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Photo by Justin Cox

Amy Cross is this year's Youth of the Year. She will be formally honored at the Winters High School holiday concert, planned for Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. Amy is the daughter of Dee and Brian Cross of Winters.

Cross is Youth of the Year

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

Having landed on the cover of the Winters Express just two weeks ago in recognition of her outstanding work with the FFA, Amy Cross has arrived once again, this time for having received the city's Youth of the Year award. While her extensive involvement and long list of accomplishments in FFA cannot be ignored, her continuous contribution to both the community and the high school in various other areas has demonstrated the kind of character and dedication clearly warranting such honors.

Cross is the All Student Body Publicity Editor as well as the editor for the high school newspaper, The Warrior. She was awarded Rotary Club Student of the Month (2006-07), was a state finalist in public speaking (twice) and has maintained a 4.25 grade point average throughout high school. She has helped

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

The FFA will hold its annual Christmas tree sale on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the high school ag site on Niemann Street. Besides trees, there will be horseshoe wreaths and stands, evergreen wreaths and hot chocolate. The annual event is a major FFA fund-raiser. From left are FFA members Katie Anstead, Ari Ruiz and Ellis White.

Happy holidays are here

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO
Express editor

If you aren't in the holiday spirit yet, all you have to do is stay in town this weekend and you'll be jingling your bells and ho-ho-ho-ing before you know it.

Festivities begin with the Winters Friends of the Library annual Family Holiday Festival on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. Santa will arrive here first along with one of his elves, before making a second appearance later on at the community Christmas tree lighting.

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Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

Encouraging everyone to come downtown for the WFoL Family Holiday Festival and community Christmas tree lighting are, from left, (back) Winters Friends of the Library president Carol Scianna, Winters Chamber of Commerce president Dave Fleming, and WFoL and Chamber board member Linn Myer; (front) and WFoS (Winters Friends of Santa) members Amaya Jimenez, Logan Spears and Evan Davis. Everyone is welcome at this weekend's festivities.

Condos coming to core

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

The Commercial Condominium Conversion Ordinance, a topic of discussion at the Nov. 20 council meeting, is intended to increase opportunities for economic development and business ownership in Winters, especially in the downtown core. According to Planning Manager Kate Kelly, many of the buildings downtown are underutilized and this ordinance is expected to spark economic growth by allowing buildings to be subdivided into multiple separate legal units, which may then be sold into separate ownership.

"The city is using a number of tools to foster economic growth," said Kelly.

The city reviewed over 25 commercial condominium ordinances, applying the most appropriate elements of each to their draft.

"Once we felt we had a sustainable document we took it out to what we consider to be the most applicable users," said Kelly. "Based on their comments, we made some changes. That is how we came to this document."

The condominiums will be discussed in detail at the Dec. 18 council meeting. Community members are encouraged to attend.

Having introduced the ordinance to the councilmembers at this meeting, Kelly invited questions to begin the dialogue.

"Parking is always a premium in downtown," said Councilmember Mike Martin. "Do we have some numbers on these conversions?"

"Parking is front and center in our thought process for all of these

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Winters High School to host Empty Bowls event

Winters High School will host its first annual "Empty Bowls" fundraiser on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Winters Community Center, 4-6 p.m. Increasing public awareness that there is always someone hungry in the world with an empty bowl to fill is the simple, yet powerful, concept behind this event.

A donation of \$15 will buy a bowl of homemade soup and bread and, while supplies last, a social awareness poster or

ceramic bowl hand-crafted by a Winters High School student. After guests have enjoyed a modest meal and selected a piece of art, they can relax and listen to the Winters High School band and choir perform the Holiday Concert, starting at 7 p.m.

"This event ties in nicely with our social awareness/activism lesson," explained Winters High art teachers Kate

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Woodland, Davis, Capay Valley, Dixon,
Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

Weather readings are taken at 9 a.m. each day, covering the previous 24 hour period.

Date	Rain	Hi	Lo
Nov. 21		65	45
Nov. 22		68	36
Nov. 23		69	50
Nov. 24		71	34
Nov. 25		66	41
Nov. 26		62	36
Nov. 27		64	40

Rain for week: 0
Season's total: 2.64
Last year to date: 1.87
Average to Nov. 27: 3.25



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Jessica Graham decorates her Empty Bowl with paper circles, with empty centers symbolizing empty bowls and stomachs.

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Weekly police report

Nov. 3
~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, parties were involved in a verbal dispute that turned physical.

Nov. 13
~ On the 800 block of Walnut Lane, property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Loss: \$300.

Nov. 15
~ On the 700 block of Hemenway Street, a bicycle was stolen from a residential front porch. Loss: \$150.

Nov. 16
~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, rims and tires were stolen from a vehicle. The case is being forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

Nov. 17
~ On the 100 block of Abbey Street, parties were involved in a verbal domestic dispute.

Nov. 19
~ Jose Luis Mendiola Ponce, 27, of Guinda was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, speeding and no proof of insurance.
~ Jose Luis Zaragoza Sevilla, 43, of Esparto was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, speeding and no proof of insurance.
~ On the 900 block of Taylor Street, a fire extinguisher was stolen from a vehicle. Loss: \$75.

Nov. 19-20
~ On the 100 block of Grant Avenue, the school gym was vandalized. Estimated damage: \$400.

Nov. 20
~ Luis Adrian Ornelas, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, speeding and having unlawful tinted vehicle windows.
~ Celia Ruvalcaba, 33, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and having unlawful tinted vehicle windows.

Nov. 21
~ Jesus Alfonso Lopez Figueroa, 23, of Vacaville was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and having unlawful tinted vehicle windows.
~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The school was found secure.

Nov. 21-23
~ On the 400 block of Manzanita Way, suspect violates a restraining order by telephoning victim several times. Case is being forwarded to the District Attorney for complaint.

Nov. 22
Kristopher Lesley Dakin, 22, of Roseville was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving an un-

registered vehicle and failing to have a front license plate on the vehicle. Blood alcohol content results - .07/.07. Dakin was booked at Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.

Nov. 23
~ Jessica Marla Talavera, 19, of San Jose was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver and speeding.

Nov. 24
~ Brandy Mora, 25, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver, failing to dim high beam headlights and no proof of insurance.
~ Michael Anthony Bruce, 59, of Winters was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Blood alcohol content results: .20/.20. Bruce was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.
~ On the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to a call of an open door at a business. A responsible person arrived on scene and advised that everything inside the business appeared to be in order. The business was secured.

Nov. 25
~ On the first block of Russell Street, a chain saw was used in an attempt to cut down some trees owned by the city of Winters. An investigation continues.
~ Jack Robert Burrall, 44, of Woodland was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Blood alcohol content results: .15/.15. Burrall was booked at the Winters Police Department and released to a sober adult on a notice to appear.
~ On the 200 block of Baker Street during a property check, an officer found an open window at the school. There were no signs of forced entry. The window was secured.
~ Katherine Patricia Steele, 18, of Vacaville was arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana and speeding. Steele was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.
~ Christopher Doyle Ratliff, 19, of Vacaville was issued a notice to appear for being a minor in possession of alcohol.
~ On the first block of Main Street, an officer responded to two separate audible alarms. In both instances, the businesses were found secure.

Nov. 26
~ On the 400 block of Anderson Avenue, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The school was found secure.

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File Photo
On November 9, 1978, L.F. Dozier, left, was awarded his 50 year Masonic pin in ceremonies conducted by Buckeye Lodge, F.&A. M. His son, Richard Dozier, presented him with his pin.

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YEARS AGO

December 12, 1957

The start of an ultimate full freeway from the Solano County line to 2.8 miles north of Madison on the Vacaville Dunnigan Cut-off was signaled in Sacramento yesterday by the opening of a low bid of \$2,576,412 for initial phases of the work.

Solano County Supervisor D. A. "Phil" Mowers Tuesday named Carl Holmes, Winters businessman and rancher, to the Solano County Fair Board.

John Brodie, quarterback with the San Francisco 49'ers, will be the speaker at the father-son football banquet to be held at John's club next Wednesday.

The annual Christmas show for children of the Winters area will be given at the Winters Theatre Tuesday, sponsored by the Winters Theatre, the Winters Express and the merchants of Winters.

Nov.12

~ Medical aid, 900 block of Mermod Place; irregular heartbeat.

Nov. 14

~ Medical aid, first block of Anderson Avenue; unknown medical problem.

Nov. 15

~ Medical aid, 400 block of Morgan Street; difficulty breathing.

65
YEARS AGO

December 11, 1942

Fred Parker has resigned as city engineer, and the Town Council has appointed James McCoe to succeed him. Parker took the job August 17, filling the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Oscar C. Holmes.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors appointed John Overhouse fire warden for Western Yolo County. He was nominated by Supervisor Naismith of Esparto.

Laurence Davis, Labor Camp manager was guest speaker at the local Farm Center meeting Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Day are this week announcing the betrothal of their daughter, Dorothy to Russell Cecil, both students at the Ag. College at Davis.

Word has come from Corporal Meredith Bruhn now in Florida, following graduation from the Dodge Radio School in Indiana.

Nov. 17

~ Vehicle accident, Interstate 505 and Russell Boulevard; three vehicles involved.

~ Vehicle fire, corner of Buckeye Road and Russell Boulevard.

Nov. 18

~ Grass fire, north of Valley Oak Drive; quarter acre of property involved.

100
YEARS AGO

December 13, 1907

Mrs. Joe Deering of Oakland is guest of Mrs. T.B. Harriman.

E. Lahey, of Sacramento was in town several days this week to look after the new cement sidewalk which is to be constructed around his property opposite the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinck went to San Francisco Tuesday.

The people of Winters, especially the high school patrons regret very much that Miss Gertrude Smith has tendered her resignation as teacher effective December 20. The trustees have accepted the resignation and Miss Marie Kerwin of San Francisco has been secured to fill the vacancy.

For the Christmas holidays the high school will close December 20, and reopen December 30. The grammar school will close December 20 and not reopen until after New Year's.

Nov.20

~ Outdoor miscellaneous fire; mutual aid provided to Yolo County for a haystack fire.

~ Medical aid, 700 block of Apricot Avenue; abdominal pain.

Nov.21

~ Medical aid, 200 block of Niemann Street; unknown medical problem.

~ Medical aid, 100 block of Russell Street;

Berryessa drops .13 of a foot

The level of Lake Berryessa dropped by .13 of a foot during the past week with a reduction in storage of 2,244 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 419.39 feet above sea level, with storage computed at 1,225,429 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 40 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 25 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam. Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 67acre feet of water per day during the week.

115
YEARS AGO

December 3, 1892

Misses Mary and Lena DeVilbiss who have been visiting in Woodland for some time, returned home Wednesday. They were accompanied by their sister, Mrs. W.J. Hook.

J.C. Cradwick and wife returned from their visit in Old England last Saturday. Mr. Cradwick informed an Express reporter that he was glad to get home again, although he had enjoyed himself very much on the trip.

Just think of it! Going to sleep and dreaming about the girl you left behind you, and when waking up with your old teeth out without pain. Dr. Richey and the laughing gas can do it at Hotel in Winters ,December 12 and 19.

G.W. Hill shipped a carload of pumpkins to San Francisco on Tuesday afternoon.

patient with hypertension.

~ Medical aid, 100 block of East Main Street; unknown medical problem.

~ Investigation, northbound I-505 and County Road 29A; smoldering mattress.

Nov. 24

~ Office of Emergency request to Southern California to assist in fighting the Malibu fire.

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Retiring school board members honored

By ELLIOT LANDES
Staff writer

Retiring school board trustees Rick Romney and Kathy McIntire received their recognition plaques at what they thought would be their last school board meeting on Nov. 15, but a close reading of the rules requires that their last meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 6.

McIntire has served on the board for four years.

Board president Mary Jo Rodolfa presented both plaques, thanking the retiring trustees.

“Good luck to the new members,” said McIntire, to laughter in the room.

Romney was ending 20 years of service.

“This is very hard for me, Rick,” said Rodolfo tearfully, “You truly have been my mentor on this board. Your clear thinking and decision making, the way you conduct yourself at meetings, has always been above approach. You have been the consummate board member, and I will miss you.”

“It’s kind of weird to be on this for 20 years,” said Romney. “But, believe me it’s worth it. I originally started when my oldest son was starting in the district; my daughter, who should graduate UC Santa Cruz this year, wasn’t born. Rarely popular, but all well worth it.”

In other recognitions, Wolfskill principal Emily Simmons recognized Wolfskill student Omar Silva, who could not attend due to soccer practice.

“I didn’t realize what his name was, because I never needed to see him in my office,” said Simmons. “I knew he was really a great kid — he’s just one of those tall handsome, articulate young men, that you know is going to go far. He was touched and a little embarrassed to learn he would be honored.”

The board recognized business supporter Pavestone, who will be donating pavers for a school gardening project.

Also recognized were eleven school classified employees from a number of school sites.

