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Coming up this Weekend...

Saturday night is **Taco Night!** We are trying something a little different than the usual Labor Day weekend potluck. Take the night off from cooking and head on over to the Clubhouse for tacos with all the fixings, chips and salsa, dessert, and lemonade. There is no need to cook or bring anything else, unless you want to bring your favorite beverages. **Donations to go toward the Clubhouse Bathroom Project are appreciated!**

On Sunday morning, come on back to the Clubhouse beginning at 8am for our annual **Pancake Breakfast**. \$5 for adults, \$3 for those 12 and under. At 1pm, WVI will be holding their last meeting of the summer. We will be appointing officers for the next year.

The weekend and the official summer WVI calendar ends with the final **WHAT** hike of the year. Meet at 8am at the old store parking lot.

Remaining Events:

Sept. 2nd - Saturday

Wilsonia Taco Night 6pm
Centennial Information

Sept. 3rd - Sunday

Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
WVI Meeting 1pm

Sept. 4th - Monday

WHAT Hike #4 8am

Date TBA

Fire Committee Mtg.

Sept. 21st - Thursday

Advisory Team Mtg - 3:30pm
in Visalia at Provost & Pritchard



AMAZING!



The return of the Wilsonia Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt brought out over 40 competitors of all ages. The theme of the round-robin race was Holidays. 12 teams, ranging in size from 2 to 6 racers, criss-crossed the village following maps and clues and stopping to catch Mardi Gras beads, visit a haunted cabin, complete a fire fighter

challenge, hunt Easter eggs, play the national anthem on a kazoo, search for bear scat... plus many more events.

Thanks to coordinator and game master Neal Mixter and all the event volunteers: Sara DeJager, Leighanna Mixter, Uschi Hamm, Gerry Cargile, Katie Wilson, Dick Peters, Jean Faszholz, Jean Newman, Carol Sacco, the Thorp family, the NPS Fire Crew, Sally and Grace Tripp, Penny Burgin, and Bunny Mixter.

Pictured is the winning team, the Ford Family, coming in at just over 2 hours and 30 minutes after covering more than 3.5 miles! The race will be back bigger and better next year as the Wilsonia Centennial Challenge.

Clubhouse Bathroom Fundraiser "Potties need a-fixin"

The time has come for us to rebuild our Clubhouse bathrooms. They are in urgent need of structural repair, the floors need to be raised up to level with the Clubhouse floor, and at least one of them needs to be significantly increased in size to make it accessible for people with disabilities. This job will involve a new foundation and increased floor footprint, replacing fixtures and widening doorways. The anticipated cost is \$20-25,000.

We have begun a fundraising campaign. Your love of the community has been evident in your past generosity. Wilsonians of years past actually raised funds to rebuild the Clubhouse, twice, within a few years... once from a fire, once from snow damage. We know we can count on you. You can donate directly to WVI at the address on the newsletter, or on the website. You can also join two opportunity drawings. One drawing is for a beautiful cabin quilt, a project of the Wilsonia Quilters and Crafters.

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Fire Danger is High

Just over a year ago, we had two vacant Park owned cabins destroyed by fire. We were fortunate that the fire was contained to a small area, as it could have been much worse. PLEASE, be constantly aware of fire safety and continue to keep a defensible space cleared around your cabin.

Be very careful with barbecues and campfires. Campfires must be kept small, in an enclosed fire ring and monitored at all times. Avoid fuels that throw off excessive sparks or floating embers. Please try to avoid excessive smoke that may annoy your neighbors or cause fire personnel to pay you a visit. Make sure that your fire is completely extinguished before leaving your cabin or retiring for the night.

Large fires for burning vegetation are not allowed this time of year and, at other times, require a permit from the Grant Grove Fire Station.

**Please pay your 2018 cabin owner dues.
Read the article on page 2 and use the
dues form that is included in this issue.**

In Memory of
Kim Rudolph

a Wilsonia friend and neighbor
who will be dearly missed.

