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November 2017

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Our Thrift Store: The Fun Place to Shop

Come see the changes happening in our Thrift Store. We're moving merchandise around to change the look and feel of the store in hopes of making it more customer friendly and have room for more of those items that are in demand. We have a great crew (both employees and volunteers) working to help customers and make your visit to the store more enjoyable. Kelli Gordon, the thrift store manager, has some wonderful ideas that are making the back room more efficient as people bring donations in. All of these changes are making it easier to sort and price items.

You can find anything from furniture, kitchen ware, counter top appliances, clothes, knick knacks and more. There are often some fabulous deals on furniture and other items, you just never know what you might find.

Our Thrift Store keeps many of our programs going so please come by shop and support the Willits Senior Center.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER:

From the Desk of Richard Baker

Hello everyone,

I would like to offer our condolences to all those who lost loved ones and those who lost their homes in the recent fire. Words cannot accurately capture the heartbreak and loss some have experienced.

This emergency has opened my eyes to exactly how unprepared I was to face any disaster. I woke up early Monday morning unable to get back to sleep. I turned on the TV only to find out about the devastating fires spreading rapidly throughout Northern California. I have become so dependent on my cell phone I reached for it only to find myself without service. I felt worried, isolated and vulnerable when I was unable to get any information about our local fire or contact friends and family. I had no evacuation plan in place. Having a plan in place could mean the difference between surviving and not surviving. I am encouraging everyone to formulate an evacuation plan. Sit down with family and friends and neighbors and put a plan in place.

Thank you Police, Sheriff, Highway Patrol, National Guard, thank you firefighters near and far, thank you PG&E, thank you city, county, state and federal employees, and thank you to all the elected officials it was a total team effort. We appreciate each and every one of you. You did a tremendous job at providing us information and bringing calm to an extremely stressful situation. Thank you neighbors and caring individuals for reaching out and helping those in need, all of you make me proud to call Mendocino County home.

As always my door is open to address any concerns you may have or I can be reached by phone at 459-6826 ext. 102.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Director.





Willits Senior Center

November 2017

THRIFT SHOP (459-2176-direct line)

Members Only: Cut out your coupon & save \$2.00

Membership applications available at the Front Desk

THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9am. to 4:30pm.

Saturdays, 9am to 4pm.

Sale Items Change Weekly. Shop early! Don't miss the deals!!

(Furniture delivery by appointment)



IF YOU'RE DOWNSIZING OR GETTING NEW THINGS, THINK OF THE HARRAH CENTER THRIFT STORE. ALL SALES REVENUE GOES RIGHT BACK INTO OUR SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS.

UP COMING EVENTS



*WILLITS HARRAH SENIOR CENTER
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL*

BAKED POTATO BAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

5:30-7:00 PM

**YOUR CHOICE OF TOPPINGS
DESSERT & BEVERAGE INCLUDED**

MEMBERS -- \$8

(MUST PROVIDE MEMBERSHIP CARD)

ADULTS -- \$9

CHILDREN -- \$5

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT

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1501 BAECHTEL ROAD
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Harrah Senior Center Presents Our

2nd Annual FUNDing RAFFLE

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2017 AT 7 PM

YOUR SUPPORT WILL SUSTAIN OUR MANY PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS AND SOON TO BE SENIORS

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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR LIST OF PRIZES.



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HARRAH SENIOR CENTER 1501 BAECHTEL RD WILLITS, CA 95490

Happy October Birthday to All!!! (Cut out the invitation below)

11/1 Thomas Enberg
 11/5 Catherine Warren,
 Chris Forest, Gary Bodensteiner,
 Margie Smith
 11/7 Bill Shafer, Duncan Neff,
 Elaine Houpe
 11/8 Mary Haskell, Charles Martin
 11/9 Judith Tauber
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 Lorri Barker
 11/17 Dina Hutton
 11/18 Ethel Redman
 11/19 Gene Price, Jill Persico, Robert Potts

11/20 Janet Moore
 11/21 Peter Winslow, Richard Hinchey
 11/22 Philip Chapman
 11/23 Judy Dunbar
 11/24 Jay Gordon



Entertainment for the
 November Ice Cream Social
 is
Greg Schindel

Sept, 2017 Birthday Invitation

If you are listed above, **CUT
 OUT & bring this invitation with
 you for your FREE birthday
 lunch.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

The Center invites you to our
 Birthday lunch on
 Friday, November 17, 2017

Your free lunch can be used any
 day in your birthday month.