Superintendent’s report

School Superintendent Dale Mitchell reported the state is talking about cuts in the funding for schools. The legislative analyst has reported the funding from Proposition 98 calculations is \$400 million high, and the result maybe some cuts in funding midyear, said Mitchell.

“Our Title I Funding is approximately \$70,000 less than we projected,” said Mitchell. “It is a reflection of two things, fewer students, and fewer students who qualify for free and reduced lunch.”

Writing results

Director of Educational Services Emily Sim-

mons presented a detailed report of results of tests of writing performance.

“The percent proficient is consistent up through grade 5,” said Simmons. “Then, if you look at grade 6, the percent proficient really dropped. And it never really recovered. It’s something we need to look at.”

“The results show no advanced writers at the middle school,” commented trustee Rob Nickelson. “It’s hard to believe that. Maybe the test isn’t any good.”

“The question is, what are we going to do to address the needs,” said Simmons.

“Research shows that frequent writing at grade level improves the writing performance,” said Mitchell. “This information is coming to you for increased accountability throughout the district, to pay attention to writing. It is my hope, as these reports continue, that we are going to see improvement in our student performance.”

“The use of these designations is supposed to be the same as the state’s,” said Rodolfo, “so ‘proficient’ is grade level, and ‘basic’ is below grade level. ‘Basic’ isn’t good enough.”

School facilities

Facilities Director Gary Cook presented an analysis of facility needs, in order to set impact fees for developers. The board approved this action item, with new impact fees to begin for residential development immediately. The analysis called for \$3.05 for residential impacts, \$.42 for commercial/industrial, and \$.06 for rental self-storage.

Cook presented the new district facilities master plan for the years 2007 through 2017. Cook said the key objective was to identify “triggers,” points at which specified enrollment numbers cause facilities modifications to take place.

“However,” said Cook, “with the fall of the housing market, we do not expect to see any students from new developments until the fall of 2010. We recommended last September that we set the triggers based on the fees, so as we get those development dollars, we can initiate the work we need to do on our deteriorating facilities.

Cook’s number one project is rehabilitating the high school locker room. The board approved a “band aid” smaller project last month.

In the past, students that showed up from new developments were always less than the number projected by the various master plans, said Cook.

“We’re putting in a shade structure over at Shirley Rominger,” said Cook, describing a project not from the top of

the priority list, but made possible by funding from an alternate source.

“We’re just now finishing up the weight facility at the high school,” said Cook. “It’s really phenomenal. We’ll continue with small projects as money is available, and when the big money is available, work on big projects.”

The facilities report in the board packet was missing all the even number pages, so Mitchell recommended no action until the next meeting.

ADA report

“Unfortunately, the second month enrollment has come in at 1737,” said Chief Business Officer Gloria Hahn, “so we only have eight more students than originally projected.”

Enrollment in the district climbs slightly in the first few months, then dives and never quite recovers, according to Hahn.

“So this ADA (average daily attendance) is still 29 less than last year’s P2,” noted Rodolfa. P2 is the second point of the enrollment count in April.

Preschool expansion

Mitchell suggested ways to expand the Preschool program.

Mitchell visited the old Wolfskill school site with Dr. Wanda Roundtree of the Yolo County Office of Education, looking at reopening a Head Start program in Winters. He suggested the possibility of improving the site with a one-time cost of about \$60,000 and housing Head Start and an expanded preschool there.

The proposal calls for a third session, which would extend the program to 7:20 p.m.

“We’d need to gauge the amount of community

interest,” said Mitchell, “and then there is the question of how we organize it. We can’t use the existing staff, because their workday would be longer than eight hours. Through some combination of county and district efforts, we may take a look at not only expanding the preschool and adding a Head Start program, but having some preschool students take a full day program.”

“Personally, I can’t see a preschooler going from 4 to 7:20,” said trustee Tom Harding. “That’s pretty late in the day.”

“That’s not unheard of,” said Rodolfa, mentioning a program in Sacramento. “It works for some people.”

A motion to consider preschool expansion passed unanimously.

The next meeting takes place on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. at the district office, 900 Grant Avenue.

Opinion



DEBRA LO QUERCIO BECAUSE I SAY SO

TIS THE SEASON for my annual Christmas challenge: shop locally! Sure, most of us will do the bulk of our Christmas shopping out of town or online, because let's face it, you just can't find automatic dog polishers or digital umbrellas here in town. However, there are lots of other unique gifts to be found in our local shops, but you have to walk through the door to find them.

I've already done a little cruising through the shops, and plan to do some more this weekend. I found a really great gift at the Attic Gallery (it's a secret, just in case the person for whom it was intended is reading this), and at Eagle Drug, of all places, I found the perfect gift for my nieces, who have hated every present I ever gave them in their entire lives (I know, I know — give them money, but I'm a glutton for punishment) — I discovered these adorable female figurines in cute, trendy clothes that are actually necklace racks. If you also have nieces who have hated every gift you've ever gave them, go scoop up a couple of these. I promise, I didn't buy them all.

Rumor has it that many of the local shops will stay open for the Christmas tree lighting festivities on Saturday, and I hope it's not just a rumor because the weather will be cool and crisp — just perfect for wandering around downtown. Rumor has it that the Winters Center for the Arts will have another wearable/usable art show, and I'm still classifying it as a rumor because trying to get information on what's happening at the art gallery is only slightly less difficult than as getting God on the phone (note to Winters Center for the Arts folks: fling a press release my way once in awhile), but if the show is on, it usually offers some unique gifts that even the person who has everything won't have.

If you haven't wandered around downtown yet, this is the weekend to do it. Visit the shops, check out the Family Holiday Festival at the Community Center, sing some carols around the community Christmas tree, cruise by the Berryessa Gap tasting room (a bottle of wine is always a welcome gift) and by all means, eat somewhere downtown. It's the best time of the year to celebrate that Small Town Atmosphere we all love, and the way to make sure we always have it is to shop, and eat, drink and be merry right here in Winters whenever you can.

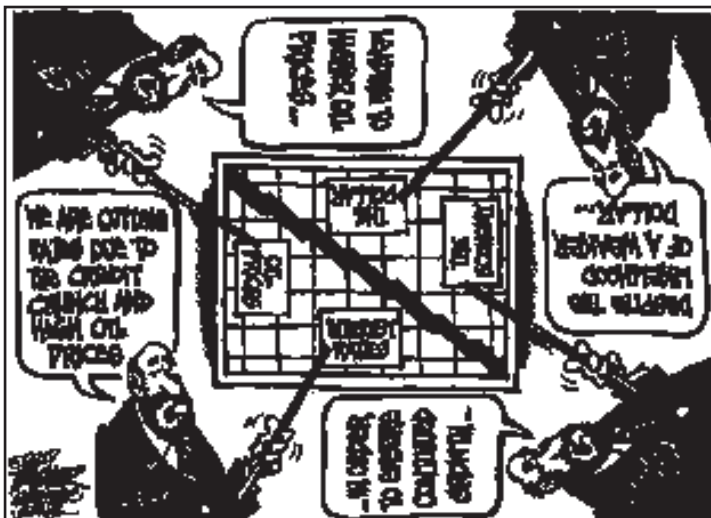
If you're still stumped in finding a perfect gift or if you just totally ran out of time, a gift certificate from any of our local restaurants does the trick. Or tickets to The Palms. Be creative, and you can whittle down your Christmas shopping list without ever leaving town. If you've been anywhere near a mall lately, you understand why this is attractive.

Why else to buy local? Businesses are hurting everywhere, and Winters is no exception. The cost of gasoline triggers an increase in the cost of practically everything. The economy depends on our willingness to crack open our wallets and spend a little money, and the taxes you pay when you do so benefit the city in which those purchases are made. If you're tired of cracks in our sidewalks and not enough recreation programs and an understaffed police department, do your part to remedy those things and spend your money in town.

And of course, if you still can't find the perfect gift, give the most fabulous gift of all: a subscription to the Winters Express! (Not that I'm biased). Newspapers nationwide are downsizing, some are closing shop entirely. And although our little Winters Express keeps chugging down the track, the engine only gets fed if people subscribe. I'm always amazed by the number of people here who don't read it or subscribe. I wonder how they manage to engage themselves in the community without reading the local newspaper, particularly if they've just moved here from somewhere else. The local newspaper is the thread that ties every single member of the community together. It still matters. Heck, you can make the front page of the Express just by being born! You don't get that from the LA Times. I still get a chuckle when I take photos of kids, and they squeal with excitement because they're going to be in the newspaper. Which is almost as amusing as when people meet me at one place or another and ask if I'm the same Debra who writes in the paper. I say "Yes" and they respond, "Oh, I hate you!" (So help me God, it has happened.)

Bottom line, having a locally owned newspaper is becoming a rarer and rarer thing. Little newspapers just get gobbled up by the big guys, or close shop entirely. We're lucky to still have a local newspaper here in town. So read the Express, support local merchants, buy an FFA Christmas tree, and show up at one of the many activities downtown this weekend. And if everyone bought at least one Christmas present here in town, our merchants will be happy little campers. They might even decide to stay open for one more year.

Small town life. It's something to be thankful for, and something we must make an effort to preserve. See you downtown this weekend, at one place or another.



LETTERS

Don't walk, run to see it

Dear Editor,

Run — don't walk — *run* to Ace Hardware and get your tickets for The Winters Theater Group's "The Sound of Music" at the Community Center. This weekend is your last chance to see this incredible production. We went last week-end and had high expectations after seeing "Peter Pan" and "The Wizard of Oz" in previous years. Our expectations were met because this musical ranks

right there with the others.

The sets, the acting and the music were all wonderful. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

So make plans now, and while you're sitting in the audience, count yourself lucky that you live in a community that has such a talented theater group.

LINDA SPRINGER

Food drive was successful

Dear Editor,

I wanted to let everyone know what a successful food drive we had this year. I know this was due in part to placement of the information and notices in your papers so the community knew in advance about the date and times of the collection drive and were able to help.

The Trail Blazer District collected over 16,600 cans, packages

and boxes of food for the families in our local communities. The totals by cities are as follows: Dixon, 850; Vacaville, 14,880; and Winters, 896. All the food collected stays in the community that it was collected in.

Thank you again for your help in promoting the community service event for us.

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CHARLES R. WALLACE A QUICK OPINION

ANOTHER SMALL TOWN MOMENT. If you haven't been to a City of Winters Tree Lighting, you're missing a great small town event. The lighting will take place this Saturday, Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. Santa will make an appearance, Christmas carols will be sung and hot chocolate, coffee, maybe cider, and cookies will be served.

I'm not sure what the percentage is, but at least half the time the lights don't work, or the switch turns on the sprinklers or something. It is almost worth the trip downtown just to see if the lights come on. Several merchants are staying open late so you can stop by and see what they have to offer.

My permanent tenant showed me around town last Saturday afternoon. She bought several gift items as I made suggestions. I'm always amazed at how many nice stores we have in Winters. Poke your head inside the front door and see what they have to offer. We have several new stores that could use your business and you could use their merchandise. Your friends (and relatives) will appreciate getting a gift that doesn't have a Wall Mart label on it.

If you want to help Mike Autry get a pallet of books out of his bedroom, stop by the Winters Center for the Arts, 18 Main Street, on Saturday, from 3-5 p.m. Gloria will be signing her book on the history of Spaniards in Winters. It is a great book, and the CD is timeless. It could be the perfect Christmas gift. It wouldn't hurt to add a bottle of Berryessa Gap wine or an assortment of dried fruit from Lester Farms.

PLEASANTLY SURPRISED. It may be a left-handed compliment, but I really enjoyed the Winters Theatre Company production of "The Sound of Music." I'm not sure what I was expecting, but it was a nice evening out. Director Howard Hupe out did himself as did Lynne Secrist as the music director. The cast was great and the crowd enthusiastic.

Over the years the theatre company has entertained us with more plays and musicals than I can remember, and I'm sure if pressed, Howard would have a hard time remembering them all, as well. There have been hundreds of performers and stage hands that have helped put on these performances. All volunteers, some first time actors and actresses, some looked like professionals, some looked nervous and all had the look of satisfaction when the curtain fell for the last time.

There is still a chance to catch a performance, Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday Dec. 1. Call 795-4014 for tickets or pick them up at Pacific Ace Hardware.

If you want to support the Winters Theatre Company, call Linda Glick at 795-3683.

AGREAT LINE. Rich White, the Davis Enterprise press supervisor, or give him any title you want, has decided to retire. He has worked at the Davis Enterprise since he was in high school, just over 40 years. He was there before the McNaughtons bought the paper in 1967. When someone knows the ins and outs of a company like Rich, he will be missed.

When I congratulated him on his planned retirement, "I don't have time to work," came the reply. From horses, dogs, hunting and chasing his great grandchild around, he doesn't have a lot of time on his hands. If he finds retirement too boring, he can always go to work for his wife, Wanda, at the Cookie Company. Wanda is a niece of my neighbor, Frank Ramos. Small world isn't it.

Have a good week.

Policy for Letters to the Editor

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Letters should not exceed 500 words. Do not use all capital letters.

