



The Wishon Village Bite

A taste of the local news. August-September 2008

Hunter's Special

Valid September 14 through October 28, Wishon Village is offering hunters a deal with a savings of almost \$150. The Hunter's Special gives hunters the option of staying in the same site for a minimum of a month. The normal nightly rate is only paid for every night that the site is occupied. For every night that the site is not occupied the standard dry storage fee of \$10 per night applies. Stop by the Office in the Store for details.

Fish #324 Caught

Hoping to catch the Kiwanis grand prize fish? You'll have to wait until next year because fish #324 has already been hooked, cleaned, and enjoyed by Mrs. Clark of Fresno.

Clark caught the Derby's grand prize fish at the head of the lake during the last week in July. Clark was calm when she realized that she had caught the \$1,000 fish. She wasn't registered for the Derby. "It was pretty tasty. We ate it last night," Clark said.

Fish #324 wasn't the only tagged fish to be caught at the head of the lake. Several other tagged fish had also been caught at the head of the lake around the same time as Clark caught her fish.

Free Cookbook

You could win a free copy of next year's Wishon Village cookbook. Submit a clever title for the upcoming cookbook; if your title is chosen Wishon Village will reserve a copy especially for you.

Title and recipe submissions will be accepted through the end of September. When submitting your title or recipe please include your name, city, and telephone number. The winner of the title contest will be notified via telephone.

Dragon Breath

Only sold at Wishon Village and bottled by hand, Dragon Breath is the fine powder that breathes life into any outdoor campfire. The all-natural powder creates sparks when thrown into a campfire.

While some people joke that Dragon Breath is simply bottled gunpowder, the virtually odorless powder is safe to use.

First sold as Fairy Fire Dust nearly five years ago, Dragon Breath has been sold in the Store on and off since then.

Dragon Breath's ingredients are a secret, and the powder can only be purchased at Wishon Village. Dragon Breath makes a great finale to any campfire.

Professional Shoppers

They're paid to shop, drive a company vehicle, and are entrusted with company credit cards. Kathleen and Stephanie Fedor are Wishon Village's team of supply run-shoppers.

Visiting nearly ten stores and suppliers every Tuesday, the mother-daughter team typically leaves home by 6 a.m. and returns to the Store to drop off supplies by 5 p.m. The Fedor's have done Wishon's weekly supply runs for the past five summers and have their day's work down to a science. They visit the stores on their list in a specific order and have to carefully plan how they pack the back of the 1989 GMC truck that they drive.

But why is Tuesday the supply-run day? Because Tuesdays are typically the slowest days in a retail store meaning fewer lines in the store and less traffic on the roads.

Tortilla Soup

by Linda Woolsey

- *4-6 pieces of chicken (w/skin)
- *1 large onion, chopped
- *1 jar Pace picante sauce
- *1 doz. corn tortillas
- *grated cheddar cheese to taste

Fill a large pot with water and add chicken and onions. Cook until chicken is done. Remove chicken from stock. Bone, skin, and return chicken to stock. Add picante sauce to pot. Simmer 15 minutes. When ready to serve, slice tortillas in 1/4" strips and fry until crisp. Place grated cheese in bottom of bowls, spoon soup over cheese, and top with fried tortilla strips.

Lemon Cake

by Joyce Crane

- *1 pkg. yellow cake mix
- *1 pkg. lemon Jello
- *4 eggs
- *3/4 C. water

Icing:

- *3/4 C. powdered sugar
- *2-3 lemons, juiced

Combine all ingredients. Place in 9 x 13-in. pan and bake. In a small bowl, mix sugar and lemon juice. While cake is still warm, prick top of cake and add icing.

Bible Study & Church

Bible study is held every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Rec Room.

Every Sunday at 10 a.m. a non-denominational church service is held at the Outdoor Stage. In the event of rain the services will be held in the Rec Room.

The All-Purpose Room

It has served as a home, a restaurant, a bar, and now it functions as a game room. Wishon Village's Rec Room is a versatile, all-purpose room that enhances the resort-like spirit of Wishon Village.

In just over a month's time the Rec Room has hosted two potlucks, an ice cream social, two Dinners at the Village, a silent auction craft fair, and a ladies' tea as well as Bible study every Thursday and at least two craft days a week.

While the location may be the same, the atmosphere for every Rec Room event is quite different. Although potlucks are relaxed gatherings open to anyone with a tasty dish and friendly conversation to share, Dinners at the Village are slightly more exclusive. For Dinners at the Village, only the first eighteen paying guests enjoy an elegant formal dinner complete with multiple courses, candlelight, and cloth napkins. But no matter the Rec Room event, the Village's guests appreciate the chance to get out and socialize with their fellow vacationers.

Terri Clower, who spends a couple of months every summer at Wishon Village, has attended several Rec Room events this summer with her husband and also attended the ladies' tea with some of her Village friends. "I think it was nice to give us ladies something to do without our husbands," Clower said of the tea.

Susan Sheets, another Village guest, said that Rec Room events are worthwhile, "especially for us who stay more than a week." Sheets said that she enjoys the Rec Room events, and indicated that she believes that these events enhance her vacation experience at Wishon Village.

But the Rec Room hasn't always played host to such a variety of events. While occasional potlucks and a weekly Bible study have both been a part of the room next to the Store for years, it has only been since last year that Dinners at the Village and ice cream socials have made their home in the versatile Rec Room. This year, craft days are new to the Rec Room.

And while the Rec Room has seen an increase in events this summer, it hasn't yet reached its maximum potential. More new events and activities are being planned for the Rec Room for next year as well as improvements such as new tables and chairs.

But whether it serves as a social hall, an ice cream parlor, an elegant dining room, a craft room, an auction hall, a tea room, or a game room the Rec Room has proved itself over and over to be exactly what Wishon Village intended it to be. The Rec Room is an all-purpose room that makes a vacation at Wishon Village that much more enjoyable.