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Editor's note: Normally this issue is produced around the first of October - sorry it was delayed. Please fill out the form and send in the Cabin Owner Dues for 2009 (form on page three) as soon as possible. The next issue of the Wilsonia Times will be out in Spring 2009 after the Winter Planning Meeting is held and the calendar is developed.

Best wishes for the new year, have a great Thanksgiving a Merry Christmas and ... Happy Reading.

Year-End Wrap-Up

Two months have passed since we last gathered as a community for a potluck, dancing (see below) and village meeting. The Labor Day weekend was a busy one for Wilsonia, lots of family gatherings, and some cabin owners preparing their cabins for the winter. The annual pancake breakfast, cooked and served by Lois Tripp and crew to over 100 villagers, netted \$395 for the Wilsonia bank account.

Since Labor Day, most have closed their cabins for the year. Some received needed repairs, a new roof or coat of paint. Some trees have been dropped to make room for the next generation of pines and cedars. We have had a few days of rain, and some very cold nights (dropping down into the teens on the weekend of October 11th). Winter is just around the corner - pray for a wet season and lots of snow!

Sock Hop

by Sheri Parkinson

If you didn't attend the 50s-60s Sock Hop after the Aug. 30 potluck, you missed a fun time! As we entered the clubhouse that night we were greeted by the McCormick family, who were our hosts for the evening. They even decorated the walls, rafters and tables with era-appropriate decorations. A delicious potluck with a great variety of food was enjoyed by all, and several people were dressed in time period costumes.

After everyone finished eating, most of the tables and chairs were moved out of the way to make space for the dance floor. The music started and the dancing began. Old memories were stirred up as we heard songs that we hadn't heard for quite awhile. We were also treated to cowboy poetry, poems, and storytelling between some of the dances. "Elvis" even made a surprise appearance (wow, has he changed!). We danced slow dances, fast dances, and everything in between. We even made up some. There were as many watchers from the sides as there were dancers, so everyone enjoyed the music.

Finally the moment came for the "best costume" contest. After the judges conferred, the best 50's costume couple went to Sally (poodle skirt) and Mike Toomey, and the 60's prize went to Sheri and Ty Parkinson (first time Ty ever wore a wig and beads, and probably the last!).

Whether you danced or watched, all who attended had a great time, and rumors are that next year there might be another dance with a 30's-40's Big Band theme.

Thanks to Linda and Max Montgomery, Pat McCormick, and Cindy Telesco for hosting the evening, and to Sally Tripp, Max Montgomery, and Brad McCord for some of the "extra" entertainment.

The McCormicks have another event in mind for next year, a "black pot cook-off". Linda wants everyone to be thinking of recipes that you can cook in "black pots" or cast iron dutch ovens. More information later.

Upcoming Events:

February 21st ~ 10am

- WVI Board of Director's Winter Planning Meeting - Mixters' home in Reedley

If you have items for Board consideration please contact a board member



Thank You!

To Sara DeJager for hosting the annual Campfire night. Close to 40 Wilsonians enjoyed the evening which began with fancy rope twirling by Sara and continued with some campfire songs and stories, and of course lots of great food and snacks.

To Fire Committee leaders Sally Tripp and Larry Duba for completing the CWPP, which will pave the way for applying for grants for fire protection projects.

To the Tulare County Road Crew and County Supervisor Steve Worthley for new pavement on President's Lane leading up to the clubhouse.

To the all the other volunteers who help keep Wilsonia running.

A Big Thank You to Gayle Botti and



the Botti Family for their generous donation to Wilsonia Village in memory of Hub and Elise Kirchman. The money donated was used to pay for a new flagpole and American flag that will

proudly fly in front of the Wilsonia Clubhouse during the summer.

Defensible Space Efforts Continue for Wilsonia

In a continuing effort to reduce fuels and the risk of fire danger, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI) in 2005 initiated a defensible space inspection program for Wilsonia Village, in Kings Canyon National Park. The program's intent is to help establish and maintain a fire safe community in the Wilsonia Village.

Today, the community of Wilsonia is embracing the message of defensible space. This program is still growing and continues to head in the right direction. After not having a fire prevention inspector for 2007, the community should be applauded for their proactive stance and efforts. The Wilsonia Fire Safe Committee continued to communicate with the owners regarding fire issues in 2007 and 2008. The committee also completed the Wilsonia Village fire management plan.

Also, in 2008 three of four proposed 3,000-gallon water tanks were installed in strategic locations throughout the Wilsonia Village. These tanks were installed by the National Park Service to provide a water supply for fire suppression activities should a fire occur in the community. The fourth and final tank will be installed as soon as possible. All four tanks are located on NPS lots.

The overall assessment of the community is satisfactory. The primary finding is that the community is on the road to being fire safe with the potential for very little to no fire spread. It is encouraging to see that so many in Wilsonia are taking the necessary steps towards defensible space and a fire wise and fire safe community. There is still work to be done but, the foundation exists. Keep up the good work!