We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Letters must be legibly signed by the writer. However, we may withhold writers' names from publication if there is a legitimate reason, such as fear of reprisal.

We will accept letters of thanks naming individuals and local Winters businesses. Non-local individuals and businesses listed in letters of thanks will be edited out.



Community

McNamara named finalist for conservation award

Recognizing the significant contributions of leading California farmers and ranchers to environmental stewardship, Sand County Foundation, California Farm Bureau Federation and Sustainable Conservation have announced five finalists for the 2007 Leopold Conservation Award in California. Winters rancher Craig McNamara is among the finalists.

In addition to owning and managing Sierra Orchards, a 450-acre organic walnut farm, McNamara founded the Center for Land-Based Learning in 1993 to teach young people about agriculture and the environment. These programs now reach more than 2,000 students each year. Enhancing the watershed on his own land, he has improved water quality, removed invasive plants and established thriving wildlife habitat.

The award for which McNamara is a finalist was named in honor of world-renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold. It carries a \$10,000 cash award. The Leopold Conservation Award is presented annually in six states to private landowners who practice exemplary land stewardship and management.

“These finalists, and the many other exceptional candidates, prove that California landowners’ long-standing ethic of conservation continues to flourish,” said Dr. Brent Haglund, Sand County Foundation President.

The 2007 finalists include Prather Ranch, Jim, Mary, and James Rickert, Shasta, (Shasta County); Sierra Orchards, Craig McNamara, Winters, (Yolo County); Three Creeks Ranch, Chet Vogt, Elk Creek, (Glenn County); V6 Ranch, Jack Varian, Parkfield, (Monterey and Fresno counties); Zylstra Dairy, Andy Zylstra, Turlock, (Stanislaus County).

The second-annual Leopold Conservation Award for California will be presented on Monday, Dec. 3, at the California Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Sparks, Nevada.

In California, the Leopold Conservation Award is presented by Sand County Founda-



Courtesy photo

Winters rancher Craig McNamara is among the finalists in the running for the 2007 Leopold Conservation Award.

tion, California Farm Bureau Federation and Sustainable Conservation. The California award is supported by S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation, Audubon California, California Waterfowl Association, The Conservation Fund, The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited and The Trust for Public Land, as well as media sponsors Capital Press Agriculture Weekly and Ag Alert.

In 2007, Sand County Foundation will present Leopold Conservation Awards in California, Texas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and Utah. The awards are presented to recognize extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation on the land of exemplary private landowners, inspire countless other landowners in their own communities through these examples, and showcase conservation leaders in the agriculture community to people outside of agriculture.

For more information, visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org.

Sand County Foundation is a private, non-profit conservation group dedicated to working with private landowners to improve habitat on their land. Sand County’s mission is to advance the use of ethical and scientifically sound land management practices and partnerships for the benefit of

people and their rural landscapes. Sand County Foundation works with private landowners because the majority of the nation’s fish, wildlife and natural resources are found on private lands. The organization backs local champions, invests in civil society and places incentives before regulation to create solutions that endure and grow. The organization encourages the exercise of private responsibility in the pursuit of improved land health as an essential alternative to many of the commonly used strategies in modern conservation. www.sandcounty.net

Sustainable Conservation partners with business, agriculture, and government to find practical ways that the private sector can protect clean air, clean water, and healthy ecosystems. The independent non-profit organization leads powerful collaborations that produce lasting solutions and sustain the vitality of both the economy and the environment in California. www.suscon.org

The California Farm Bureau Federation is California’s largest farm organization. It works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of 53 county Farm Bureaus throughout California, whose members include farm families and those who support the farming way of life.

For more information, visit www.cfbf.com.

WFOl selling books in town and online

People looking for holiday gifts will find a great selection of books at the Best Little Bookstore in Town — used book sales in the hallway of the Winters Library — where paperbacks are 50 cents, most hardbacks cost \$1, and children’s books are 25 cents. Books are for sale whenever the library is open: Monday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-8 p.m.; Thursday, 1-8 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is located at the corner of First and Russell Streets in downtown Winters. Those who prefer shopping in their jam-

mies will find more than 450 books at the Winters Friends of the Library online store at Amazon.com. A recent look around turned up “Birds of Yosemite National Park,” a 1949 first edition of Herb Caen’s “Baghdad by the Bay,” the “Complete Garden Guide to the Native Perennials of California,” and the “Complete Book of Rifles and Shotguns.” These are books that were donated to the Friends. Volunteers manage the book sales in town and online, and all proceeds from the sales support the library. Shoppers can browse the books for sale online at www.wfol.org/amazon.html.

Fortnightly Club news

By AUDREY THURMOND
Special to the Express

The Winters Fortnightly Club met on Tuesday, Nov. 13, with president Darlene Benson presiding. Vice president Jacqueline Avellar introduced the day’s guest speaker, Yolo County historian and Master Gardener, Joann Larkey.

Following a brief history of her own interest in things historical, Larkey shared the story of developing a museum for Yolo County at the old Gibson ranch property in Woodland. Today the historic Gibson House and its grounds and gardens stand as a tribute to the many volunteers whose efforts through the years have preserved local history for the future.

Following the talk, Larkey answered numerous questions posed by club members, and the group expressed interest in having her return to

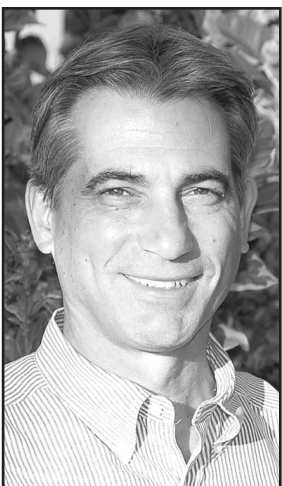
speak on the historical homes of the Winters area.

The business meeting covered the club’s plans to sell its popular “Bean Soup Jars” at the Winters Friends of the Library Holiday celebration at the Community Center on Sat., Dec. 1. Betty Frisbee is once again in charge of this fund-raising project.

Club members were reminded that the December meeting will be the annual Holiday salad luncheon, to be held at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Members are to bring a salad to share and a small gift valued up to \$10 for the gift exchange. Dessert will be provided by club officers.

The hostesses for the day were Audrey Thurmond, Marge Graf, Barbara Thomas, and June Atherton. There was an autumnal theme to the table, and the cookies were very popular.

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NICK PONTICELLO
City Engineer

Who’s who at City Hall

By JUSTIN COX
Staff writer

City Engineer Nick Ponticello was hired as a private consultant under a 60-day contract in February of 1999. It’s now 2007 and he is still hard at work, almost ten years after his arrival.

“Winters hired me to fill in for a few months,” he says. “The rest is history.”

Ponticello has lived in the Sacramento area his entire life. He moved to Woodland in 1980 and worked as their city engineer for several years. Having dealt with private consultants on a regular basis, he decided to act on his long-time aspirations of starting his own business.

“I felt I could do things a little bit better,” he says. So he created Ponticello Enterprises and shortly thereafter began his ongoing relationship with the City of Winters.

Ponticello spends one full work day each week in his office at City Hall and attends a handful of scheduled meetings and presentations. He does the bulk of his work at his office in Woodland.

It is his job to give professional engineering advice and technical assistance to city departments in connection with the planning and execution of public works projects.

“My favorite part about working here is the staff,” he says. “And the council is very good. I’ve worked with other municipalities; Winters has been wonderful to work with.”

He is proud of the city’s continuous efforts in the rehabilitation of its aging water and sewer systems as well as improvements to its roads. The city has also done a good job of preparing development projects that will be set in motion once the market allows it.

“The market is not so good right now,” he says. “But the projects are ready to go. It’s really great.”

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CROSS

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direct and organize events such as the All Student Body fundraiser for Southern California fire victims and various volunteer events with the ALS Association, a cause that is near and dear to her as her grandfather lost his battle to ALS in 2005.

Having grown up in the rural area just north of Winters, Cross recently began the rigid process of selecting where to go to college, a process that could send her far beyond city limits or even state lines. With deadlines fast approaching,

she has narrowed her ideal schools down to four, in no particular order: University of Southern California, UC Berkeley, Northwestern (Chicago), and Rice (Houston).

“I’d like to go into journalism or political science,” she says. “I don’t always like filling out the applications though because it feels so much like you’re trying to sell yourself.”

While she has enjoyed growing up in Winters, she is not afraid of what lies ahead, even if it means moving far away.

“It would be nice to stay in California because I really like it here,” she says. “But it

would also be nice to get away, not from the people, just to do something different.”

Cross is thankful for the ongoing support of her teachers, who she believes have been great influences during her time at WHS, namely Mrs. Mann, Mr. Benson and Mr. Shuttleworth.

“Mrs. Mann makes class so fun and interesting,” she says. “If we didn’t have a journalism class here, I would be far less set on studying it in college.”

Her relationship with Mr. Benson goes beyond the classroom. She has known him for much of her life and has done extensive work with the Ag

department while at Winters High School.

“We did livestock judging together for two years,” she says. “We’re really close. He’s done a lot for me.

Mr. Shuttleworth, a history teacher at WHS, also served as a source of inspiration and encouragement.

“He gets everybody involved,” she says. “Nobody falls through the cracks in his classroom. He cares about each individual equally.”

Cross’ sharp outlook and selfless dedication extend far beyond her ability to perform academically and volunteer herself to the community. She is also an accom-

plished athlete, having participated in high school volleyball and swimming. She recently competed with the girls swim team in the Northern Sections, where she won both individual and team events, and the high school placed first overall. With the high school swim season over, Cross has begun swimming in Davis, making the sport a year-round hobby for her.

“I have a lot of fun there,” she says. “It’s nice to have friends in Davis and in Winters.”

For her senior project, Cross is training her horse (Simon) and creating a video intended to demonstrate the horse’s

abilities to potential buyers. She will use the video for her project, but will not be selling it. She has been riding horses since she was three and a few weeks ago fell off for the first time in her life.

“I laughed,” she said. “It was funny.”

Cross, the daughter of Brian and Dee Cross, will formally be honored with the Youth of the Year award at the Winters High School holiday concert, planned for Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center. The special evening features performances by the high school band and choir.

‘TIS THE SEASON when Winters becomes a wonderland, and the Chamber is delighted to be a part of all the festivities throughout our city. The holidays offer an abundant array of activities starting this weekend. The Christmas tree lighting takes place on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Rotary Park. But plan on bringing your family downtown early, because the entire day is bulging bigger than Santa’s bag with festivities and shopping. Winters merchants have talked to Santa and he suggests that we do most of our Christmas shopping right here in Winters. And the rest, well, he’ll take care of everything else!

Gino at Pacific Ace Hardware has stocked the shelves with toys, tools and tulips for the perfect gift. Jagdev and Laura at Winters True Value Hardware offer the ideal solution for the tough to buy for family member with his work wear to wood working gift guide. And he will greet you with a hot cappuccino. Myke and crew at VeloCity can fit the entire family in the perfect bicycle. Linda will have the Attic Gallery doors wide open to show you the right gift for those who appreciate our treasures from times past. You should stop at Chris’ University Florist and talk to her associates about chocolates and flowers as the “can’t fail” holiday gift for dinner parties during Christmas and New Year’s. Surprise that special person in your life with gift certificates galore from Aura Day Spa, Regalare, Steady Eddy’s, Tomat’s, Cody’s and Chuy’s, just to name a few.

Are the holiday activities wearing you out? Our excellent selection of restaurants offers a great respite from all the shopping. Winters is the Shoppers’ North Pole. By the way, all the merchants and restaurants will stay open so you can keep shopping after the Christmas tree lighting.

Now we move on to all of the holiday festivities. Before illuminating the beautiful Christmas tree at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 at Rotary Park, we need to come early because I hear that there is a really good chance that Santa will visit Winters to check out the great shopping. The streets will be shimmering with local carolers, horse drawn carriage rides and story telling. The Winters Center for the Arts will host a book signing by Gloria Lopez, and the Winters Friends of the Library will have a host of programs and a raffle. Harley and Michelle from Ride and Shine will be on the corner of Main next to the parking lot with a horse drawn wagon. Michelle has agreed to special Winters rates for the holiday festivities. Our cheerful thanks to the Winters Friends of the Library,

Winters Rotary, Winters Center for the Arts, Ride and Shine Stables and all our merchants for a Wonderland in Winters.

December will also include the traditional Chili Cook-off Mixer at Realty World starting at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 10. Watch for more details or contact Dave Mills about the fun and festive food at Realty World, which will host the final mixer of the 2007 year.

The Christmas tree lighting is the perfect kick-off for the start of the holiday season. The Chamber’s first event for ushering in 2008 will be the annual Year in Review celebration, honoring the Citizen of the Year, Chamber Business of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and winner of the Theodore Winters Award. This sure-to-be-sold-out Chamber gathering is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Community Center. With a great silent auction, and induction and recognition of the Winters Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, it will be a great opportunity to visit with all of your new friends and old. Make your reservations early, because tickets will not be available at the door.

