



Vida McKenzie Community Center

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DUCKS vs. ARIZONA



Nov. 18th



Home Game Ticket Raffle

To help the Center with it's fundraising activities, Millie Hass has donated two tickets to the last home game of the Ducks this year. DUCKS vs. ARIZONA, a 12:30pm game at the always loud and always electrifying Autzen Stadium.

Will this game put you on the edge of your seat as the Oklahoma game did? It may be pretty hard to beat the excitement of that game but, the Ducks are always exciting and this game will probably be no different. Support the Ducks and support your community center by buying some raffle tickets and have a chance to be there in person and be there for another great last three minutes of thriller killer football.

By this time you have noticed the raffle tickets included with this newsletter for your convenience. Your participation is greatly appreciated in the ticket raffle, enclosed you will find a self address stamped envelope for your use.

The tickets are 1 for \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00 and 18 for \$10.00.

If I buy some tickets for the raffle, what are you going to use the funds for, you say? The funds received by this fundraiser and our other fundraisers go towards several activities the Center supports during the year. These include: Increasing our McKenzie High School scholarship fund, supporting "Meals on Wheels" type organizations in the McKenzie Valley, bringing activities of interest to the Center and upgrading the community center.

FREE NIGHT OF BINGO PLUS "I DARE DAVE" HUGH SUCCESS WITH PLAYERS

It was a night of celebration, three years in the making. A night the Vida McKenzie Community Center said thanks to the community for it's support and for making the bingo games a night of family fun for the young and not so young. The Center opened it's doors and welcomed the community to play a night of bingo for free. A night where you could play as many bingo cards as you could handle.

Curtis Gardner was the bingo caller that evening and really got the crowd into the games when KMTR TV's Sports Anchor, Dave Wenda, arrived with his cameraman to film a segment of "I Dare Dave". The crowd really got into it and they yelled, "I dare Dave to (cont. page 3)



On the air, August 15th



"I dare Dave to play bingo"



"OK, but only if my wife can play too"

DUCK FOOTBALL PARTY

At Jessica and Curtis's
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DUCKS VS. ARIZONA RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING
Will be held on Nov. 11 th at the Center's Saturday Bingo



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STUFF FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Walter W. Wilson

Everyone, it seems like everyone, keeps asking about the new chairs for the Center. Bernadette St. Onge-Barnes, Vern Blumhagen and I have been working diligently toward this end.

Finding a good quality commercial grade chair is not that easy, unless you have a lot more money to spend than the Center has. But we are getting close after rejecting some. Something that looks good in a picture does not always appear that good when seen first hand. We want that lookie, touchie and set upon feeling going before making a decision. It is difficult to find a chair of good sturdy quality without having to pay a huge shipping fee. Would you believe that some shipping fees are as high as \$16.00 per chair? Members have been very generous in helping us provide chairs for the Center and about 80 chairs will be ordered once the selection has been made.

O'WOW. Great time with the "I Dare Dave" filming, topped off with the free night of bingo for the community. When the segment was aired, Dave said that he had a good time, the folks were great and there was a lot of food that you could buy and it was cheap also". He went on to say that he lived in the area and he would be going back to get some of the food and play some bingo. Curtis Gardner did an outstanding job of calling and getting the crowd involved in the games and the TV filming that evening.

In August we opened the doors on the river side of the Center to the new patio. That was really exciting. What a wonderful addition this is going to be to the Center. It should open up new avenues for us and delight those who use the Center for their activities. We can thank several of our members who worked very hard at forming, shoveling concrete and finishing the surface of the pad. Jerry Tobin and I helped Curtis with framing the forms and some leveling of the ground. The big movers and shakers on the day the concrete was poured were: Curtis Gardner, Mike Holmes, Mike Bokros and local contractor and member, Ron Short, who donated his time. Greg Williams, Walt Reim and I were there to help out when needed. If you have not seen it. Check it out. I'm sure you will like it.

We have Bob Schumacher coming to the Center for an AARP Safe Driving Refresher Class on Dec. 4th and 6th. It's time for me to renew my certificate so I'll be one of the first ones to sign up. See the article on page 3 for details.

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is coming up and will be on us before we know it. It is scheduled for Dec. 2nd at the Walterville Grange. Several of our members have been working on the details of it already. The Bazaar is a major fundraiser for the Center each year. (Cont. next column)



DUCK RALLY PARTY

October 21st

OREGON vs. WASHINGTON St. at Jessica and Curtis's

Last year the rally was held at Millie Hass's house. Our members and Duck football fans filled the game room, the living room and overflowed onto the patio area. Everyone brought their own special appetizer dish and as usual there was more food that guests could eat. What would be a football rally without a football pool or two for everyone?! Everyone seemed to remember that John Shama was one of the big winners. It was such a fun time for everyone that we thought we'd do it again.

Many of you will remember going to Jessica and Curtis's when we had another rally party and picked out the winner for the Civil War game tickets. As you can see in the picture we had a blindfold on Millie while she was drawing the winning ticket from the hopper.

Guaranteed it will be more of the same type of fun. It will be a chance to meet some of your friends and Center members and sit down and to watch the football between the Ducks and Cougars or maybe you will just want to sit or stand around while munching on all the good food that will be there.

