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Community Monthly Newsletter

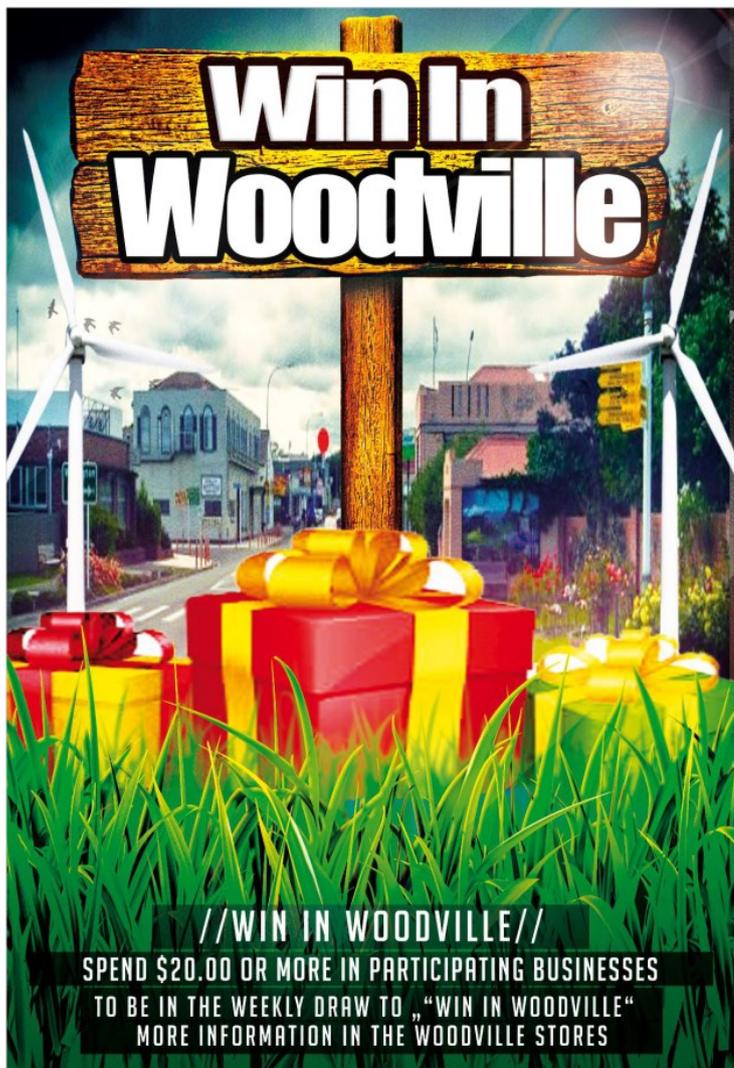
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Woodville Businesses Moving On and Up



Doug Coutts

Tired of the negative stories in the media, members of Woodville's business community have banded together to promote our town as a destination rather than a stop along the way.

In recent years the gorge road has taken a hammering in more ways than one but it's time, the group thinks, to move on and let the Gorge do what the Gorge does best, which is provide a spectacular backdrop to Woodville, while the town concentrates on getting back to business as usual.

With several groups already actively promoting the community and local retailers, it was decided to look at creating an umbrella organisation that would support and enhance the current activities while seeking new opportunities to grow business and bring people into the community.

The group has no name as yet although it's considering Mayor Tracey Collis's suggestion of "We Love Woodville", and will operate as a subcommittee of WDV, allowing it to take advantage of the Vision's infrastructure and hit the ground running.

Group spokesperson is Evan Natrass and secretary is Carole Wilton. Membership is open to those in business, interested in business and indeed interested in promoting and developing Woodville. With the WDV AGM coming up, it's the perfect time to get involved. Projects currently being eyed are taking full advantage of an upcoming steam excursion stopping in Woodville and an antiques roadshow themed event. All ideas are welcomed - it's our town and it's up to us to make the most of it.

Rookie Tall Blacks Centre - Sam Timmins

Basketball rookie Tall Blacks centre Sam Timmins is the grandson of our very own (and very proud) Dave and Julie Timmins. Sam has recently toured with the Tall Blacks at the FIBA Asia Cup in Lebanon where they were 4th out of 16 teams.