Chamber Highlight: It is only fitting for this month’s Chamber business to be Briggs & Co., owned and operated by the creative and community minded Shaunie and Mike Briggs. The Briggs & Co. gallery displays distinctive jewelry, art, pottery and in-house creative genius recycled metal creations perfect for holiday giving. It is located at 820 Railroad. In addition to hosting talented artists from throughout the region, Shaunie has extended her creativity into our business community with print advertising and fun activities. The Briggs’ signature entertainment and food accompanying art showings was recognized in Sacramento Magazine’s July “Best of” issue by listing Briggs & Co. as the Best Underground Restaurant.

Holiday events at Briggs & Co. include: Dec. 7 — The Mudlarks will debut their new CD. From 6-8 p.m., Ray, Katie and Laura will feature banjo, guitar, string bass and three strong voices. Also, Solomon and Domencia Mottarella, the creators of Faduucci will show their whimsical garden sculptures. Dec. 14 — The Gingerbread Mansion Raffle takes place, featuring a homemade confection of gingerbread and sugar concocted into a charming “It Takes a Village to Build a Library.” The raffle at Briggs & Co will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 — the Putah Creek Crawdads. In addition to creative sculptures and artist showings Shaunie takes an enthusiastic interest in the entire business community by lending her artistic talents to advertising all the business community has to



offer.

CHAMBER UPDATE: Two more benefits of membership will be delivered soon. Your membership plaque will be arriving soon and will be delivered to you for display so you can be recognized by your clients and customers. And the membership directory has been through countless proofs and editing and finally ready for distribution. Yes, since this is our first directory of members, you will probably find a mistake, but call us and we will make all revisions for the next edition of the directory.

Speaking of calling the office, we offer a giant “thank you” to Katie Whitmarsh for all her work in the Chamber office. Katie offers a cheerful smile and friendly response to questions from visitors and members while handling the administrative duties of the Chamber. **PERSONAL NOTE:** As your executive director for the past year, I have treasured the opportunity to work with the members of the business community, our board of directors and city representatives. I am constantly impressed with the dedicated teamwork to make Winters a better place to work, shop, dine and reside. Regretfully, I submitted my resignation to the board in order to pursue other career endeavors. I will appreciate the opportunity to be involved in future events and programs as a volunteer. Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Chamber membership and Winters.

CONDOS

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projects,” responded Kelly, who noted that parking demands would be part of the application process, which will be explained at the meeting in December.

Angel investing

Chris Addicus of Golden Capital Venture Funds gave a presentation about angel investing and the potential for community development in Winters. Angel investing is a type of high-risk investing focused on startup companies with the potential for a very high return. Golden Capital’s program would make Winters part of a group with Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento and Yolo County, with the intention of investing locally in order to foster economic growth.

The program lasts two years and would require \$25,000 per year, which divides evenly between the five investing parties (Winters, Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento and Yolo County) to \$5,000 each, per year. According to Addicus, the program would include Winters in an online database available to en-

trepreneurs and growing businesses. The city would also be a part of the local angel investment fund as well as a participant in a series of investor training events hosted in Yolo County.

One point of discussion among councilmembers was the comparatively small size of Winters in relation to the four other parties involved: The current model would have Winters investing an equal amount.

“I think there’s enough value in this,” said Councilmember Harold Anderson. “We should have city staff look into setting us up to pay \$2,500 (per year).”

“I’m certainly sympathetic to paying a smaller amount,” responded Councilmember Tom Stone. “But I think it’s important that we host one of the training events in Winters.”

Staff will look into the possibility of having Winters pay less money, so long as it doesn’t hurt their chances of hosting one of the few training events.

Councilmember Stone pointed out that it’s one thing to talk about Winters but quite another to actually get people here.

“I’d like to see more in-

formation,” replied Anderson. “To see if it’s mandatory that the smallest town with the lowest sales tax pay the full \$5,000 (per year).”

“Economic development is based on people’s willingness to invest in the community as well as people willing to bring their business,” said City Manager John Donlevy. “This is a very unique vehicle that will gain us exposure. People will be looking to gain capital. The idea is to go for the grander scheme. The value for us is sheer exposure on any level.

“The \$5,000 is very doable for us. There are business magazines where \$5,000 buys you a quarter of a page. This will make us a part of a group for two years that will be actively knocking up our exposure.”

The motion was passed unanimously with the condition that staff look into the possibility of paying \$2,500 per year instead of the initially discussed \$5,000.

Homelessness

The Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC) conducted a county-wide census earlier this year in an effort to track the number of homeless people in Win-

ters, Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento. The result, which is only a point-in-time count or “snapshot,” revealed that Winters has no homeless people (or, had none on the day the count was taken).

The count was conducted last January, during a time of harsh weather, leaving the possibility that local homeless people had been taken in by families providing shelter from the cold. While the lack of homeless people surveyed in Winters should be viewed as a good thing, it is not completely representative of the situation.

“It’s not so much an issue of homelessness as it is an issue of poverty and low income,” said an HPAC representative. “Many people who live in low-income housing are just one disaster away from homelessness.”

HPAC has developed a strategic plan that will focus heavily on preventative measures, addressing people in extreme poverty before their situation gets any worse.

“We’d like to formulate strategies to address the causes of homelessness rather than just manage the homeless communi-

ty,” said a representa-

Other Items

Also discussed at this meeting...

~ J.R. Selby was recognized for his consistent outstanding achievement and positive attitude by high school teacher Jay Shuttleworth. He read the pledge at the council meeting.

~ Over 400 meals were served at the community dinner. Council thanked high school students and participants.

HOLIDAYS

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The Family Holiday Festival will feature children’s crafts, such as making beeswax candles, felt shooting stars, lavender sachets, tree ornaments, tin trivets, holiday cards and orange pomanders. If the children want to give these items as gifts, there will also be a gift wrapping station. The event also features food at Mrs. Claus’ Cafe, a Scholastic Book Fair, a Raffle Tree and Christmas wreaths for sale.

Entertainment will continue throughout the event, featuring student performances from several local classrooms. The Kinder Dual Immersion class performs at 10:30 a.m., students from Shirley Rominger Intermediate School perform at 11 a.m., Woody Fridae’s fifth grade class performs at noon, the Brass Band performs at 12:30, and the Winters Middle School Choir

performs at 1 p.m.

Following the Family Holiday Festival, the annual community Christmas Tree Lighting festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Rotary Park gazebo, beginning with the lighting of the tree by Mayor Woody Fridae. The evening will include Christmas carols for anyone who would like to sing along and free refreshments provided by the Rotary Club of Winters. Santa Claus will return to the downtown by firetruck, courtesy of the Winters Fire Department to meet with children and hear their Christmas wishes.

In keeping with the Winters Walk tradition of special events and art shows on the first Saturday of each month, Steady Eddy’s will host author Jan Schubert, who just finished her first children’s book, “The Sun Seed.” The story is illustrated using a relatively new art form, needle-felted wool, and the illustrations will be available for viewing in

keeping with the art gallery theme of the Winters Walk. Schubert will be at Steady Eddy’s to sign books from 4-7 p.m., and Steady Eddy’s will remain open on Saturday night for dinner, beverages, beer and wine. Steady Eddy’s is located at 5 East Main Street, across from Rotary Park.

The Winters Center for the Arts/Participation Gallery, located at 18 Main Street, will be open from 12-8 p.m. on Saturday for the Winters Walk, and will feature its annual Usable Art Show, with all sorts of creative items available for purchase just in time for Christmas. From 4-6:30 p.m., Winters author Gloria Lopez will be at the gallery to sign her just-release book, “American Paella,” which details the history of Spanish immigrants and their descendants in the Winters community.

Other downtown merchants will be open this weekend are expected to stay open later in the evening on Saturday, for

anyone who would like to do their Christmas shopping as far away from the mall as possible.

On both Saturday and Sunday, the Winters High School FFA will hold its annual Christmas tree sale on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the high school ag site on Niemann Street. In addition to trees, there will be wreaths and stands made of real horseshoes by FFA students, evergreen wreaths and hot chocolate. The annual event is a major FFA fund-raiser.

Also continuing this weekend for its final performances is the Winters Theatre Company’s production of “The Sound of Music,” taking the Community Center stage on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Pacific Ace Hardware.

You could go out of town this weekend for fun, friends and shopping — but why?

BOWLS

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Humphrey and Molly Bentley. “When you include the 45 culinary students who are making the soup, we have roughly 230 students in all that are directly involved with this fund-raiser.”

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee’s food closet. Established 40 years ago, STEAC provides short-term emergency assistance to low-

income families and individuals throughout Yolo County. Each year STEAC distributes 100,000 pounds of food through its food closet, enough food for over 50,000 meals. Other services include rental and utility assistance, everyday clothing as well as work interview attire for job seekers, and educational assistance for low-income students. Annually, STEAC helps approximately 7,000 individuals comprising some 2,500 families throughout the county.

“When I was approached by Bentley about this event, I was thrilled,” explained Katy Zane, STEAC’s co-director. “Not only will this benefit our food closet, but it will also make more people aware that our services are available to help those in need.”

Zane added that many don’t realize that one in

five people experience food insecurity, or hunger, on a regular basis in our county. Events like this are important to raise awareness of this critical issue.

For more information about STEAC, visit their website: www.steac.org. For more information about the event, call Kate Humphrey or Molly Bentley, 795-6140.

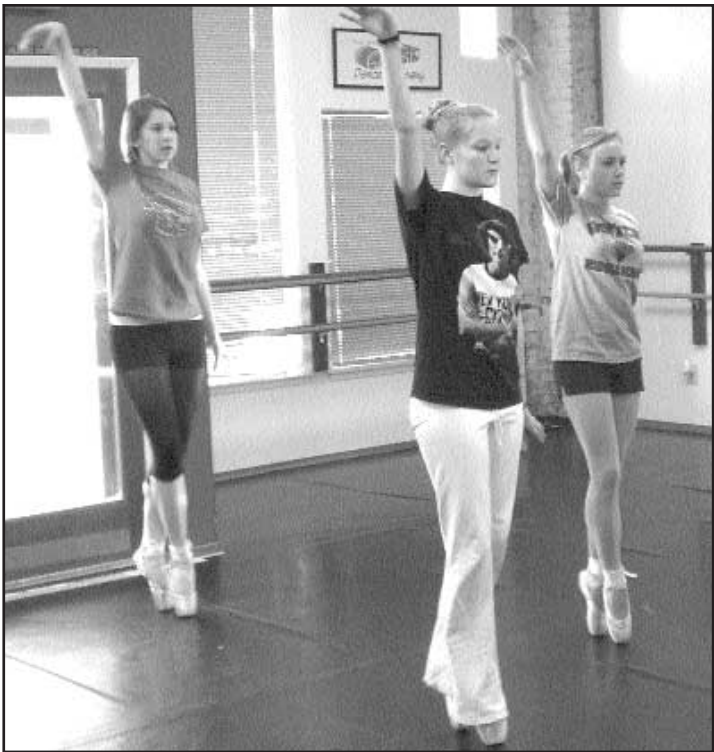
Entertainment

The Nutcracker returns to Winters

A dashing prince and dreaming princess light up the stage in this year's Studio C School of Dance production of "The Nutcracker." Families will delight in the magic and mystery of this Christmas favorite, which will be performed at the Winters Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 12 and 5 p.m.

This year's dancers, ages 3 through 18, will perform an array of dances including classical ballet, lyrical, hip hop, jazz and tap. Clara will be played by Alex Cushman, the Nutcracker by Mat Talaugon and the Sugar Plum Fairy by Kristen Rheuby.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for seniors and children 12 years old and younger. For more information about this year's Nutcracker, call Tara Manners, 795-1900.



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The cast of Studio C's production of "The Nutcracker" includes, from left, Courtney Colagrossi, Sarah Rominger and Molly Nickelson. The performance takes place on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 12 and 5 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

Concert benefits music, arts programs

Tickets are now available for the fourth annual "Home for the Holidays" community concert and sing-a-long to be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Veterans Memorial Theatre in Davis.

This year's lineup includes return performers Chris Webster, "Little Charlie" Baty, Joe Craven, Way Out West, and The Davis Children's Tree Lighting Choir directed by Mindy Manville. New acts for this year include Drive 5 (with Mumbo Gumbo founders Billy Fairfield, Brian Rivers, and Reggy Marks), Rita Hosking and Cousin Jack, and the Not So Red-Nosed Reindeer Quartet (from the Davis High School jazz vocal choir). Also on the bill is a surprise special guest.

Tickets are on sale at Armadillo Music, 205 F Street. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$8 for children under 18.

The concert, produced by Fairfield, is a benefit for the Davis School Arts Foundation, which supports music and arts education in Davis public schools. The show is

designed to showcase nationally recognized local musicians, many of whom attended Davis public schools, and to give a home-

town audience the chance to hear them play some favorite holiday songs.

For more information, visit www.billyfairfield.com.



