



# THE GATEWAY

Wilkeson, Washington  
Town Newsletter  
February 2014

Town Hall is open Monday through Thursday — 8:00AM to 5:PM ~ ~ ~ Telephone 360-829-0790

## TOWN HALL WINS LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

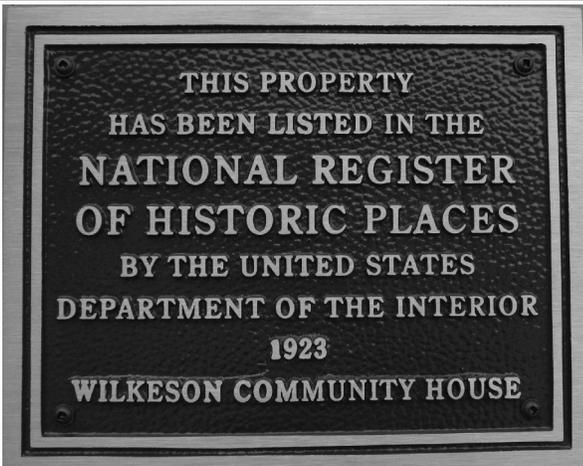
On January 8th, Wilkeson received a plaque from the U.S. Department of Interior deeming Town Hall a historic building, placing it on the National Register of Historic Places. The committee to nominate Town Hall for historic recognition consisted of Christine Fabiani, Florence Fabiani, Janet Kepka, and Harry Berry. The building was actually built in 1923 by the Methodist Church for a Community House. It has been used for social gatherings, Sunday School, and a reading room. It was used as a library until county library budget cuts forced closure. At one time the building has also contained a gymnasium, shower room and a full kitchen. It is structured with local limestone from the Wilkeson Quarry. Town government bought the building in 1947 for a sum of \$1500.00.



Mayor Walker accepting National Register plaque from Christine Fabiani (Close up below)



Florence Fabiani is presented with a certificate, for her work on the project, naming her a "Preservation Hero".



## Wilkeson Residents Turn Out for Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 21st, Wilkeson residents showed up for the Blood Drive ramrodded by the Puget Sound Blood Center. The donation bus was parked in the town hall parking lot from noon till 6:PM. 32 giving citizens made the blood drive a success. Thank you each and every one for giving of yourself (literally) so that others might have a chance at recovering from catastrophic illnesses and maladies.

The drive was considered so successful that there is talk of making it an annual event.



## Historical Society's Annual Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall, 7 PM

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Wilkeson Historical Society will be held at the Wilkeson Town Hall. Enjoy meeting fellow history buffs, refreshments and a presentation on Ancestry.com by Jim Johnson, Director of Heritage Quest Library. Learn what information is available on your long lost Wilkeson, Carbonado, or South Prairie ancestors. We will provide an update on the Coke Oven Restoration Project and more! WHS is currently working to preserve the Coke Ovens. Come hear the latest info on the National Register Update and Park Conceptual Plans.

## MAYOR'S SURVEY

Would you be interested in training to volunteer for the Fire Department?

*If yes would you prefer:*

Fireman ONLY     EMS ONLY (Emergency Medical Services)     Both Fireman and EMS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut this out and return to Town Hall  
This may be dropped in the utility night drop after hours.

Or

You may email [mayor@townofwilkeson.com](mailto:mayor@townofwilkeson.com) with your answer



## Free Tutoring to ALL..K-12 Students



### WILKESON TOWN HALL

540 Church St. ♦ 360-829-0790 ♦ [mayor@townofwilkeson.com](mailto:mayor@townofwilkeson.com)

#### Drop-in Hours

6:00 to 7:30 pm  
Every Thursday

Starting February 6th

- Math
- English
- Writing
- Reading
- Science
- History

#### Become a volunteer tutor:

- ⇒ Student tutors (Juniors and Seniors) earn service credit hours towards graduation.
- ⇒ Adult tutors enjoy sharing their skills and experience

Many students who for some reason aren't learning well in a classroom setting, sometimes do well with 1-on-1 with a tutor. Our goals are two fold: First to show them a good learning experience, and second, to return them to the class room with the skills and desire to learn there as well.

- We want students to come to tutoring with questions for tutors, homework they need help with, or tests they have questions about.
- Tutoring is a place to learn, not just 'hang out'.
- Tutoring is fun and easy.

*Communities in Education*