Wilsonia Centennial 2018

The centennial celebrations will be centered on:
Wilsonia Week, June 30 to July 7, 2018

Plan to bring your family and spend a week up in the mountains. We are beginning to get some of the events for the week filled in:

Saturday, June 30th: Centennial Potluck & Program

Sunday, July 1st: Wilsonia Birthday Party & group photo

Monday, July 2nd: Wilsonia Horseshoe Competition

Wednesday, July 4th: Parade & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 5th: the Wilsonia Centennial Challenge

Fri-Sat, July 6th-7th: Wilsonia Quilt & Craft Show

Saturday, July 7th: Evening BBQ & music

All week long: a historic walking tour of Wilsonia cabins, the unveiling of the Wilsonia Clubhouse museum, plus many more events still in the planning.

Quilters and Crafters Retreat

The sewing machines started humming first thing Monday morning and continued through noon time on Saturday. Attendance was between 30-34 each day; that's a full Clubhouse! Our projects varied widely, yet the fun and camaraderie flowed.

We hope many Wilsonians and friends will come to our Wilsonia Quilters and Crafters Show on July 6 and 7, as part of the week-long Centennial Celebration in 2018.

Ice Cream Social

So much fun and visiting! And such a big crowd that we ran out of ice cream! Thanks to Larry Jones for scooping, to bowl master Carol Sacco, and to servers Katie Botti, Tyler Collin, Elizabeth and Caroline Herling, TJ and Logan Wong, and Laura, Sarah, Claire, Holly and Michelle Toomey.

Thanks to Dick & Mel Peters for hosting again this year. They promise to host one last time for the 2018 centennial. Then it's someone else's turn to step up to continue this tradition in 2019.

Hazard Tree Removal & Cleanup

If you have hazard trees on your property that may be threatening to PG&E poles or transmission lines contact ACRT for information or to request action. If you have debris from tree removal or trimming that was left on your property, PG&E has a debris management program that should assist you with their removal. All other concerns related to hazard trees or excessive fuel on NPS lots can be directed to John Ziegler, Kings Canyon NP FMO. Additionally, Denise Robertson of the NPS can answer questions regarding the NPS/PG&E policy on hazard tree removal in Wilsonia and the National Park.

ACRT - Hazard Trees: Caitlin (559) 800-2381

PG&E Debris Management Program:

Hannah Long (559) 341-8371

John Ziegler: (559) 565-4337 or john_ziegler@nps.gov

Denise Robertson: (559) 565-3105 or

denise_robertson@nps.gov

WVI Board Meetings

Meetings were held on Saturday, June 24th and again on Saturday, August 5th. Business discussed:

- NPS Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Review of scheduled events
- Discussion regarding PG&E and Hazard Trees
- Fire Committee Report - Community clean-up
- Clubhouse Restroom Project and general maintenance
- Advisory Team Report
- Wilsonia Centennial 2018 report

On Saturday evening August 5th, the annual General Meeting was held. The business from the morning meeting was discussed. An election of Board Members was held. **Linda Montgomery** was re-elected and **Freeman Stone** was elected as a new board member. **Richard Moss** retired after completing his 6th year of service to the community. A big thanks to him for his service and commitment to continue on the Advisory Team and as the leader of the bathroom project.

Wilsonia Dues Likely To Increase To \$75

Wilsonia's annual dues have remained steady at \$55 for the last 14 years. When we last increased dues in 2003, from \$40 to \$55, the increase was necessary in order to keep up with the growing cost of garbage service and other village expenses. We have kept dues at \$55 since then, but the time has come to raise them.

Your annual dues pay for a variety of ongoing village expenses, including dumpster service, newsletter distribution, and Clubhouse insurance. Specific fundraising events, especially the auction, have also been critical for covering these expenses. Recent major village projects, such as the water tanks installed in 2016 and the new street signs added in 2012, have relied upon the generous donations of Wilsonians for funding. Without additional donations and fundraising events, dues would be insufficient to cover our annual costs.