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio

The Sawney Bean Band will return to the Irish Pub on Friday, Nov. 30, 6-9 p.m., to help celebrate St. Andrew's Day, an annual event at the pub featuring Scotch tasting, and a traditional Scottish meal of haggis, neeps and tatties. From left are Keith Cary, Robert Armstrong and Michael Sears.

St. Andrews Day celebration planned on Friday at Irish Pub

Winters is a long way from Scotland, but Winters residents won't have to go far to celebrate St. Andrew's Day on Friday, Nov. 30. The Irish Pub & Coffeehouse will once again host the event, which includes acoustic music, the celebratory slicing of the haggis, a traditional Scottish meal and a Scotch tasting.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with the return of the Sawney Bean Band, featuring the musical talents of Michael Sears, Robert Armstrong and Keith Cary, who will play a variety of Scottish and Celtic music. At 7 p.m., Alex Henderson of the Scottish Meat Pie Company in Dixon, will perform Robert Burns' classic poem "Address to a Haggis," followed of course by the traditional slicing of the haggis, which will be served with neeps and tatties (turnips and potatoes).

The evening will include a Scotch tasting, featuring several quality single malts and blends. Admission is \$25 for the meal and Scotch tasting, \$20 for anyone in Scottish dress. Admission for the meal only is \$10. All other beverages are available on a

no-host basis.

About St. Andrew's Day

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, and St. Andrew's Day is celebrated by Scots around the world on Nov. 30. The flag of Scotland is the Cross of St. Andrew, and this is widely displayed as a symbol of national identity, featuring a diagonal white cross on a blue background.

The "Order of Saint Andrew" or the "Most Ancient Order of the Thistle" is an order of Knighthood which is restricted to the King or Queen and 16 others. It was established by James VII of Scotland in 1687.

Very little is really known about St. Andrew himself. He was thought to have been a fisherman in Galilee (now part of Israel), along with his elder brother Simon Peter (Saint Peter). Both became followers (apostles) of Jesus Christ, founder of the Christian religion.

St. Andrew is said to have been responsible for spreading the tenets of the Christian religion though Asia Minor and Greece. Tradition suggests that St. Andrew was put to death



Photo by Debra Lo Guercio
Alex Henderson recites Robert Burns' "Address to a Haggis" at last year's St. Andrew's Day celebration at the Irish Pub.

by the Romans in Patras, Southern Greece by being pinned to a cross (crucified). The diagonal shape of this cross is said to be the basis for the Cross of St. Andrew which appears on the Scottish Flag.

Illustrations featured at Steady Eddy's in December

Steady Eddy's Coffee House will host an unusual art show in December: the illustrations for a newly published children's book by local writer and illustrator Jan Schubert. Schubert will be at Steady Eddy's, located at 5 East Main Street, for a book signing on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 4-7 p.m.

The story, "The Sun Seed," is illustrated using a relatively new art form, needle-felted wool. The story itself features a seed and illustrates the natural cycle of the plant world, following the seedling from germination in the spring, through the autumn where she bows her head and gives her seeds back to Mother Earth.

Living here in Winters, surrounded every summer by thousands of acres

of sunflowers following the sun across the sky gave Jan her inspiration for this story.

"When working with children, I try to give them a picture of nature that will touch their imaginations and feelings, as well as their cognitive understanding. I also try to show them the cyclical aspect of the natural world. And, because the bees are such an integral part of the world of plants and food production, they also tend to find their way into my stories."

Jan's lifelong love of handwork and textiles is expressed through her visual storytelling and puppetry. She has been a Waldorf Early Childhood educator for 22 years. During this time she founded and operated a preschool program in the old Pleasants Valley schoolhouse,

worked in a Lifeways home care program, and taught kindergarten at the Davis Waldorf School, where she currently runs

the preschool program.

For more information about the book, contact Schubert at schubert_jan@earthlink.net.

Tickets available for Heroes Luncheon

Tickets are still available for this year's American Red Cross Heroes Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 29. Nine individuals and groups of local heroes will be honored during this seventh annual event during the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m. in Freeborn Hall on the UC Davis campus. Master of ceremonies will again be Sam Shane, nightly anchor of CBS Channel 13.

Those being honored this year include Winters residents Manuel Guzman, Manuel E. Guzman, Juan Carlos Guzman and Antonio Murillo for pulling a man from a burning house.

Other honorees include Jason Bryant and David Tobin, for saving a basketball teammate with CPR; Liesl Soltani, Davis resident, for a life-saving rescue to a neighbor child who was choking; and Mario Reina-Guerra of Davis and Augusto Leal, Davis High student, for rescuing a 4-year-old from a near-drowning.

Also honored will be Tamara Pelle, Woodland police officer, who rescued her neighbor's horses during a tragic barn fire; Woodland firefighters Wyatt Cline, Ernie Fatta, Asha Stoddard, Gaea True and Chris Delcour for their efforts in rescuing a man from a burning home in Woodland; Woodland Police Officers Trista Cooley and John Riley, for saving a woman's life with CPR; Ken Wilson, Woodland resident, for his outstanding efforts as an American Red Cross disaster volunteer; and Glenn Todd, a Southern California resident, who pulled a UC Davis student from her burning car.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$30 each and can be obtained by calling the American Red Cross of Yolo County, 662-4669, or online at www.yc-arc.org. No tickets will be sold at the door.

WHO

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Ponticello is married and has three sons, all of whom have gone on to study at Berkeley.

"One graduated and the two others are there now," he says. "A senior and a sophomore."

His oldest graduated with a degree in astrophysics but currently works for Warner Bros. and is pursuing a career

Blood buddies



Photo by Justin Cox

The Winters Lions Club faithfully sponsors community blood drives in Winters several times each year. Lions Club members include, from left, Frank A. Ramos, Renato Massel, Victor Bussard, Viola Bussard and Juanita Ramos, who were on hand at the Nov. 26 blood drive to make sure blood donors get plenty of sugar and liquids. Unlike most blood drives, the snacks provided by the Lions Club are homemade. The blood drive takes place every eight weeks at the Winterse Community Center. The next drive is expected to take place on Jan. 7, 2008.

Curbside collection Dec. 14

The last Waste Management bulky waste curbside pickup day of the year is Dec. 14. Pickups must be scheduled at least one week in advance. The deadline to schedule a pickup is Friday, Dec. 7. Residents are allowed one bulky waste pickup per year, free of charge.

In an effort to curb illegal dumping activities along roadsides and wa-

terways, and provide a convenient way for residents to get rid of unwanted bulky items, Waste Management offers a curbside collection of up to five cubic yards of material as part of your trash collection services. (Example: one cubic yard = a washing machine; three cubic yards = sofa).

To schedule a pickup, call 795-1201.

Yolo libraries closed Monday

All branches of the Yolo County Library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 3, for staff training. The day will be used to update and train staff in techniques that will enable them to continue providing excellent quality service in the county's seven branch libraries. Regular library branch services will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

For additional information on Yolo County Library Branches call 666-8005 or visit: <http://www.yolocountylibrary.org/>.

in screenwriting. Of the two others, one is studying film and the other economics.

His oldest child was still in high school when he began his "short-term" contract with the City of Winters.

"I have been here longer than I anticipated," he says. "Winters was actually my first client, so there's definitely some loyalty there."

Public input sought on area transportation

The region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for 2035 is open for public comment and review through Dec. 20. The MTP and its Program Environmental Impact Report can both be found at www.sacog.org/mtp2035. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. at the SACOG office, 1415 L Street, Suite 300 in Sacramento, to discuss the Draft MTP and EIR. This plan has been nearly two years in the making, involving thousands of residents across the Sacramento region. This important plan will invest \$42 billion in the Sacramento region over the next 28 years.

For more information call Erik Johnson, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), (916) 340-6247, ejohnson@sacog.org.

Santa shops right here in Winters! You should too!

Sports

Swim team honored

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters High Swim team held their annual awards banquet on Wednesday, Nov.14, and had plenty to celebrate. The Warriors had the most successful season in school history as they won the league championship for both the boys' and the girls' teams. The girls' team also won the division II championship while the boys took second and the girls' placed third in the masters.

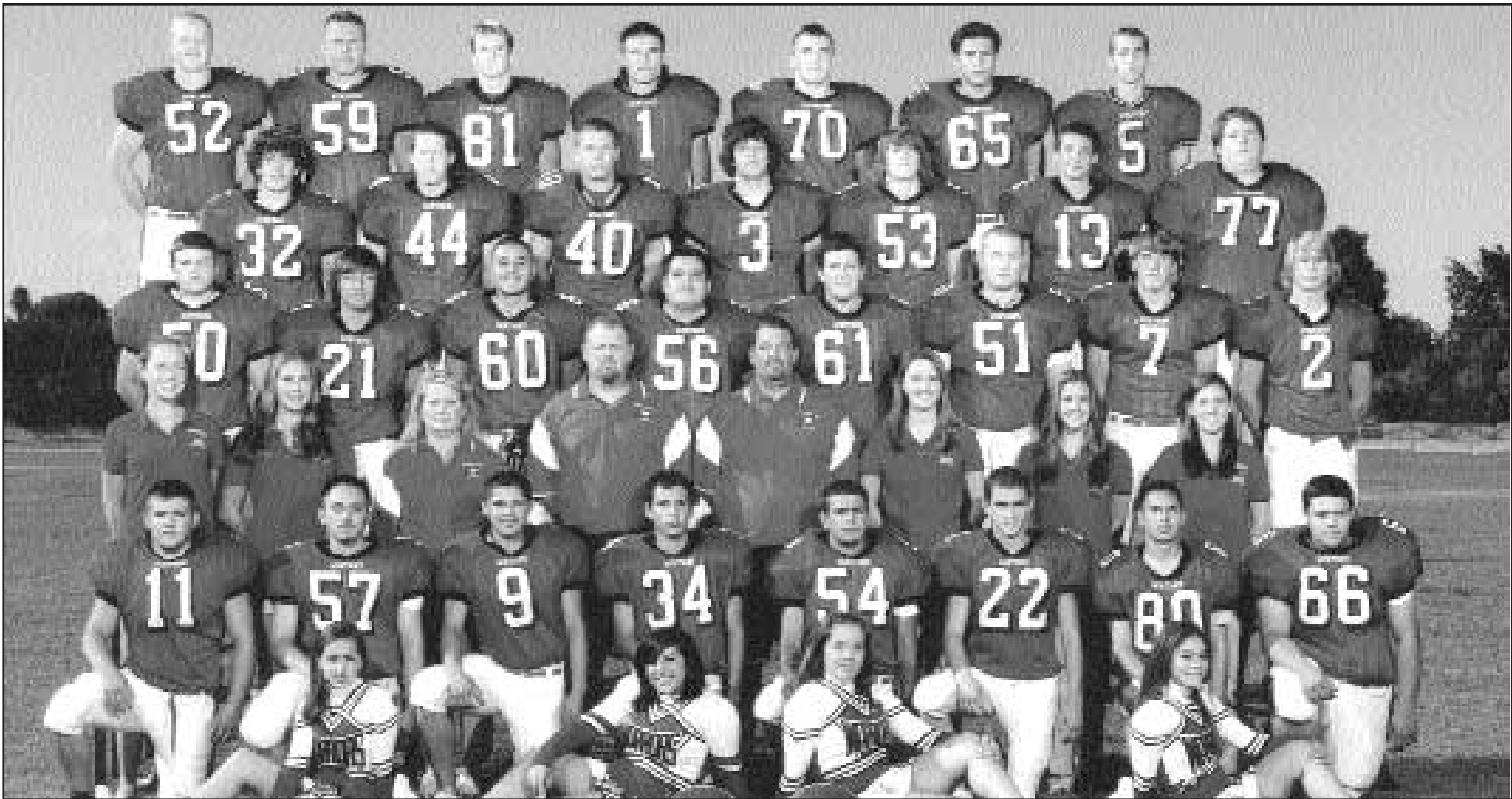
Coach Kevin Chester said at the beginning of the season that this team would be challenging for the section title and they did just that.

"Winters has raised the bar in Division II swimming, especially this year," said Chester.

All the swimmers received varsity letters. Senior Recognition went to Amy Cross and Derek Riley. The Most Improved Swimmers were freshman Ashley

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Varsity football



Courtesy photo

This year's Winters High School varsity football team included, from left, (back) Taylor Brickey, Woody DeVries, Ryan Hofstrand, Wes Karber, Brandon White, Alex Huizar and Cody Shafer; (second row) Max Mariani, Aaron Geerts, John Cummings, Kaplan Smith, Chris Meyer, Dillon Miles and Don Adams; (middle) Julian Hughey, Matt Andrade, Ramon Bermudez, Jordan Carrasco, Rafael Martinez, Kyle Crabtree, David Hill and Kyle Tobler; (fourth row) statisticians Alisa Oxley, Lauren Atherton, cheer coach Sherri Corrales, defensive coach Josh Caton, head coach Brad Burton, statisticians Sara Warren, Daniel Murphy and Lillian Boisrame; (fifth row) Cody Campos, Celestino Galabasa, David Borges, Miguel Del Rio, Andrew Medina, Patrick Leslie Chris Viray and J.R. Selby; (front) Sophia Cassidy, Holly Valenzuela, Chelsea Corrales and Hannah Manas. (Not pictured: Wayne Holland and Jesse Reyes.)

