



The Wishon Village Bite

A taste of the local news.

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Recycling

Thanks to the help of responsible patrons last summer, Wishon Village was able to recycle over 350 pounds of aluminum, plastic, and glass. Wishon Village has once again placed recycling bins throughout the park, and we would like to ask you to help us exceed last year's recycling total. Bins for aluminum are located at both of the park's restrooms, in front of the store, and throughout the park. A bin for both plastic and glass is located in front of the store.

Summer Events

Check upcoming issues of The Bite for the exact dates on the following summer events:

- *Ice Cream Socials
- *Formal Dinners
- *Ladies' Tea
- *Potlucks
- *Silent Auction Craft Fair

Book 2 Nights, Get 1 Free

Starting September 1, when you book for two nights you get your third night free. Or book for two nights and get a half day aluminum boat rental for free. Mention this coupon at the time of booking. Offer good for the 2008 season only.

Improvements

This winter, Wishon Village was able to improve many of its facilities. The store received a new furnace and two large picture windows in the Rec Room by the pool table. A new kickplate underneath the Rec Room's bar was installed, and the store will have a new inventory scanning system in place by this fall. The RV and tent sites gained fifteen new picnic tables and eighteen newly rebuilt fire pits. The laundry room in the lower restrooms received two new dryers. The boat docks also saw their share of improvements with two new boat motors and a newly rebuilt floor on one of the pontoon boats. These improvements represent just a glimpse of the future plans for Wishon Village. If you have a suggestion for a future improvement or project for Wishon Village, stop by the office and let us know, write the suggestion on the back of your orange vehicle tag and drop it off in the store, or send us an E-mail. We'd love to hear from you!

Recipe Submissions

Wishon Village is still accepting recipe submissions for a Wishon Village cookbook. Submissions can be E-mailed to wishonvillage@wishonvillage.com, dropped off at the office inside the store, or mailed to Wishon Village Attn: Recipe Submissions; 66500 McKinley Grove Rd.; Shaver Lake, CA 93664.

You know you're at Wishon Village when...

- *You watch your campfire instead of your TV
- *The only vandals you worry about are raccoons
- *A busy day includes fishing in the morning, an ice cream trip to the store in the afternoon, and a campfire at a neighbor's site in the evening
- *It costs more to fill up your ice chest with ice than to fill up your car with gas

New Souvenirs

Be sure to check out Wishon Village's new souvenirs. New figurines, shirt and sweatshirt designs, and mug styles can be found scattered throughout the store.

Bible Study & Church

Bible Study is held every Monday at 10 am in the Rec Room.

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

Cabbage Salad

by Nelda Davis and Kathryn Jasper

- *1/2 head green cabbage
- *1/2 head red cabbage
- *1 bunch green onions
- *1/2 c. slivered almonds
- *2 pkgs. Ramen chicken flavored noodles (broken up)

Dressing:

- *1/2 c. water
- *1 c. oil (olive oil works well)
- *4 T. sugar
- *6 T. vinegar
- *flavoring from noodles

Shred or chop first four ingredients. Combine first five ingredients. Mix dressing and pour over cabbage mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight. The longer it sits the better.

Dedication

You might find him repairing an electrical box that an unobservant driver backed into or sorting out a mess in the septic system. But wherever you find him, you will find him intent on the job at hand.

Chuck Crane, Wishon Village's all-purpose man, is well known for his commitment to his work.

"He's very dedicated to what he does. He's focused," Joyce Crane said. She and Crane will have been married for forty-four years this August.

The Cranes have been coming to Wishon Village for thirty-seven years, but Crane has only been an employee for thirteen of those years.

Driving around in his signature brown Jeep and sporting a dusty ballcap, Crane's job description goes far beyond taking care of Wishon Village's equipment. Besides repairing countless leaky water spigets, Crane has twice helped search for hunters lost in the surrounding area. Crane's help was key to locating both of the hunters.

"There's nothing I hate [about my job]. I think that if you hate something you wouldn't do it," Crane said.

He does not lose his optimism even when he works with the Village's septic system. "You just got to hold your breath and go for it," Crane said, shaking his head. While some may find that cleaning backed up sewer lines is less than thrilling, Crane describes his job, sewer lines and all, as "fun, fun, fun."

Crane looks forward to the Village's sporadic potluck dinners, and he particularly enjoys meeting and visiting the Village's guests.

This friendliness is how Crane first met Ben Davis, Wishon Village's boat man. Fifteen years ago, Crane helped Davis after Davis jackknifed his boat while backing it down the boat ramp. "He's very helpful with everything. He's willing to help you anytime you ask him," Davis said.

Kris Oneida, Wishon Village's owner, admitted that he admires Crane's work ethic. "He's got pretty good dedication to this place."

Crane does not describe himself as dedicated, though. When asked what one word he would use to describe himself he said, "Impatient."

Despite her husband's impatience, Joyce Crane admires his dedication. "He never starts something that he doesn't finish. He doesn't sit back."

If you are looking for Chuck Crane, you will not find him lounging around his RV site. Chances are you will find him intently bent over a damaged electrical box with his trusty brown Jeep parked nearby.