This was a chance for the younger players to shine, with many of the existing 'seniors' (established internationals) given the campaign off. With the average age of the team only 23, the result was very impressive. Sam was a key part of a remarkable effort from a young team which continued to play above itself.

Sam, who plays for the Washington Huskies, is on his USA college summer break. He was very happy that his Huskies coach released him to play with the Tall Blacks as he admits he is passionate about playing for our NZ Basketball team.

Congratulations Sam! Congratulations Dave and Julie!



Our People, Our Town - 70's bash at Holy Trinity Hall



There were groovers and chicks everywhere at the annual themed party put on by Holy Trinity. Rosie, Gary, Vicky and Bryan, as always, put on a fabulous evening. This was the 10th annual 'do' and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations to Marilyn Blatchford and David Challies for winning bed costumes!

Sometime good things fall apart so better things can fall together

Marilyn Munroe

Worst Scenario Case, along with Dancing for Daffodil Day (back page), were composed for the recent poetry evening. What great talent we have!

Worst Scenario Case

Leilani Gundry

I was shaving my legs in the bathroom
When visitors decided to come
I had to stop what I was doing
As a result I only shaved one!

I'm flying out early tomorrow
What's the worst scenario case,
The plane falls down, out of the sky
There are bodies all over the place!

They pick up all of the pieces
"But these two can't be a pair,
This ones shaved as smooth as silk
The other ones covered in hair!"

So don't worry about visitors coming
Make sure that you shave the two,
Don't fly in a plane with one leg done
If you want both of them buried with you

Silver Lining

It has been reported that business in town may be benefiting from the Saddle being closed between 9am and 3pm. People have been browsing the shops in Woodville to fill in time and thereby making extra sales. Marni, from Culinary Vista, says 'the passing public do not have the daily grind of the Saddle, hence they don't mind at all travelling through our town' and she is full of optimism. Check out Culinary Vista's parsnip chippies - they are also good crumbed and put on top of savoury dishes!

'Friends'

Congratulations to Gaye Jennings on getting her first children's book titled 'Friends' published, with the book beautifully illustrated by Bettina McCulloch. The idea of the story came about after visiting a fellow market stall friend who had a pet magpie. Coupled with Gaye's passion for Gollies, which she has made for some 20 years, a story was born. It is about Gollie, who is lonely and sad but is befriended by a magpie, and all the friends they then make.

Watch out for the window display highlighting the book in where else but Jennings Jewellers. And how wonderful that each book comes with its own Gollie.

Congratulations - Tony and Nellie Rutten

Dot Johnstone

Still starry eyed and totally devoted to each other, Tony and Nellie Rutten celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with family and friends at the Racecourse on 22 July. The family had gone to great lengths in the preparations for this cherished milestone, evidence of the love and devotion they have for their parents. Many fond memories were shared, the most significant being when daughter Dianna asked her Mum what was the secret that kept her parents together for such a long time. Meaningfully Nellie replied "Well, it was the good Lord who was always looking after them".

To be sure He most certainly must have for it would have been a big decision for Nellie at such a young age (23) to leave her family and country behind and come to New Zealand to be with her dearest. Permission from Nellie's father to marry Tony was obtained only

after she waited three years corresponding with Tony weekly who had taken up dairy farming in Masterton. Also of note was the admission of only ever having had one argument but unable to remember what it was about. Tony then commented "everything I do - it is for Nellie".



Little Rugrats Woodville

Karen Ward

Karen Ward and Allie Sturgess have purchased Woodville Early Childhood Centre as of the 3rd July 2017. The centre has a new name "Little Rugrats Woodville".

We live over the hill or through the gorge (if it was open!) in Ashhurst, and have both worked in Early Childhood for over 25 years. We are both Registered Early Childhood teachers and previously owned Kidz Corner Care and Education Centre for fourteen years before selling it. We continued working there until the beginning of this year, when we decided we were ready for a new venture.

Little Rugrats Woodville is a small family like centre that caters for children from three months to five years old. It is currently licensed by the Ministry of Education for twenty five children, five of those can be under two years old. There is room for expansion if the demand is there from the families in the area.