Sign your name here:



SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 12th
 8 am. to 11 am.

Menu:

Pancakes
 Eggs any style
 Bacon or Sausage
 Orange juice
 Sugar Free Syrup
 Or
 Grandma's
 Biscuits & Gravy

Adults \$8

Sr. Center Members \$7
**(MUST SHOW
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 discount)**

Children \$5



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In 2017, our volunteers donated a total of 15,044 hrs. to the Senior Center.
At minimum wage (\$10.50), the dollar amount for the month would be: \$ 157,962.

ALL OF US AT THE CENTER THANK YOU FOR
YOUR HARD WORK & DEDICATION.

VOLUNTEER of the Month



Gerrie Lassner is our volunteer of the month for September. Gerrie has been volunteering here at the Senior Center for many years and is very much appreciated for all that she does for us. She works our front desk on Monday and Friday afternoons and comes in on Wednesdays to serve in our dining room. She keeps track of the membership, wood applications and cards, answers phones and trains others to work the front desk.

Thank you Gerrie for a job well done!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are in desperate need of Volunteers for the following positions:

Dining Room

Tuesday - Beverages Server
Clearer

Wednesday - Beverage Server
Scraper

Thursday - Scraper

Front Desk - These are 4 hour shifts and I am needing someone to be a sub.

Meals on Wheels Driver - This position is for our Meals on Wheels Truck in town. We are needing a driver for Tuesday. Must provide DMV print-out and current drivers license.

Clean up - Thanksgiving Dinner November 23rd. Please call Deb 459-6826.

Willits Community Services and Food Bank invites you to

28th Annual Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 23, 2017

THANKSGIVING DAY 11am—3pm

COME GIVE THANKS AND CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY WITH YOUR COMMUNITY AT THE

Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Rd.

There is no charge. Everyone may eat for free. Donations are gladly accepted & will benefit WCS & the Food Bank.

Volunteers please call 707-459-3333



UPSIDE DOWN PUMPKIN CAKE

Prep: 10 mins. Cook: 1 hour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Ingredients:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 (29 ounce) can pumpkin puree | 3 eggs |
| 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon | 1 (12 ounce) can evaporated milk |
| ½ teaspoon ground cloves | 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix with pudding |
| salt to taste | 1 cup chopped pecans |
| 1 ¾ cups white sugar | 1 cup melted butter |



Directions:

In a mixing bowl, blend pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves, salt, sugar, eggs and milk. Pour mixture into a 9x13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix and nuts over the batter. Pour melted butter over the cake.

Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 60 minutes and let cool. The cake will be “liquidy” at first, but will solidify as it cools.

PERFECT TURKEY BURGER

Prep Time: 35 mins.

Cook Time: 20 mins.

4 servings

Ingredients:

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 large Portobello mushroom caps | 1teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce |
| 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped shallot | Sea Salt & freshly ground pepper |
| 3 tablespoon lightly packed fresh parsley | 8 thin slices manchego or white cheddar cheese |
| 1 1/4 pounds lean ground turkey | 4 English muffins, split |
| 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, | Dijon mustard, mayonnaise & sliced avocado for topping |
| | plus some for brushing |



Directions:

Use a spoon to scrape out the gills from the underside of the mushroom cap. Cut the cap into 1-inch pieces and transfer to a food processor. Add the shallot and parsley and pulse until chopped.