Time for Warriors to hit the mat, court and field

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The fall sports are over and the Winter sports are here as the Winters High School basketball, wrestling and soccer teams prepare for their upcoming season. Some look strong and experienced and some are just looking for numbers to field a team.

The boys' soccer team has some good players returning with years of experience. As of now there are 19 players on the boys' team and a new coach to take the helm. Cesar Morales is the new head coach and is excited about the teams' future.

"I think we will have a very successful season,"

said Morales. "We have a lot of talent on the team. But we will see this week after our first game against Live Oak."

For the girls' soccer team coach Donna Burnette will return with 22 players.

"We don't have a lot of experience but we have three juniors that are my captains and a team that has a great attitude and are very coach able," said Burnette.

Daniel Murphy, Jessica Sharp and Maribell Escabedo are the teams' captains and coach Burnette is expecting them to lead the team in the direction she wants them to go.

The Warrior wrestling team has 10 wrestlers out on the mat compared to just six last

year. Coach Tim Hausler is excited about the turnout but is hoping that in the near future he will see more wrestlers coming out.

"Wrestling demands a lot," said Hausler. "Physically it is the most demanding sport and people know it. I think that's why we don't get a lot of students coming out. There are a lot of kids in school that I would love to see out here and I know they would be successful."

The Warriors will be led by Jesse Hellinger and Brandon White who are both ranked in the section.

On the basketball court the Warriors

See FALL on page B-8

Kemp wins football grid contest

Four contestants tied with 17 out of 24 games correctly picked in the Winters Merchants Football Contest this week, with Gordon Kemp taking the \$30 first prize and Manuel Gomez taking the \$15 second prize.

Two other contestants, Jack Graf and Grace Holt had 17 correct, with the prize money going out based on the tie breaker score of the Nevada-San Jose game. There were 51 points scored in that game with Kemp guess-

ing 46, Gomez picking 43, Graf with 63, and Holt 20.

All of the rest of the contestants had 16 or fewer correct selections. Results of the final contest of the season will be announced next week.

CODY'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Joe Souza

Joe Sousa, a wrestler on the Winters High School Wrestling team, is this week's athlete of the week. In the Warriors opening scrimmage on Saturday, Nov. 24, Sousa went 5-0 for the Warriors.

"Joe had a great day of wrestling," said coach Tim Hausler. "Out of the five matches three of them were against wrestlers he lost to last year. He has improved tremendously already."

FOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Each Cody's Athlete of the Week receives a FREE Lunch

Schools



Courtesy photo

Winters FFA participants in the national FFA career event included, from left, advisor Kent Bension, team members Megan Avellar, Amy Avellar, Caitlin Calvert and Raven Castro, and a DTN representative.

FFA members participate in national event

Members of the Winters High school FFA Chapter were one of 37 teams participating in the 2007 National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Career Development Event (CDE). The competition was held Oct. 24-27, during the 80th National FFA Convention, held in Indianapolis.

The Agricultural Issues Forum is the result of local chapter efforts to in-

vestigate, analyze and communicate a position to the local community. Presentations to community groups by a team of FFA members are first given in the agriculture classroom. Participants receive instruction about particular issues, as well as how to investigate and analyze research.

The National FFA Agricultural Communications

CDE is sponsored by DTN as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. It is one of 23 different national events that use the fun of competition to connect classroom learning and careers.

FFA is a national youth organization of 495,046 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of

agriculture with 7,242 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

New website teaches youth to ‘Reduce, Reuse and Recycle’

The California Integrated Waste Management Board has launched its youth website “kidsbe-green.org.” The purpose of the website is to educate children between the ages of 6 and 12 about the three environmental R’s: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

With more than six million children in California under the age of 12, the CIWMB recognizes the need to reach out to a younger audience with easy to understand information and tips on the importance of reducing and recycling waste.

The website has numerous components to engage children including: how-to fact sheets, a coloring book, and an interactive game: “3R’s Most Extreme Challenge!” Each component helps explain how to reduce use, which items are good for reuse, and which items can be recycled.

The CIWMB partnered with Sacramento’s Radio Disney station to help promote the website and to educate children about the environment. Radio Disney will run a variety of Public Service Announcements and promote the

new “Kids Be Green” website at a series of Disney sponsored events throughout Sacramento. In addition, many kids will have a chance to be the CIWMB environmental spokesperson for on-air public service announcements when they compete at several of Radio Disney’s “Kidscaster Try-outs.”

“By teaching today’s children about waste reduction, proper reuse, and recycling, we will be influencing the leaders of tomorrow and making a sustainable California for us and for generations still to

come,” said CIWMB Chair Margo Reid Brown.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board is the state’s leading authority on recycling and waste reduction. It promotes reducing waste whenever possible, managing all materials to their highest and best use and protecting public health and safety and the environment. The California Integrated Waste Management Board is one of six boards, departments, and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA).

High School swimmers honored at banquet

By ANNIETTA TICE
Special to the Express

The 2007-08 Winters High School swim team held its annual awards banquet on Nov. 14. Coach Kevin Chester presented varsity letters to all swimmers, as well as the following awards: Senior Recognition to Amy Cross and Derek Riley, Most Improved Swimmers to freshman Ashley Hoekwater and senior Derek Riley, Most Valuable

Swimmers to sophomore Maya Tice and junior Justin Rominger, Coaches Awards to Amy Cross and Alec Bouwens.

Chester also presented Butte Valley League Championship awards to both girls’ and boys’ teams and Division II Section Championship awards to the nine girls who placed Winters at the top: Amy Cross, Jamie Andersen, Meghan Hyde, Cheyenne Burrall, Maya Tice, Cheyenne Powell,

Tess Hyer, Ashley Hoekwater and Helene Martin-sen.

Chester commented that Winters has raised the bar in Division II swimming, especially this year. Amy Cross presented coaches Ada Lake and Chester with framed photo collages from the team, thanking them for all their hard work, inspiration and dedication to the success of this year’s team.

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In a Nutshell



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The Winters High School drama class will perform three one-act plays, collectively called “In a Nutshell,” on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in Room G-1 at the high school. Students have been learning all the roles in producing and performing a play in their class this year. Performers include Joey Sanders, who plays a teen boy waiting nervously for his date to pick him up, and Cheyenne Powell who plays his mother in the skit, “When Girls Ask Boys For Dates.” The performance is appropriate for audiences over the age of 12.

Youth b-ball program to begin

The City of Winters Parks and Recreation is once again sponsoring youth basketball this winter. Registration will take place from Dec. 3-14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall (city clerk side), 318 Fist Street. The registration fee is \$35 per player, which includes a team T-shirt.

Boys and girls in grades 1-8 are eligible to play. Games will take place on Saturdays at the high school gym from Jan. 5 to Feb. 23, and possibly into March if necessary.

This season’s teams will be selected and shirts will be ordered during Christmas break. The coordinators for this season are Jackie and Courtney Stocking.

For more information, call Traci Nakamura, 795-4910, extension 102.

Nuestras Noticias



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Nueva Clínica Dental en Winters

La petición de la comunidad para tener servicios dentales, se ha hecho realidad, ya que la Fundación del Cuidado de la Salud de Winters, esta ofreciendo servicios dentales en la nueva oficina dental, que inauguraron el 19 de noviembre.

La Fundación contrato los servicios de la Dr. Sapna J. Hayes, el proceso de selección se hizo en una búsqueda en todo el país. Su profesionalismo y dedicación serán una gran adición para la Clínica. Comentario hecho por el director ejecutivo de la Fundación, Chris Kelsch. Hayes nació en Michigan, y se crío en Baton Rouge, Luisiana. Estudio en la Universidad Estatal de Luisiana, y sirvió por 10 años en la Fuerza Aérea, ha trabajado en Londres, Texas, Florida y más recientemente en Fairfield.

El director de la fundación también dijo que la Doctora, ofrecerá lo ultimo en cuanto a cuidado dental, y así podrán ofrecer mejores servicios a la comunidad. La clínica ya ha identificado alrededor de 300 niños, los cuales no han recibido cuidado preventivo dental, el objetivo de la nueva clínica será atender a estos niños, además de dar un servicio de calidad al resto de la comunidad.

El apoyo de dentistas locales ha sido importante para tener esta nueva clínica, dentistas del área han donado equipo y material, además de consejos profesionales y parte de su tiempo.

La nueva clínica dental trabajara en conjunto con la clínica medica, para prevenir y tratar problemas en etapas iniciales.

En la inauguración de la clínica se agradeció a los dentistas, Kim Anderson, y Jim Childress por su tiempo y dedicación. También se agradeció a The California Endowment y a la Fundación Rumsey, a Joyce Jordan, a la Dr. Hayes, y a Olivia Martin.

La nueva clínica esta localizada en el 31main St., la clínica trabajara inicialmente de 8 AM a 5 PM, los lunes y jueves. Y los miércoles de 1 PM a 5 PM. en un futuro las horas de trabajo se ampliaran de 8 AM a 5 PM, todos los días, pero esto será hasta nuevo aviso.

Riesgos y realidades de prestamos sub-preferencial

POR: MARÍA TENORIO

A raíz del cambio en las condiciones por las que está atravesando el mercado inmobiliario, muchas de las personas que compraron propiedades con planes sub-preferenciales, ahora se encuentran entre el alto porcentaje de personas que no han podido cumplir a tiempo sus pagos hipotecarios. Pero te preguntaras, ¿cuál es la consecuencia principal de estos atrasos? Tan sencillo y triste como que la propiedad vaya a ejecución hipotecaria o “foreclosure” y el propietario pierda toda su inversión.

“El aumento en los atrasos de los pagos y en los casos de ejecuciones hipotecarias son mucho más notables en los prestamos sub-preferenciales. Los prestatarios sub-preferenciales son más susceptibles a los aumentos acumulativos de las tasas de interés que hemos estado experimentando y del resultado de la desaceleración en la apreciación del precio de la vivienda a nivel nacional, incluyendo el decline absoluto en algunos mercados”. es un claro reflejo de lo que está sucediendo con este mercado.

Del mismo modo como este tipo de préstamo le brinda la oportunidad a muchas personas de adquirir una vivienda o de recibir los beneficios de un préstamo sobre la plusvalía de la casa, también ha llevado a algunos prestatarios a aumentar las estadísticas nacionales de los niveles de morosidad y ejecuciones hipotecarias

por incumplimiento de pago.

Aunque ahora se esté pasando por esta situación, los préstamos sub-preferenciales no necesariamente significan una mala opción para todas las personas que decidan tomarlos. Lo más importante es que quien vaya a solicitar un préstamo sub-preferencial busque diferentes opciones llamando a varias agencias de préstamos y que no se deje atrapar por la primera oferta que, a veces aprovechando la situación, quiera ofrecerle unos intereses extremadamente altos o condiciones que a la final resulten en un caos económico para el solicitante.

“No te preocupes que yo te consigo el préstamo para tu casa; como sea yo te califico”. Estas palabras “mágicas” provenientes de un prestamista pueden sonar como música para tus oídos, y hacer cumplir a como dé lugar tu sueño de ser propietario.

El problema con esta promesa es cuando realmente tú no estás calificado para adquirir el compromiso de un préstamo hipotecario. Esto pudiera ser porque tus ingresos no son suficientes para afrontarlo o porque tu historial crediticio no alcanza los márgenes requeridos para calificar a un préstamo tradicional, limitándote a poder optar a las mejores condiciones de tasa de interés, afectando el monto del préstamo y mensualidad.

Cuando tu puntuación de crédito es alta -720 o

más- tendrás más oportunidad de obtener un buen interés y un mejor plan. Pero cuando es baja -600 o menos- lo más seguro es que tu opción sea calificar a un préstamo sub-preferencial. La desventaja es que recibirás un interés más alto que los créditos convencionales o que te apliquen otros cargos extras.

Aunque los prestamistas sub-preferenciales basan sus intereses y cargos en los mismos factores que los “prime” (es decir, a menor puntaje de crédito y a menor inicial o “downpayment”, mayor será la tasa de interés), éstos cobran intereses y cargos más altos para compensar el riesgo que representa para ellos otorgar préstamos a quienes podrían no cumplirles! Además calificar a un cliente con problemas crediticios va a requerir mayor esfuerzo, tiempo y experticia.

Antes de decidirte a tomar un préstamo sub-preferencial: Revisa la forma de repago del préstamo. Pregunta si estarás haciendo pagos a capital e interés o sólo a interés -recuerda que pagando capital es como logras reducir el monto del dinero prestado y acumular plusvalía-.

Busca una compañía con reputación y revisa con el Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) para averiguar si no hay quejas o demandas en contra de esa compañía. Evita en lo posible aquellos prestamistas o “lenders” que van en tu busca. Utiliza lo que ellos te ofrecen como base para conseguir otras op-

ciones mejores.

