plowshares, the Hillside Health Clinic and the Department of Social Services. A bus stop is also located onsite.

The emergency shelter will also be served by UVMC's Street Medicine Program, which provides medical services onsite, whether that be at the shelter, at Plowshares, or literally on the street.

Mendocino County Program Administrator Maya Stuart, hired in September to support the efforts of the HSAG, said: "Our hope is that providing a clean, warm place to sleep with easy access to services will keep our inland homeless safe, and off of people's porches."

As the concern over loitering near businesses increases with the change in weather, the ability to provide even a short-term solution is expected to benefit not only the shelter clients, but the business community as well.

For additional information about the Inland Valley Emergency Winter Shelter for the Homeless, please contact Aeolian Vincent-dePaule, executive director of HSAG, at 707-489-3807 or [AeolianMixolydian@gmail.com](mailto:AeolianMixolydian@gmail.com).

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# DECEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

## MONDAY POINTS DAYS 5X POINTS

All Players Club members will earn 5X Points from 10A to 11P on the days of the promotion!

## SPIN & WIN TUESDAY

DECEMBER 6, 13,  
20 & 27

## HOT SEATS!

**EARLY  
SESSION:**  
12P ENDING AT 3P  
2 RANDOM  
WINNERS/HOUR  
(6 WINNERS TOTAL)

**EVENING  
SESSION:**  
7P THROUGH 9P:  
2 RANDOM  
WINNERS/HOUR  
(4 WINNERS TOTAL)

**9P TO 10P:**  
3 RANDOM  
WINNERS/HOUR  
(3 WINNERS TOTAL)

EACH WINNER WILL HAVE A  
CHANCE TO SPIN THE WHEEL  
AND WIN FROM \$25 TO \$100  
IN FREE PLAY.

CUSTOMERS MAY WIN UP TO  
TWICE EACH TUESDAY.

## SUPER SENIOR DAY

**50%  
DISCOUNT  
FOOD  
COUPONS  
ISSUED**

(to be used for that  
day only) when  
the customer has  
earned minimally  
50 points from  
10A to 7P.



**\$100 GAME**  
11AM, 12PM & \$150 FOR 1PM & 2PM  
**\$200 GAME**  
7PM & 8PM  
**\$250 GAME**  
9PM  
**\$300 GAME**  
10PM

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 11A, 12P, 1P & 2P bingo games. Bingo at 11A, 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 7P, 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games. Bingo at 7P, 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, 9P, 8P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended. If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 1P, 2P and 9P & 10P there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo for these four 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 \$50 Cash for the 1P and 2P game and \$100 Cash for the 9P & 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT

-Ticket Entry Drawings -20 Points/Entry  
May start to redeem points for entries starting at 11A.  
Each drawing time has a prize value to it

## PROGRESSIVE DRAWING PAYDAY!

7:00PM <b>\$100</b>	8:00PM <b>\$100</b>	WIN CASH FROM 7-11!	9:00PM <b>\$125</b>
9:30PM <b>\$175</b>	10:00PM <b>\$200</b>	10:30 PM <b>\$250</b>	11:00PM <b>\$300</b>

At each drawing (except the 11P drawing), an entry will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winning customer will have approx. one minute to claim their prize. If the number is not claimed the money for the specific drawing will be forwarded to the next drawing for the night. For example: If the 7P drawing has no winner, the \$100 will be forwarded to the 8P drawing and will be worth \$200.

For the 11P drawing, if there is no claim on the drawing, there will be an additional drawing. This process will continue until a winner has claimed the cash prize. Customers may win up to 2 times each week of this promotion.



## SATURDAY FUN • HOT SEATS (FREE PLAY) December 3, 10, 17 & 24

**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 2 AM 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.

## New Year's Eve 4 Wheelin EXTRAVAGANZA!



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We're giving away two ATV's!  
on December 31<sup>st</sup>



On Wednesdays, Saturdays & Sundays (the below dates) entries will start being given out at 10A and will end at 10:45P on all the above dates except December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
On Saturday December 31, entries will be available from 10A until 10:55P.

Wednesday December 7, 14, 21 & 28 (25 points/entry)  
Saturday December 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, (25 points/entry)  
Sunday December 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2016 (25 points/entry)  
Entries & Drawings – Saturday December 31, 2016 (30 points/entry)

There will be two separate drawing pools on December 31, 2016.  
Drawing Pool #1 - December 31;  
6P (one winner) 7P (one winner) 8P (one winner)

Drawing Pool #2 - December 31;  
9P (one winner) 10P (one winners) 11P (one winners)

Each pool will have the same prizes.  
Pool #1 winners will open their boxes at 8:15 to 8:30P  
Pool #2 winners will open their boxes at 11:15 to 11:30P

**1st Place** 4x4 ATV (2 total winners)  
**2nd Place** \$1,500 Cash (2 total winners)  
**3rd Place** \$1,000 Cash (2 total winners)

**New Year's Eve: Hot Seats December 31**  
**Hot Seat Drawings:**  
**Round : 6P to 8P – 3 Random Winners/Hour (6 Total)**  
Each winner to receive \$50 Free Play

**Round 2 : 10P to 12A – 3 Random Winners/Hour (6 Total)**  
Each winner to receive \$100 Free Play  
Customers may win up to two (2) times on Saturday of this promotion.

**NYE Late Night Bingo December 31**  
Point "Buy-In" starts at 12:00AM (35 Points)  
Bingo Games will be held at approximately 12:45A & 1:30A.

## HOT SEATS WEDNESDAYS!

**EARLY SESSION: 12P ENDING AT 3P**  
2 RANDOM WINNERS/HOUR (6 TOTAL WINNERS)  
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$30 IN FREE  
PLAY

**EVENING SESSION:**  
7P ENDING AT 10P  
3 RANDOM WINNERS/HOUR (9 TOTAL WINNERS)  
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$60 IN FREE PLAY

**10P TO 11P**  
3 RANDOM WINNERS/HOUR (3 WINNERS)  
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$100 IN FREE PLAY

## Scratch Card Sunday! 10am-8pm!

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.



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