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911 Reflective Address Signs

Is your cabin address visible from the road?

Order your sign today for only \$12

email wilsoniatimes@msn.com or call 643-8518

WVI August 31st Meeting

The August meeting of the Wilsonia Village Inc. Board of Directors was held on Sunday, August 31st after the pancake breakfast at 11 am.

Business/Items discussed:

- WHDT Report & Fire Committee Report
- Clubhouse maintenance & winter closing
- Budget & fundraising
- South entrance signage & winter closure
- Wilsonia information sheet (Village policies)
- Cabin rental issues
- Election of officers

The next meeting will be held on February 21st, please contact a Board member if you have items for discussion.

CABIN FOR SALE

Historic 3 bedroom/1 bath cabin. Large living/dining room was original cabin built in 1927; eat-in kitchen, 2 bedrooms downstairs, 1 upstairs. Wood fireplace and propane heat. On 2 lots with garage/outbuilding and outdoor fireplace.

Currently taking offers.

Call Mitchell Brookins for more info or to view:

559-335-2812 or 480-229-334

email: texmtman@yahoo.com

Do you share your cabin?

We are interested in your input for an article (or series) regarding cabin-sharing. If you would like to offer, for your Wilsonia neighbors, some of the ways you manage your shared cabin, please contact the Wilsonia Times. Please see the last issue for some of the questions we would like you to respond to.

Please reply by email to: wilsoniatimes@msn.com or mail to the address listed on back page.

Winter Parking in Wilsonia - PLEASE READ

Winter is just around the corner; as the snow begins to pile up, all roads except the northern section of Park Road will become inaccessible to vehicle traffic. Park Road (from the maintenance yard to Lilac Lane) essentially becomes a narrow access route and parking area for all Wilsonia residents and visitors. Weekend parking, as many of you have experienced, can be quite congested. Holidays have proven to be even worse. Here are some guidelines to help make winter parking and access to Wilsonia more comfortable.

Please park your vehicle perpendicular or diagonal to the road, backed in (with the front of the car sticking out) so there will be more parking available and less digging necessary to remove your vehicle.

Please be available to move your car as necessary for the snow removal equipment to come in and clear the road. This may involve moving all vehicles from one side of the parking area to the other during the course of the day. To expedite this we ask:

Post on your driver's side dashboard or windshield the following info:

Your Name * Wilsonia address: street name and number * Cabin Phone number (if any)

Annual dues are the primary source of income for Wilsonia Village Inc. and allow us to have garbage service, maintain and insure the Clubhouse, and provide other services and information to Wilsonia cabin owners. Please fill out this form and return it along with your dues check - **Donations beyond \$55 gladly accepted.**

WILSONIA VILLAGE INC. - 2009 DUES ASSESSMENT TIME
still just \$55 per cabin

Name _____ Home Phone # _____

Address _____ Other Contact # _____

City, State, Zip _____ Wilsonia Phone # _____

Cabin Address _____ Email address _____

Are you the owner? _____ If not, owner or co-owners name (for cross reference) _____

_____ Additional postal newsletter subscriptions available at \$5 each (please list on reverse side)

_____ Additional email subscriptions - free of charge (please list on reverse side)

_____ I prefer to receive newsletters by email (pdf format) _____ Please take me off the mailing list

**** If you are currently receiving the Wilsonia Times by email - there is no need to submit a subscription request ****

Make Check payable to WILSONIA VILLAGE INC. — the canceled check is your receipt.

Mail to: **WVI c/o 1118 S. KLEIN AVE. REEDLEY, CA 93654-3720**

We are here to serve you - what activities or events would you like to see for next summer?

Are you interested in helping? Hosting a potluck? Helping with an event?

Comments Please! Attach sheet(s) with this form

We will review all comments and suggestions at the winter planning meeting.

Christmas Gifts for those "Wilonia Fans" on your list.

WILSONIA DENIM SHIRTS and HATS and PERSONALIZED CANVAS TOTE BAGS

Shipping:

1 item: \$5.00

Additional items
add \$1.50 each

Hats \$1.00 each
when shipped
with other items

*Women's
sizes are
running
small
Order next
size up*

Name						Phone					
Address											
City, ST, ZIP											
Item	Size						Qty	Price	Subtotal		
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Denim Shirt (men's)								x \$25			
	S	M	L	XL	2X						
Denim Shirt (women's)								x \$25			
Denim Hat	- one size -							x \$15			
Personalized Tote Bag								x \$25			
(natural w/ green trim)	Print personalization above										
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send check to: WVI - 1118 S Klein Ave, Reedley, CA 93654 orders received by Nov 21st - delivered by Christmas



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EMERGENCY ** CALL 911 and 565-3196 / 3197 NPS Dispatch**

Bear sightings, problems or questions?



Please contact
the KCNP
Bear Tech at
(559) 565-4258

Reminder:

There is **No Garbage Service**
in Wilsonia from
mid-October until Memorial Day.
Please come prepared to pack it
out and take it home.

Still getting your newsletter in the mail ?

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