



Freezing Temps

from Tami Quinn Hollenbeck

It seems like it was just 80° outside - but the weather man predicts freezing temps!

We want you to be prepared for this freezing cold weather. It is time to make sure your pipes are insulated, and that your pump house is clean and warm. If the temp is below freezing for a couple of days we suggest leaving a faucet running at a trickle. There is nothing more frustrating than waking up to no water to make coffee or brush your teeth.

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Historic Wilderville Store up for sale

BY MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

One of the truly iconic businesses in the Applegate watershed is up for sale. Opened in 1920, the well-known and busy Wilderville Store at the corner of Fish Hatchery Road and the Old Redwood Highway has been in the hands of its current owner, Laura Avants, for some 20 years.

The property is located alongside Slate Creek and boasts a "wide variety of everything," as one observer noted. It has dubbed itself a one-stop convenience store, which includes a very impressively stocked grocery store, gas and propane station, restaurant, and historic post office. Plus, it is well known in the area for hosting summer concerts and community events at its location, which attracts visitors from near and far. And there is a residential home on the property attached to the store, which, as the property's listing agent, Lana Lavenborg, of Coldwell Banker, says, "makes it easy to live where you work."

The post office itself is of historical significance. Originally opened on September 30, 1858, as the Slate Creek Post Office, it was renamed about 20 years later after its postmaster, Joseph Wilder. Today, it is still a functioning post office, serving local residents and travelers alike.

In the late 1800s, the area and, later, the business were critical to the then-developing Josephine County. Back then, the mountains to the north were virtually impassable by wagon, so supplies were often brought by ship to Crescent City, California. From there, wagons were the most practical means of transportation. They met the California and Oregon railroad, which came later, to bring supplies to the area's important gold and timber industries. As time went on, the store was built and became a hub for workers and travelers alike.



Photos, clockwise from upper left: The Wilderville Store opened in 1920.

A monument in front of the store relays a bit of Wilderville history.

Owner Laura Avants in front of the store.

The property includes a restaurant and gas station. The store is in the back right.

Photos: Michael Schneider.

Laura said she was selling the store simply because it was "time for her to move to the next chapter" of her life. "It's been a very special place for the nine families who have owned it previously," she said. "I appreciate the community and my wonderful employees for how well they've supported us and the store for the last 20 years, and I've tried to help them as well."

Among the community events hosted at the store are Wilderville Days, pumpkin carving days, Christmas caroling, and summer concerts. All these and more have

helped "pull together the community that has been so good to me," Laura said.

As far as who would be the next lucky owner of the property and various businesses, Laura said she could see a variety of potential owners, perhaps a young couple with small children who want to be part of the Wilderville community by combining their work and their life with the property that is a landmark in the area and a true community participant. The price is listed at \$900,000.

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