Transfer the mushroom mixture to a large bowl. Add the turkey, olive oil, Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste; gently mix with your hands until just combined. Divide into 4 balls, then lightly press into 4-inch wide, 1-inch thick patties. Put on a large plate, cover and refrigerate until firm, about 30 minutes.

Preheat a grill to medium. Brush the grates with olive oil. Grill the patties, undisturbed, until marked on the bottom, 4 to 5 minutes. Give the patties a quarter turn and cook until marked again, 4 to 5 more minutes. Flip the patties and grill until cooked through, 6 to 7 more minutes; top each with 2 slices cheese during the last few minutes of cooking and cover with a disposable aluminum pan to melt.

Toast the English muffins on the grill, then spread with mustard and mayonnaise. Serve the patties on muffin top with avocado.



All Vendors
Holiday Craft Fair

December 2, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***Call Deb at 707-459-6826 ext.104 to reserve
your space. Space rental is \$30, due at time of
registration. We will be doing the Brown Bag
Raffle again this year. Please donate an item
for this raffle.***

***Harrah Senior Center
1501 Baechtel Road
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Firewood will be available starting November 14th

Wood will be available every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 11 am on a first come first serve basis.

50 pieces of wood limit to each address/household every two weeks, even if there are several senior center members in one household. You can pick your wood up bi-weekly either the 1st & 3rd week of the month or the 2nd & 4th week of the month.

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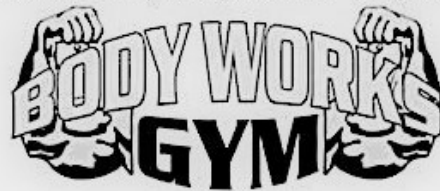
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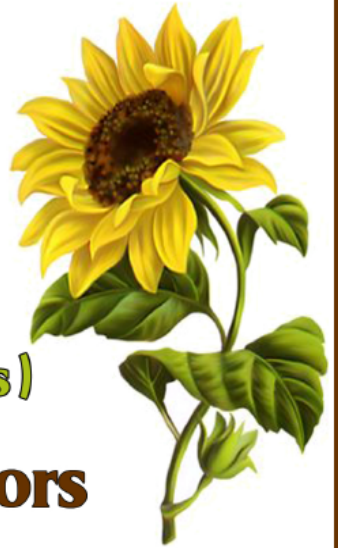
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The seasons come & go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures*

*The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway,
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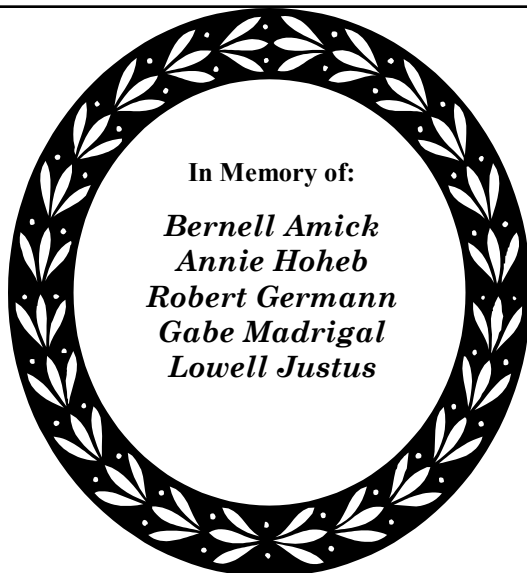
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Wish List:

- * **Brown bags with handles for take out lunches.**
- **We are in need of plastic pallets to be placed under the wood in the wood pile. Donations would be greatly appreciated so that we may purchase these plastic pallets**

In Memory of:

***Bernell Amick
Annie Hoheb
Robert Germann
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THIS YEAR VETERANS DAY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH AND WE WILL BE CLOSED. HOWEVER, **WE WILL HONOR ALL VETERANS ON NOVEMBER 10TH WITH A FREE LUNCH.**



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