Fees - 30 Free Hours ECE

The Government offers children aged 3 and over 20 hours free ECE until they start school. At Little Rugrats Woodville we offer up to 30 free hours, and we also give discounts for under threes as well.

Both Allie and I believe in providing a welcoming, nurturing, learning environment for children and their families, and are very excited about our new Early Childhood Centre in Woodville. We want to enrich the children's learning through shared knowledge and by developing programmes that advance children's interests, while placing emphasis on fun.

Along with Krystel, Gina and Soraya we have given the centre a bit of a change around and are ready for families to come and see. You can come and visit at any time to have a look and see what we can provide for your children.

What's On

Housie - every second Saturday. Next housie is on Saturday 9th and 23rd September. At the Old Folks Hall, 1.00 pm.

Woodville Country Spinners meet every other Tuesday at the Anglican Church Hall, Fox Street at 10.30am. Joy Cumming 376 5409

Woodville Districts Vision (WDV) meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Supper Room in The Stadium, at 7 pm. All welcome

WDV AGM - Tuesday 5th September at 7pm, Supper Room in The Stadium.

The Junction Country Music Club day is on the second Sunday of each month starting at 1.30 pm in the Old Folks Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a great afternoon of country music.

Papatawa Garden Club first Monday of the month. Further enquiries to Margaret Worboys 376 4023

Lighthouse Centre

Are you interested in trying new and delicious foods? Is vegetarian cooking something you'd like to explore?

Come to a free food tasting event at the Lighthouse Centre at 30 Gladstone Street, Woodville on Sunday October 15 at 1.00pm. Seats are limited, so please reserve a place no later than October 10.

For more info and for reservations, please call Veronica or Jamie on (06) 376 5003.

Woodville Tai Chi



The Woodville Tai Chi group had their annual 'soup and bun' lunch on 10th August.

Our group meet every Thursday for a fun hour of exercise and Tai Chi, why not come along. The session is only \$2, and we guarantee you'll enjoy it.

Keep Moving
If you don't use it
you'll lose it



Zumba - Wednesdays at the Wdv School Hall - 6pm

Tai Chi - Thursday 10am at the Old Folks Hall

Daffodil Day

Glenys Pryde—Daffodil Day Co-ordinator

What fantastic Woodville weather we had for Daffodil Day week. Although not as many blooms as some got sick of waiting for sunny days and flowered early, but we still managed a wonderful display of bunches on the day. A huge thank you to all who allowed us in their gardens and paddocks. We are very grateful. A huge thank you also to Aroha who donated her fee for Zumba class and all the energetic Zumba ladies on Wednesday night who donated generously. It was a fun night, although I was a step or two behind!!

The Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club once again supported us by allowing us to attend with our stall at the August meetings.

Although the Gorge annoys us, we are determined as a community to stand tall and once again stood behind this worthy cause with the essential manpower for our stalls and general financial support. A massive thank you to each and everyone of you.

Florence (bear) is now residing with the van Turrels. Carlena Pratt - the recipient of the lavender basket. The refreshment basket has gone to Matt Kilsby who although resides in Palmerston North travels the Saddle to work in Woodville. Congratulations to the raffle winners.

Dancing for Daffodil Day

Dot Johnstone

Music, dancing and fun,
So much enjoyment for everyone.

Aroha Marsh offered a free Zumba class
A donation for Daffodil Day is all she asks
And she's done all this twice before in the past.

All our cares and woes go out the door
As we move across the wooden floor.

The warm up gets us in the mood,
Advancing as we swing into the groove.

The pace can be fast or slow
Depending on how **you** would like to go.

All too soon the winding down has arrived
As we stretch muscles and a well-used beehind.

Thank you awesome lady
We can now double the gravy.

A shoulder injury you grin and bear
To all who came to be with you here.

You have **all** given and shown your support
For those whose lives are cut far too short.

Margaret Cooper's Daffodil cake
She kindly went about to bake
Twas the "icing on the cake"
To conclude a most delightful date.

Submission Deadline

Submissions for the next edition close by **Thursday 14 September** (or thereabouts - if in doubt please get in touch). Please submit by email to wdvnews@hotmail.co.nz, or contact the editor. Editors decision on publication of items is final.

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