No caigas en las tácticas de venta que te presionan para que tomes una decisión apresurada. Generalmente los prestamistas garantizan por 30 días el interés y las condiciones que ofrecen, así que tómate tu tiempo.

Lee muy bien cuando te entreguen el “Estimado de los Gastos de Cierre”. Revisa cifra por cifra, y si no entiendes bien, busca otra fuente de información, lee sobre el tema o busca ayuda de un abogado.

Cuidado con los cargos extras, cargos de cierre, puntos de descuento o “servicios”. En los préstamos sub-preferenciales se hace común cobros excesivos por estos cargos; compara entre varias propuestas a ver cuál es la que más te conviene.

Algunas agencias federales creen que pudiera haber una conexión de prácticas discriminatoria relacionadas con los préstamos sub-preferenciales, pues sospechan que hay un mayor énfasis en atraer con estos tipos de préstamos a grupos étnicos minoritarios que viven en comunidades de bajos recursos económicos, como puede ilustrar las cifras reveladas en un reporte del Center for Responsible Lending que afirman que el 40% de los préstamos otorgados a hispanos son sub-preferenciales y el 52% a los afroamericanos.

Mas información en Español

Gracias a la tecnología de ahora, cada día que pasa se están presentando mas alternativas y oportunidades para los hispanos aquí en Los Estados Unidos, y ahora mas que antes los mismos medios de comunicación empiezan a enfrascarse en una pelea por el dinero de los hispanos. El Internet y la televisión por satélite, están dando la pelea a los medios tradicionales dirigidos a los hispanos.

En el buscador Google, se ofrecen mas de 700 fuentes de información para los hispanos que con-

sultan esta pagina, y si el que navega su pagina es bilingüe, entonces contaremos con 4, 500 fuentes en ingles. La publicidad en español sigue creciendo a pasos agigantados, lo vemos en las paginas de Internet en donde los jóvenes bajan la música, lo miramos en los teléfonos celulares, que ya se han establecido como uno de los medios de comunicación mas importantes de los tiempos modernos.

Los blog en español también se han multiplicado, las compañías de televisión por satélite, se han

enfrascado en una guerra para conseguir el mercado latino, además, las mismas televisoras en español están entrando a la repartición del pastel, que es la cantidad enorme de dinero que los hispanos gastamos en la compra de productos en este país.

El instituto de política Tomas Rivera, el mes pasado presento un estudio que muestra que las familias hispanas con ingresos superiores a los 100 mil dólares, aumento 126%, entre el periodo de 1991-2000, mientras los

gastos publicitarios en español en los primeros seis meses del presente año, fueron de dos mil 870 millones de dólares. Un 2.3% mas con relación al año pasado.

¿Para qué sirve todos estos números? Pues sirve para entender que los medios de comunicación en español de Estados Unidos están creciendo a pasos agigantados, y que aquellos que no están preparados para la repartición del paste, quieren decir la repartición del dinero, se van a quedar sin rebanada.

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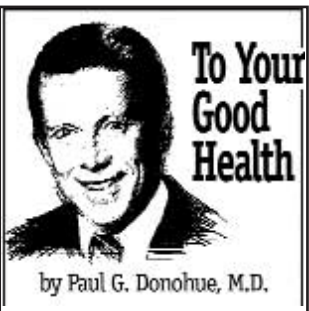
Finger nodules a sign of arthritis

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 56 and have just been told I have arthritis. Aren't I slightly young for arthritis? I saw the doctor because of tiny bumps that popped out on the top knuckles of some of my fingers and because my fingers had become stiff. Only my hands are affected. Everything else is fine. I'm having trouble accepting this as arthritis. What do you think? — R.K.

ANSWER: I go along with the arthritis diagnosis — osteoarthritis, the most common kind of arthritis. It used to be called "wear and tear" arthritis, but it doesn't occur simply from wear and tear. We know many factors that are involved, and there are many factors we don't know. Aging, genes, previous injury and hormones are some of the known factors. You're not too old for osteoarthritis. It's infrequent before age 40, and it's most often diagnosed in the late to mid 50s. You're at the right age. What happens is that the cartilage that covers the ends of two bones splits, fissures and crumbles. The result is a stiff, painful joint. Pain increases with activity. Osteoarthritis most often affects the hands, fingers, knees, hips and the spine in the lower back and neck. One form of osteoarthritis is more common in women, and it appears you have that kind. It happens in the fingers and hands. Small bumps appear on the knuckles closest to the fingertips. They're called Heberden's nodes and are indicators of osteoarthritis. The bumps are bony growths. For most, osteoarthritis is a slowly progressive illness. Your kind might remain limited to the hands and fingers.

The arthritis booklet discusses rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and lupus. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 301W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada, with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:



What is referred pain? I have had pain in my right shoulder blade, off and on, for about six months. I thought I had strained a muscle. My doctor believes it comes from my gallbladder, and I am scheduled to have an ultrasound of it. Can the gallbladder cause shoulder-blade pain? How? — M.M.

ANSWER: Referred pain is pain felt in a place distant from the actual source of the pain. Gallbladder pain is a good example. The gallbladder is beneath the liver on the upper right side of the abdomen. However, a gallbladder attack can be felt in the right shoulder blade or in the area between the shoulder blades. The explanation has to do with where organs are located during fetal life. Organs and tissues far removed from each other in a mature baby are close to each other in a fetus. As maturation progresses, the organs migrate from their fetal position to their full-term maturity position. But they carry with them the same nerve connections they had from the beginning. So nerves adjacent to the fetal site of organs can become activated after that organ has relocated to its normal, fully developed position.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Death of DREAM a GOP Nightmare

By ROGER E. HERNANDEZ

If you don't know whether to laugh or cry about the absurdities of anti-immigrant hysterics, the recent antics of anti-immigrant hysteric Tom Tancredo will have you doing both. Last month, three college students whose parents came to the United States illegally went to Capitol Hill at the invitation of Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin to show support for the DREAM Act, which makes children of illegal immigrants eligible for permanent residency if they keep out of trouble and are enrolled in a college. Tancredo, the Colorado congressman occasionally spotted among Republican presidential candidates, tried to sic the cops on them. "I call on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency to detain any illegal aliens at this press conference. Just because these illegal aliens are being used for political gain doesn't mean they get immunity from the law," he said in a press release. "If we can't enforce our laws inside the building where American laws are made, where can we enforce them?" Problem was, the three college kids all had legal

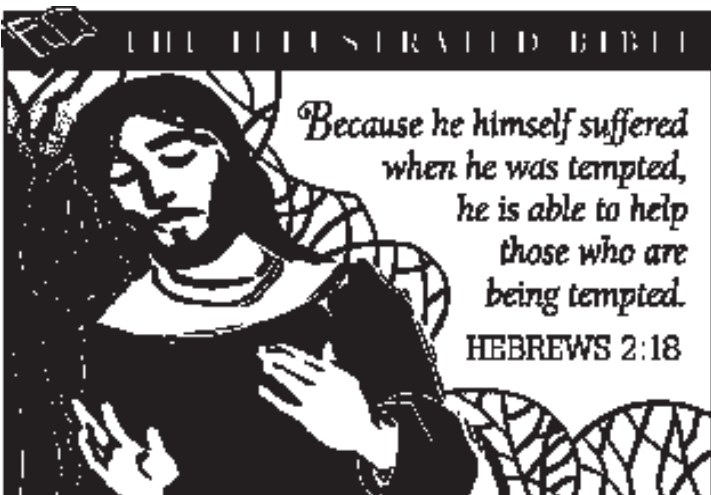
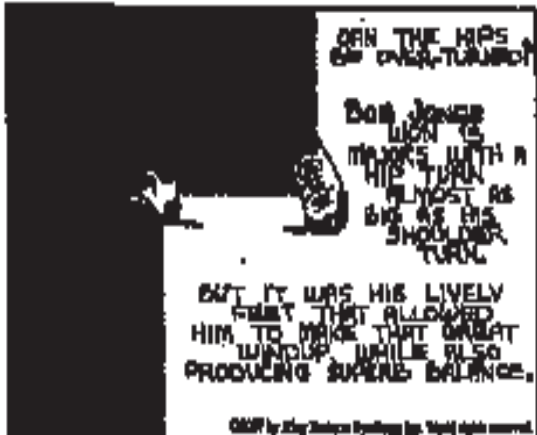
immigration status. It's on a temporary basis, to be sure, which is why they stand to gain from the DREAM Act. Still, when they entered the U.S. Capitol, they were not illegal aliens subject to arrest and deportation. What would have been illegal would have been for ICE to harass them like Tancredo demanded. Of course, nobody really expects la migra to raid a congressional press conference, which is why Tancredo's outburst comes off like little more than a clownish tantrum. But the defeat of the DREAM Act on a cloture motion later was no laughing matter. Sadly, hardworking college kids who are here illegally through no fault of their own got the heave-ho from the Republican Party (only 10 Republicans voted in favor), even though many are culturally American because the only life they know is in the United States. So yes, Republicans gave kids the heave-ho. And you can bet Hispanic voters are going to give Republicans the heave-ho too. Even Cubans in Miami, who once voted 80 percent-plus for Republicans, are turning away. There are conservatives who realize the Republican Party will not win the

White House if in 2008 Hispanic voters again turn away as dramatically as they did between 2004 and 2006. These conservatives realize that even Hispanics who want much tougher enforcement at the border are appalled at the incendiary rhetoric coming from the likes of Tom Tancredo, and at the quieter fears of Republicans who voted against giving college kids a chance. But we have been down this road before. "No nation in human history ever undertook to deal with such masses of alien population," said an article written by one Francis A. Walker that appeared in the June 1896 issue of The Atlantic Monthly. "The problems which so sternly confront us today are serious enough without being complicated and aggravated by the addition of some millions of Hungarians, Bohemians, Poles, south Italians, and Russian Jews." It was a road Tancredo's own ancestors knew too well.

Roger Hernandez is a syndicated columnist and writer-in-residence at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



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Pleased to meet you



Name: Valerie Whitworth
Occupation: Retired Teacher
Hobby: Painting
What's best about living in Winters: "The people."
Fun fact: Is one of six students to earn a masters degree at D-Q University.

Want to be the person of the week?
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and is sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with your strong and well-reasoned arguments.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt started your holiday shopping already. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too — didn't it?)
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy's reluctance to cooperate.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.
BORN THIS WEEK: You are caring and considerate — two wonderful attributes that endear you to people of all ages.

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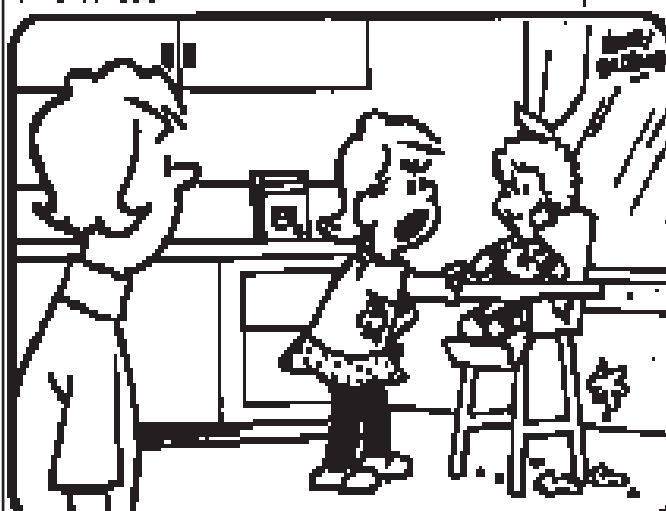
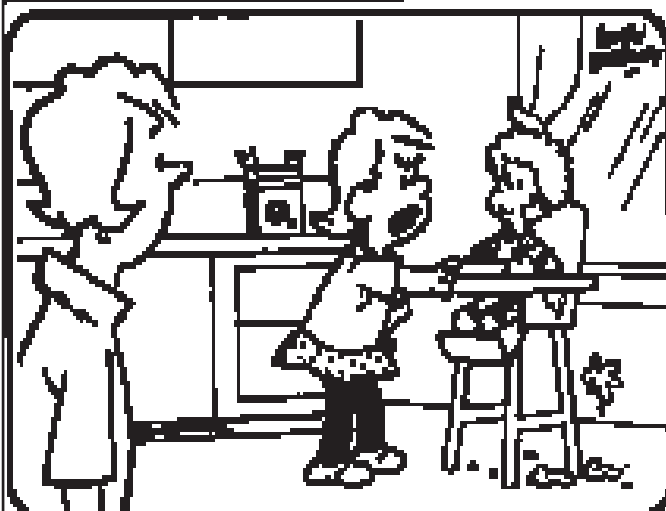
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Site Leaders to supervise adult staff in Middle Schl. rec. program, Mon.-Fri., 12:30-7. \$14.20/hr. Apply at 1000 Kentucky St., FF 43-2tp

