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# **Senior Moments**

December 2017

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#### **DIRECTOR'S CORNER:**

#### From the Desk of Richard Baker

Hello everyone,

We will be adding some new signs to advertise our lunches here at the senior center. Look for the sign on the back of the fence of the Lark Motel; you can see it as you turn onto the north end of Baechtel Road. Take a picture and post it on Facebook. I would appreciate any feedback. There will also be a sign highlighting our lunches placed in front of the Senior Center. We are trying to increase the number of people coming here to eat lunch to decrease the deficit in the Nutrition Department.

Brian has added an awning over the donation intake area of the thrift store from material we had on site. This will keep our donations, volunteers and employees dry during the rain.

The October bake sale was very successful, we raised over \$800 WOW!!! Thank you to everyone who baked and bought goodies we couldn't do it without you.

Back by popular demand our Christmas Store is opening December 1st through December 9<sup>th</sup>. Better get here early the line is usually long.

We have a wide variety of See's Candies available at the front desk already gift wrapped for your convenience and ready to be placed under the Christmas tree.

The wood pile has about 8 cords of wood as of November 14<sup>th</sup>. I don't know how long it will last and CALFIRE is busy cleaning up after the fire. They provide the majority of our fire wood. I know CALFIRE will provide more fire wood I just don't know when so PLEASE use your wood sparingly.

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

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Director.

Richard



## Willits Senior Center

December 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.

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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**







## Holiday Craft Fair

December 2, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.

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

12-1 Lois Hendry, Pam Shilling

12-2 Jan Meier

12-4 Dean Wise

12-5 Janet Miller, Cathy Ortiz,

Rinda Simi

12-6 Patrícia Kovner

12-7 Evelyn Persico

12-15 Jeanne Chesser

12-16 Steve Short

12-18 Sam Rowe

12-19 Patricia Wilson

12-20 Charles Davison

12-21 Jed Diamond, Betty Grider

12-24 Dick Matalamaki

12-25 Jerome Jermanon

12-26 Karl Bliese

12-29 Cassandra Andich

12-30 Ron Sheets



Entertainment for the

December Ice Cream Social

is

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#### SUNDAY BREAKFAST

#### Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 10th 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)
membership card to get
discount)

Children \$5





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In October, 2017, our volunteers donated a total of <u>1320.50 hrs</u>. to the Senior Center. At minimum wage (\$10.50), the dollar amount for the month would be: <u>\$13,865.25</u>.

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

#### Volunteer of the Month

**Susan Gregory** is our volunteer of the month for October. She has been a resident of Willits for many years and is a retired caregiver. She is very active in her church and has been volunteering for the Senior Center for quite some time. You can find her in our dining room every Monday at lunch.

Susan has 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Thank you Susan for all you do for us.

#### **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.

Please call Deb 459-6826.



#### Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins

Prep: 10 min. Cook: 20 min.

#### Ingredients:

3/4 cup white sugar 1/4 cup vegetable oil

2 eggs 3/4 cup canned pumpkin

1/4 cup water 1 & 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

#### **Directions:**

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Grease and flour muffin pan or use paper liners.

2. Mix sugar, oil, eggs. Add pumpkin and water. In separate bowl mix together the baking flour, baking soda, spices and salt. Add wet mixture and stir in chocolate chips.

3. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full with batter. Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes.

#### Sweet Potato Casserole

Prep Time: 20 mins. Cook Time: 25 mins.

#### **Ingredients:**

4 1/4 cups cooked and mashed sweet potatoes 2 eggs, beaten

1/2 cup butter, melted 1 cup light brown sugar

1/3 cup milk 1/2 cup all purpose flour

1 tsp vanilla extract 1/3 cup butter

1 cup chopped pecans

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix together mashed sweet potatoes, 1/2 cup butter, milk, sugar, vanilla extract and eggs. Spread sweet potato mixture into the prepared baking dish. In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar and flour. Cut in 1/3 cup butter until mixture is crumbly, stir in pecans. Sprinkle pecan mixture over the sweet potatoes.
- 3. Bake for 25 minutes in preheated oven, or until golden brown.





Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see who in this home did live. I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, and on the wall pictures of far distant lands. With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sobering thought came to my mind. For this house was different, so dark and so dreary, the home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home. The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States soldier. Was this the hero of whom I just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight. Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day. They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home. The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is my God, my country, my corps." The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep. I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent and still, and we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night, this guardian of honor so willing to fight. Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered, "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure." One look at my watch, and I knew he was right. "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

By Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt

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#### THE PERFECT DIET PLAN:

Breakfast: Grapefruit; 1 slice Whole Wheat Toast, dry; 8oz. Skim Milk

Mid-Morning Snack: 6 oz. Plain Yogurt; Decaffeinated Coffee

Lunch: 4 oz. Lean Broiled Chicken; 1 cup Steamed Spinach; 1 cup Herb Tea; 1 Oreo Cookie Mid-Afternoon Snack: Rest of the Oreos in the package; 1 pint Rocky Road Ice, Cream, 3 T of Hot Fudge Sauce; 3 T of Caramel Sauce; Nuts, Cherries & Whipped Cream to taste

**Dinner**: 1 loaf Garlic Bread with Cheese; Lg. Sausage, Mushroom & Cheese Pizza; 2 Lite Beers; Choice of 2 med. Snickers bars, or 1 giant Hershey's with Almonds

**Late Evening Snack**: Entire frozen Sara Lee Cheesecake eaten directly from the freezer; 2 cups Hot Chocolate (optional)

<u>Perfect Diet Rules</u>: 1. If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.

- 2. If you drink a diet Coke with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are cancelled out by the diet soda.
- 3. Food consumed for ceremonial purposes should not be considered detrimental to the quality of life; thus, office birthday cakes, Valentine's candy, meeting donuts, etc. should be judged in the context of ritual only, not calorically.
- 4. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breakage causes caloric leakage.
- 5. The digestion of chocolate has the same chemical effect on the body as falling in love, making chocolate consumption mandatory.

Submitted by Laura Meyer

#### Firewood is available

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



Thank You For Your Generous Donations and Precious Time

We would like to thank all those bakers that religiously bake goods for our bake sales.

All the Volunteers that continuously show up and serve our seniors here at the senior center.

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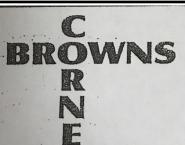


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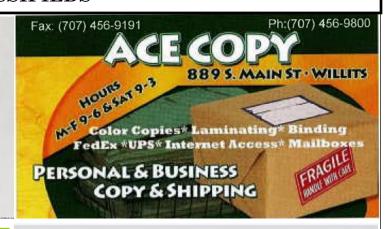


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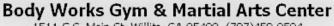
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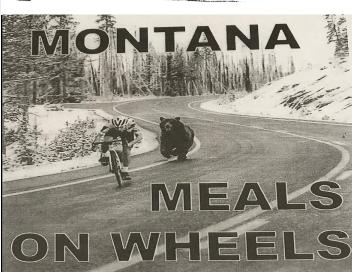
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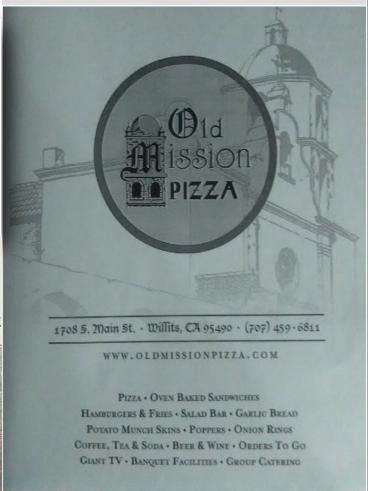


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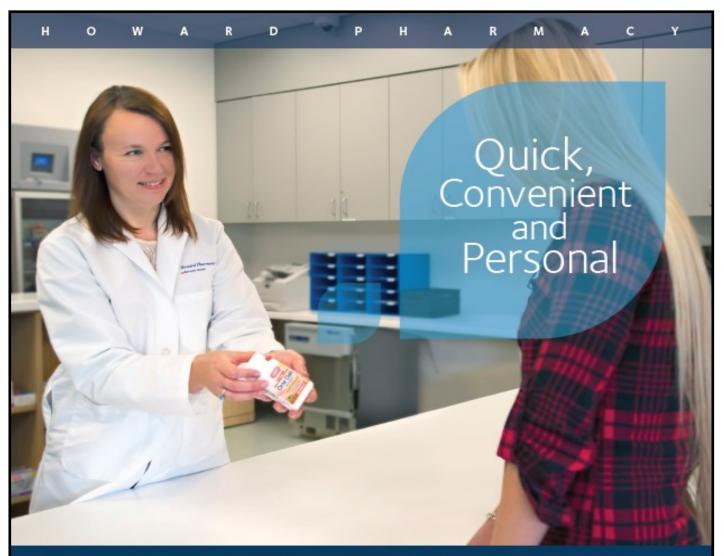
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## Wish List:

- \* 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



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#### **Holiday Party**

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### Mendocino County Health & Human Services

Date: December 14, 2017

Time: 3 to 5 pm

**Place:** Willits Senior Center

1501 Baechtel Rd