So that's the game plan. Put together your special appetizer dish, fill up the ole cooler with your choice of drink, throw them in the ole pickup and head for Jessica and Curtis's for a fun time.

The time of the game has not been announced at this time. We'll spread the word as it became known and let everyone know when the party begins. Of course you can always give Jess and Curt a call at 869-3548 to confirm and get directions.



STUFF BY WALT: If you can help, please give us a call. We are going to need help moving and setting and taking down tables, working the snack bar, selling raffle tickets for the prizes that have been donated, working with the vendors with their needs during the day, decorating the Grange, setting up "bazaar" signs along the highway, help setting up on Friday evening and taking it all down Saturday evening. Speaking of vendors, if you know someone that would like a table to sell their wares, tell them to give Linda Schaefers at call at 822-3947.



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AARP SAFE DRIVING REFRESHER CLASS

On December 4th and 6th the Vida McKenzie Community Center will sponsor an AARP Safe Driving Refresher Class. This is an 8 hours class, 4 hours per day. The classes will begin at 12:30pm and goes to approximately 4:30pm. It is necessary to attend both classes to obtain the class certificate required by an insurance company for a reduction (contact your agent for details) on your insurance plan. These classes are geared for drivers age 50 and over. Some insurance companies require drivers over 70 to attend a refresher course every two years to qualify for a discount, otherwise the certificate is usually good for three years.

Bob Schumacher will be the instructor. He delivers a low key but very informative presentation. A fee of \$10.00 for material is payable at the first meeting. Because the class size is limited to 25, pre-registration is required. To sign up for the class, please call Laura Olson 896-3298.

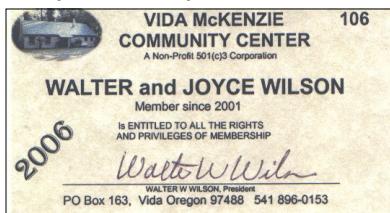
If it is necessary, an addition class will be scheduled after the first of the year.

The Center is located at: 90377 Thomson Lane, Vida

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not received your membership card like the example shown below, it's probably because you set the form aside when you received it in the last newsletter thinking you'll send it in the next day or so and have forgotten. The members of the Board have elected to keep the membership at the very low fee of \$10.00, keeping

with the idea that it is very affordable for everyone. The dues do not provide us with a tremendous about of money but it does keep the lights on and helps pay for the heating during the winter. Please take a moment and fill out the form we have enclosed and drop it in the mail to the Center. Your membership is never too late, your membership is important to the Center.



WEDDINGS? FAMILY REUNIONS? NEED A PLACE FOR A MEETING? LARGE PARTY?

No need to look any further than right here along the beautiful McKenzie River. The Vida McKenzie Community Center is the place to handle your family, group and meetings requirements. It has a large room to meet your needs, kitchen facilities to handle your food, and a large parking lot that could handle your RV friends. Located next to Prince Helfrich boat landing on Thomson Lane allows for a place to take out or put in your boat, plus a great place for fishing. Don't miss out. Make your reservations early by calling Linda Schaefers at 822-3947.

I DARE DAVE: to play bingo", and what would a challenge be without a counter challenge from Dave. "But only if my wife can play", he said. With the camera rolling, Curtis calling out the numbers, the challenge was on. Dave chatted with the crowd that was there for the free night of bingo and the filming of the "I Dare Dave" TV segment and the crowd chatted back while the cameraman moved around the room filming. When Curtis called out the right number, Ron Short yelled out that he had a bingo. What could be better than that, winning a bingo and having it taped to appear on TV. Dave worked his cards or maybe it was the cards that worked Dave. Two numbers! If he would have gotten two more numbers he would have won.

As you can see by the pictures which were taken directly from the TV show, bingo at the Center was aired on the 6:30, 11:00pm and again on KMTR's early morning show.

Everyone said they had a good time that evening playing bingo and having the TV segment filmed with Dave. Dave and his wife Annette now live in the Vida area and they may be attending some of the bingo games soon.



LAST CHANCE CHAIR SPONSORSHIP

The Board invited VMCC members and friends of the community center to become chair donors. The generosity of members of the Center continues to astound the Officers and Board Directors. As Walt mentioned in his column, the end is near and a selection will be made soon.

As the time nears for the selection this will be the last time for you to participate in this project and have a plaque indicating your sponsorship or honoring a friend of love one on the back of a chair. If you wish to be part of the project please use the enclosed is a form and envelope.



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THE LATE BLOOMERS GARDEN CLUB NEEDS SOME HELP WITH THE GOODPASTURE BRIDGE HOLIDAY LIGHTING

If you have been here in December, you have seen the Goodpasture Bridge sparkling with the colorful light of the holiday season. We owe a thanks to the Late Bloomers Garden Club for making this possible. But with each year the "County" has added additional requirements to this simple thing. This year the old wiring on the bridge did not meet current code and the county removed it. The Late Bloomers Garden Club has obtained a permit to replace the old lighting with a removable lighting system. This will solve the problem for many years to come. They cannot undertake this financial task alone and is asking for community support. They need to raise \$3000.00 to accomplish this change and once again light the Goodpasture Bridge for the holiday season. Donation can be made payable and sent to: Goodpasture Bridge Holiday Lighting, PO Box 691, Walterville, Oregon 97489



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