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November 14, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Kimberly Barklow, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-1140
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
Wyatt Jensen Squeeze Service
20820 Co. Rd. 79B Capay CA 95607
Wyatt Jensen 20820 Co Rd. 79B Capay CA 95607
This business classification is: An Individual s/Wyatt Jensen
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Liz Mahovick, Deputy Clerk
November 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2007

Public Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TTD No.: 20070063352555 Loan No.: 14932610 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10-05-2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12-20-2007 at 12:00 P.M. , TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10-28-2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0054194-00, in book -- , page -- , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of CALIFORNIA , executed by CHRISTINA M. HILL, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE WEST SACRAMENTO CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, and State described as: APN No.: 003-155-02-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12 EDWARDS STREET WINTERS CA 95694 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale of property will be made in "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$378,504.01 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. IF AVAILABLE, THE EXPECTED OPENING BID MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBER or (818) 871-1919. Date: 11-26-2007 TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY , AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Address: Malibu Canyon Business Park, 26679 W. Agoura Rd., Suite 225, Calabasas, CA 91302 Phone: 818-871-1900 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. AS-AP# 940465 11/29/2007, 12/06/2007, 12/13/2007

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 74-27538-3 Title Order No.E719248 APN 003-144-121 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/16/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/19/2007 at 12:00PM, HOUSEKEY FINANCIAL CORPORATION as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/22/2006, as Instrument 2006-0046154-00 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, executed by: MARIA GOMEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, MERS as Beneficiary and DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC. as Lender (Original Lender) and DECISION ONE MORTGAGE CO. L.L.C., as current Servicer/Lender, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 214 GRANT AVENUE, WINTERS, CA 95694. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$311,604.47 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. CONDITION OF SALE: The successful bidder will be required to pay county documentary transfer tax, any city tax, and any other applicable taxes or fees (including, but not limited to, the fee for recording Preliminary Change of Ownership report) to the auctioneer at the time of sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 11/28/2007 HOUSEKEY FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 60145 CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91716 For Sale Information: (714)259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com TO NOTIFY TRUSTEE OF BANKRUPTCY FILINGS, PLEASE FAX FACE PAGE OF BANKRUPTCY PETITION TO (909) 397-3914 IRMA BARRIOS, Trustee Sales Officer HOUSEKEY FINANCIAL CORPORATION MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 940051 11/29/2007, 12/06/2007, 12/13/2007

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF YOLO COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA) SEEKING OUT ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS, AGES 0 THROUGH 21 YEARS, INCLUDING CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM.Do you know someone with a disability that may be affecting their learning? Individuals with disabilities have a right to a free, appropriate public someone, birth through 21, who may have a physical mental, emotional, or language problem, please call your local public school of residence for assistance.
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Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
November 9, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Liz Mahovick, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-1131
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
Melendrez Gardening, Trimming and Lawn Services
6 Antelope St. Woodland CA 95695
Juan C. Melendez 6 Antelope St. Woodland CA 95695
This business classification is: An Individual s/Juan C. Melendez
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Liz Mahovick, Deputy Clerk
November 15,22,29, Dec. 6, 2007

Fictitious Business Name

FILED YOLO COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
October 30, 2007
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Ava Woodard, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2007-1099
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:
E&J Trucking
208 Suffolk Place Winters, CA 95694
Elizabeth Lorenzo 208 Suffolk Place Winters, CA 95694
Jose Ramirez, Jr. 208 Suffolk Place Winters, CA 95694
This business classification is: Co-Partner s/Elizabeth Lorenzo and Jose Ramirez Jr.
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
November 15,22,29, Dec. 6, 2007

Public Lien Sale

Notice is here by given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to satisfy a lien imposed on said property pursuant to section 21700 of the bus. and prof. code section 2328 of the UCC, section 535 of the penal code and provisions of the civil code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 4th day of December 2007 at 11a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is located at Beamer Street storage 1572 E. Beamer St, Woodland, CA 95776 and which consists of Misc. personal property, household, garage and yard items and misc. boxes (contents unknown) sale will begin at Beamer Street storage.
All items sold as is. Where is and must be removed by 5p.m. or make arrangements with the office.
Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Terms and inspection prior to sale
Beamer Street Storage Unit #
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196 J. Jimenez
40 A. Garcia
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Forrest O'Brien, Auctioneer
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Published November 22, 29, 2007

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Winters, California (the "City") at its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, will hold a public hearing and consider approval of the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority of multifamily housing revenue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$5,000,000, the proceeds of which will be applied to the financing of the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 39-unit multifamily residential rental facility commonly known as the Almondwood Apartments (the "Project") located at 801 Dutton Street in the City of Winters, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 003-330-11-1.

The owner of the Project will be Winters Almondwood, LP, a California limited partnership, or a limited liability company or other limited partnership to be formed by Micon Real Estate.

All those interested in matters related to either the issuance of the revenue bonds or the location or operation of the project are invited to attend and be heard at the meeting, which will commence at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 318 First Street, Winters, California. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Terrence Murphy of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, at (925) 933-9229.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 105. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

ALL INTRESESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO APPEAR AT THE MEETING DATE(S) IDENTIFIED ABOVE AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO COMMENT. COPIES OF ALL THE ABOVE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS, PLANS AND THE COMPLETE FILE, CAN BE VIEWED AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 318 FIRST STREET, CITY HALL, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING, OR CALL THE STAFF CONTACT PERSON AT (530) 795-4910, EXTENSION 112. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE HEARING AND EXPRESS THEIR COMMENTS. WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO, AT, AND DURING THE HEARING. ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 65009 (B) (2), OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT CODE "IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING(S) DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT, OR PRIOR TO, THIS PUBLIC HEARING".

Cas Ellena,
Economic Development & Redevelopment Director
Published November 29, 2007

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Oliz Mahoulich, Deputy
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November 22,29, Dec. 6, 13, 2007

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Notice of Trustees Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1114940-03 APN: 049-272-08-01 TRA: LOAN No: XXXXX5013 REF: Brascia, Stephen IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 19, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 18, 2007, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 26, 2004, as Inst. No. 2004-0011985-00 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Stephen L Brascia, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: At the rear (north) entrance to the city hall building 1110 West Capitol Avenue West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 26478 Capay Street Esparto CA 95627 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$23,450.40. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: November 21, 2007 Trustee Sale Officer: Monica L Gonzalez. (R-156343 11/22/07, 11/29/07, 12/06/07)

Notice of City Council Discussion of Potential East Abbey Street Abandonment

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL EAST ABBEY STREET ABANDONMENT

The Winters City Council will discuss the potential abandonment of the section of East Abbey Street between Railroad Avenue and Elliot Street at a regular meeting of the City Council, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, in the Council Chambers, City Offices, 318 First Street, Winters, California 95694.

PROJECT LOCATION: EAST ABBEY STREET BETWEEN RAILROAD AVENUE AND ELLIOT STREET.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The section of East Abbey Street between Railroad Avenue and Elliot Street is being considered for abandonment as part of the development of the 1.823-acre block (Assessor Parcel Numbers 003-224-01, 02, 03, and 04) bordered by Railroad on the west, East Abbey on the north, Elliot on the east, and East Main Street on the south. The block has been referred to as the Main Street Village Project. If the abandonment occurs, a section of the street (south side) near the southeast corner of East Abbey and Railroad may be used for a building footprint which would extend from the existing City parking lot into a portion of East Abbey. The remainder of the street would be used for limited vehicle access and on-street public parking. The City would retain public utility and public/fire access easements for the abandoned street.

The purpose of the City Council discussion on the potential abandonment of a section of East Abbey Street is to introduce the subject to the Council and community, receive early input, and provide staff with direction on whether to start the process for a street abandonment. If you are unable to attend the November 20, 2007 City Council meeting, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694, email comments to the City at dan.sokolow@cityofwinters.org, or you may telephone (530) 795-4910, extension 112. In the event that the City Council instructs staff to start the process for abandonment of a section of East Abbey Street, one or more public hearings before the City Council at futures dates will be required before the Council can take final action on approving or rejecting the abandonment. Notice of the public hearing(s) will be provided.

Dan Sokolow – Community Development Director
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Pueblo, Yolando Alanis; First Northern Bank, Ann Gertz; Food Mart, Michelle Austin; Dennis Hiramatsu, D.D.S., Ray Wennig; Winters True Value Hardware, Doug Hoskins; Katherine's Bookkeeping Service, A. Garcia; Berryessa Veterinary Services, Brian Gould; Jeanine's Bookkeeping Service, Allie Branscum; Cloth Carousel, E. Ochoa; Lester Farms, Matt Larsen; Winters Hair Station, Sharla Ruiz; Mazza Dental Care, Sharon Carpenter; Briggs & Co., Grace; Custom Cleaners, Lisa Henry. Chuy's Taquera, Tomat's and Regalare had winners but their names are unknown. This was another successful promotion by the Winters Merchants. All of the participating businesses said they enjoyed meeting old and new Winters Residents.

Yolo Wildlife Area manager to speak

Yolo Basin Foundation offers the first of its Flyway Nights Lectures on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Department of Fish and Game's Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 Chiles Road in Davis. Dave Feliz, the manager of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, will be the featured speaker with a presentation entitled "Ten Years in the Making: The Evolving Dream of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area."

In November 1997, President Bill Clinton participated in the opening of the Wildlife Area, which is owned and managed by the California Department of Fish and Game. Feliz, a long-time employee of Fish and Game, arrived the following year. Feliz will recount the challenges

of the early years, the massive expansion of the Wildlife Area in 2001 and how things are falling into place for the long term management of this model facility. The talk will be presented with a backdrop of stunning photos of the various habitats and inhabitants of this amazing 16,000-acre local resource.

The Yolo Basin Foundation offers Flyway Nights at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month from December to April. A \$5 donation to support Foundation's wetland education programs is suggested, and Yolo Basin members are free.

Call the Yolo Basin Foundation at 758-1018 for more information, and check www.yolobasin.org for future programs.

Nonprofit roundtable meeting planned

Yolo Community Foundation's next Yolo County Nonprofit Leadership Roundtable will host a discussion of fund-raising strategies on Friday, Dec. 7, 12-2 p.m. at the Heidrick Ag History Center, 1962 Hays Lane in Woodland. All Yolo County Nonprofit Leaders are invited.

Roundtable participants will discuss strategies for fund-raising including outreach newsletters, email distribution lists and direct mail. Hosted by Jim Rodgers, a Yolo Community Foundation board member and the executive director of Yolo Family Service Agency, all participants are invited to share their success stories and struggles.

All people that are involved in leadership positions (whether staff or board members) in Yolo County nonprofits are invited to attend, and bring their own brown bag lunch along with their ideas and energy. Future meetings are planned for Tuesday, Feb. 12, and

Tuesday, April 8, at noon at the Heidrick Ag History Center. There is no charge to attend the meetings.

Yolo Community Foundation is a local foundation dedicated to serving the people and organizations of Yolo County. Founded in 2001 by a group of community-minded individuals throughout Yolo County, the Foundation seeks to develop and promote philanthropy in the county by serving as a public foundation through which community members may pursue their own charitable goals. Yolo Community Foundation also promotes collaborative partnerships among individuals and organizations serving the county.

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Hoekwater and senior Derek Riley. The Most Valuable Swimmers awards went to sophomore Maya Tice and ju-

nior Justin Rominger. The Coaches Awards went to Amy Cross and Alec Bouwens. Chester also presented Butte Valley League Championship awards to both the girls' and boys' teams and Division II Section Championship

awards to the nine girls who placed Winters at the top: Amy Cross, Jamie Andersen, Meghan Hyde, Cheyenne Burrall, Maya Tice, Cheyenne Powell, Tess Hyer, Ashley Hoekwater, and Helene Martinsen.

Amy Cross presented Coaches Ada Lake and Kevin Chester with framed photo collages from the team, thanking them for all their hard work, inspiration, and dedication to the success of this year's team.

FALL

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seemed to be in a rebuilding year for the boys and the girls. For the boys' team coach Jason Davis may not have the talent

our size he has had in the past but what he does have is attitude and effort.

"We have a great group of kids," Davis said. "Right now we just don't know who will be on the varsity, JV or the freshman team. "This week we

will have a better idea of what we have and be able to set the rosters."

Coach Matt Cooley returns as the varsity girls head basketball coach but he is also dealing with the fact that they may not have a JV team.

"We just don't have the

numbers," said Cooley. "Unless something changes soon we won't have enough players for a JV team."

Jenny Campos and Rebecca Salas are the Warriors only seniors and coach Cooley will rely on them for team leadership.

Red Cross offers CPR class

The American Red Cross of Yolo County will offer an Adult CPR/AED class on Thursday, Nov. 29, 6-10 p.m. at 120 Court Street in Woodland. In this class, students will learn and practice Adult CPR, rescue breathing, choking rescue, and the use an

Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

For more information about these classes and others, call the Red Cross of Yolo County, 662-4669. Registration may also be done through the chapter's website, www.yc-arc.org.

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