Due to inflation, \$55 in 2003 dollars is equivalent to about \$75 in 2017. The \$55 annual dues simply do not go as far as they used to 14 years ago. Raising dues is necessary in order to keep up with the village's ongoing expenses, as well as other major projects, such as the upcoming Clubhouse bathroom renovation.

We will be voting on increasing the annual dues to \$75 at the Labor Day Weekend meeting. **Pay for 2018 by October 1st to guarantee the current rate of \$55.**

Wilsonia garbage service is only for use by Wilsonians who have paid their WVI dues. **Please**, use the dumpsters only for the daily trash and garbage from your cabin. Please use trash bags (to help keep the smell and mess under control) and compact them as much as possible. Do not throw empty boxes, or large items in the bins. Do not use the dumpsters for disposal of ashes, remodeling or building materials, furnishings or cabin clean-out refuse. Please do not overfill the bins, and keep them latched... save a bear!

**Goal****\$24000**

Potties - cont. from page one

The other is for a hand-crafted sugar pine table and benches. Both are shown here. Contact any WVI board member for info on the drawings, donate online or at any Wilsonia events. You can send a tax deductible donation to the WHDT, who have partnered with us on this campaign. Your tax deductible donations can be sent to:

WHDT c/o Jim Spitze
1484 S Frankwood Ave
Sanger, CA 93656

\$4066

If every cabin owner donated \$100 today, we would have it covered. Please help out.

... **fund the flushers!**



Pine Table by Max Montgomery
& Handmade Cabin Quilt

The Wilsonia Historic District is again taking orders for the Historic plaques. We hope to get them for next spring. Cost to be determined when we get a count. They can only be placed on "contributing cabins". Contact Gus (559) 335-2993 or wilsoniagus@gmail.com

A Dream Coming True

For years, some of us have been dreaming of a museum of Wilsonia history displayed on the walls inside the Clubhouse. Celebrating 100 years in 2018 is the perfect time to begin working on making this a reality. There will be "storyboards" with pictures and stories of everything from 4th of July Parades to when Nixon slept in a Wilsonia cabin. We are searching for pictures of the Square Dances, when the newspaper was delivered on horseback, the old Church of the Sequoias or the old green Library building. We would like to borrow and copy them. We do have many storyboards already assigned and are supplying the picture frames to hold them, and are hoping to get them back by Memorial Day. We will also add some secure shelves for vintage items loaned by cabin owners. Most would have to fit on 4 inch wide shelves. Look around your cabin and see what you would like to loan. Contact Jean Faszholz, Dede Virgo or Neal Mixer if you have pictures or ideas to share or would do a storyboard.

Thanks for your involvement in this exciting venture.

WILSONIA SILENT AUCTION

It was another great year for this annual fundraising event. We raised \$1994.11 for the Village, thanks to all of you who donated, bid and bought. A big thanks goes out to coordinators Sheri Parkinson and Uschi Hamm and the team of hard working volunteers: Penny Burgin, Barbara Collin, Sara Dejager, Debbie Faszholz, Linda Montgomery, Mary Anne Smith and Valerie, TJ and Logan Wong. Thanks also for the help in the evening to auctioneer Dan Burgin and cashiers Neal and Leighanna Mixer.

We appreciate the hours of work that goes into setting up the event and the wonderful, unique treasures donated by so many of you. A special shout out once again to Randy Wood for all the great one-of-a-kind wooden creations donated year after year to our auction.

Next year, for the centennial, the Auction will be taking a short hiatus. Please save up your donations for the return of the Auction in 2019. Extra volunteers are always appreciated.

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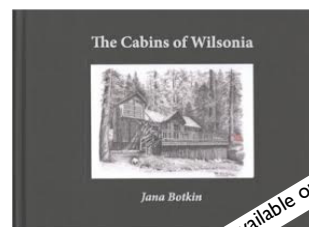
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Please contact
the KCNP
Bear Tech at
(559) 565-4258

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Wilsonia and in the Park*

*Keep all pets on a leash or secure
at your cabin at all times*

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