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Pat and Fred Dymock Winner's of the Football Ticket Raffle

The drawing was held at the November 11th Bingo games at the Vida Community Center. During the break between the 10th and 11th games, we asked Casey Watkins, a first time visitor to the bingo games, to help by drawing a raffle ticket. Joyce Wilson covered his eyes and Casey reached into the ticket hopper and pulled out the winning ticket.



Joyce Wilson and Casey Watkins

After announcing the winning name to the bingo crowd, Walter Wilson placed a telephone call to the Dymock's. Pat answered the call and when asked what they were doing, she said they were watching the Ducks-USC football game. At that time USC only had the Ducks by 14 at the beginning of the 2nd quarter. But that's another whole story. Pat was excited to win the tickets, but Walter could tell that she was wanting to get off the telephone and get back to the game. GO DUCKS

Fred and Pat are real Duck football fans. Walter said that he's seen Fred sitting on the bench outside the Duck Shop at the Valley River Center just looking into the shop.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this fundraising event, the Center was able to raise over \$600. A special thanks to Millie Hass for donating the football tickets.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR DECEMBER 2ND Walterville Grange



Janet Biles was one of the vendors at last years bazaar and she had on display her specialty "cigar box" purses and other goodies at her table. She was just one of the 30 plus vendors that had Christmas and holiday crafts on display as well as gifts ideas for everyone.



Join in on the fun, it support's the Walterville Grange, many local vendors, the McKenzie Valley and is a fund-raiser for the Vida Community Center.

Saturday—December 2nd—Walterville Grange—9am to 4pm—Santa 11 to 1



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STUFF FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Walter W. Wilson

It's that time of the year where everything seems to come together all at once. We have football, Halloween, football, Thanksgiving, football, the Holiday Season or Christmas (which ever one you prefer) more football, some basketball and before we know it, it's 2007.

I'll get back to that shortly. In August several members got together and poured the new concrete entrance pad at the Center. Curtis Gardner and Mike Holmes did most of the finishing work while Ron Short, Walter Wilson and Mike Bokros helped where needed.



Work will soon begin on the new entrance dormer roof line which will cover the concrete pad. This will provide some shelter during our liquid sunshine season.

The Center was alight with Halloween festive lights and



jack-o-lanterns. Just about like Wal-Mart we had our official greeter who asked everyone as they passed by "Hey, were are you going".

But too soon Halloween was over and now we march right into Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Center will be alive with the lights of the Holiday Season until the beginning of the New Year. The lights will stay up for those who will be attending the various monthly meetings and for the enjoyment of those renting the Center for their functions.

Speaking of the Holiday Season, our primary fundraiser, the Holiday/Christmas Bazaar will be upon us in a couple of weeks. Saturday December 2nd to be exact, (Cont on page 3)

FOOTBALL RALLY PARTY



Curtis and Jessica's Playing Field

There had been a little touch of cool football weather a few days before party day but on Oct. 21st (party day) the sun came forth and warmed everyone up and put them in the "party" mood. Curtis and Jessica invited everyone over to their home for the party this year. The game was suppose to be on Pay-for-View TV but, at the last moment, it was cancelled. That kind of bummed everybody out for about 30 seconds and then everyone got back in the party mode.

Of course if it's football, it's Duck football around this part of Oregon. And what would be a football party with-



Vicki, Janet, Irene, Dawn and Joyce

out the football pools. Looks like the ladies really got into picking the spots on this board.



Everyone had a great time and many good laugh's even though they were not able to watch the game on TV. The good old fashioned radio came through with the scores.



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 interest warrants, an additional class will be scheduled after the first of the year.

The Center is located at: 90377 Thomson Lane, Vida.

WILSON: at the Walterville Grange. Joyce Wilson has been the mover and shaker this year coordinating the internal (tables, food, raffle) operation of the event. Linda Schaefers has secured 32 vendors that will be displaying mostly Christmas/holiday type items on their tables. Bernadette St.Onge-Barnes will be coordinating the snack bar operation. Millie Hass will be handling the decorations and raffle operations. Faith Bokros and myself have taken on the task of obtaining donations for the raffle. Faith has been contacting the local business community asking for their support. To date we have over \$2,000 in prizes to raffle off. It is expected that we will exceed last years total of \$2,600 in prizes. **RAFFLE DRAWING:** We will start the raffle drawing at 4pm. **SANTA:** Of course it would not be a Christmas thing without having Santa visiting for those who wish to have a word with him, young and old alike. **SET UP FRIDAY:** We'll have the hustle and bustle of setting up on Friday, the 1st at 5pm. All the tables and chairs will have to be moved in and set in place. We have some of the men helping with this but if you have the time we could use all the help we can get. The vendors will be arriving at 6pm to start setting up their table displays. **SET UP SATURDAY:** Saturday (Dec. 2nd) morning at 7am we will be opening the doors for the vendors to come in and for those that could not come the night before, set up their table display. The snack bar will be open at that time with some of the best coffee on the highway and all those goodies one likes to dunk in coffee, tea or hot chocolate in the morning. **DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC:** We will officially open the doors to the public at 9am Saturday morning. Then it's a 9 to 4 operation. After the raffle drawing, which usually takes about a

12 Good Things about Burning the Turkey

1. Salmonella won't be a concern.
2. Everyone will think your turkey is Cajun blackened.
3. Uninvited guests will think twice next year.
4. Your cheese broccoli lima bean casserole will gain newfound appreciation.
5. Pets won't bother to pest you for scraps.
6. No one will overeat.
7. The smoke alarm was due for a test.
8. Carving the bird will provide a good cardiovascular work out.
9. You'll get to the desserts even quicker.
10. After dinner, the guys can take the bird to the yard and play football.
11. The less turkey Uncle You-Know-Who eats, the less likely he will be to walk around with his pants unbuttoned.
12. You won't have to face three weeks of turkey sandwiches.

BUILDING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Many of us have gone to the basketball camp in Rainbow for the Chinese Dinner. Again this year there is another crowd of Chinese students at the Basketball Camp. You go up there and everyone eats in the same room. They are looking for local families to have them as guests on Thanksgiving day. It would be a great way to build international relationships.

If that interests you, contact Carolyn (822-3366) Nesslin (cnesslin@aol.com) or Marie (822-8410) Tapp (teedibare@aol.com).

half hour, we'll start the cleanup process. This includes putting chairs and tables away, those that were brought to the Grange will have to be transported back to their home. Food not used and kitchen equipment will need to be loaded and returned to the Vida Community Center. The Grange will have to be swept clean and be ready for their next event. We could really use all the help we can get at for the clean-up operation. This is a good fundraiser for the Center. It's a fun event but it is also a lot of work pulling it together and making it a success.

BINGO: If you have been to the last couple of games you will have noticed a new bingo caller. It's Mike Holmes. Thanks for the help Mike.





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