



Vida McKenzie Community Center

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Big Hit With Community

One could not have asked for a better day to have a gathering of the community for a bazaar. It was the 6th of December. Many times the bazaar has been held on a rainy or snowy or just plain cold day, but the 2008 Bazaar was a day of sunshine. Even before the opening time, the Grange was packed with people. Some of

all had an assortment of items for everyone. All day long the people came. They came, had fun, enjoyed talking with old friends and neighbors, purchased a few items and munched on some of the best homemade pies and cakes in the valley and enjoyed a bowl of soup supplied by Aunt Dings.

The business community was very supportive of this community center fundraiser with raffle prizes topping over \$2,200 in value. Businesses along the highway that had reader boards helped by displaying the date and event: the Stage Coach Stop in Cedar Flats, to Ray's Market, Le-



the vendors arrived the evening before and began setting up their items. Some arrived that morning and began to set up and their customers milled through the assortment of tables looking for that special item, that gift they would need to round off the season. Four rows of tables and more in the snack bar area, over 30 in



aburg Fire Station, Ike's Pizza, Riverside Inn and Vida Market.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT 2nd SATURDAY MONTHLY—Doors open 6:15pm—Games at 7:00pm



Walter Wilson

President, Vida McKenzie Community Center

Lets see, where to start. Christmas Bazaar. Again this year is was a huge success. Over 30 tables were rented to vendors to display their items for sale and they included everything from soup to nuts, bird feeders to paintings from local artist. There was something from everyone. The Bazaar is always on Santa's list of the place to stop and visit. A thrill for the young and not so young alike. The snack bar was filled with homemade pies, cakes and an assortment of goodies that put a smile on anyone's face. The usual hotdogs and chili was still a crowd favorite. This year we had a special treat. Aunt Ding's Restaurant furnished a large pot of soup which delighted many. Faith Bokros and Eleanor Rodakowski had fun working the snack bar serving food. Susan Ala and Sandy Wright took on the task of making the snack bar another delightful treat for the attendee's of the Bazaar. Everything that was needed to make it a success, Sue and Sandy had their hands on it. A special thanks to all those who made the pies, cakes and all the sweet things that we had to eat.

Linda Schaefer handled the task of working with the vendors and table assignments.

Rebecca Emly contacted the businesses along the highway to use their reader boards for advertising and putting up the signs along the highway.

Dawn Neilsen, Faith Bokros and Walter Wilson handled the task of obtaining the raffle prizes. Joyce Wilson, Laura Olson, Janice Williams, Vern Blumhagen, Mike Bokros and Mike Holmes sold lots and lots of raffle tickets.

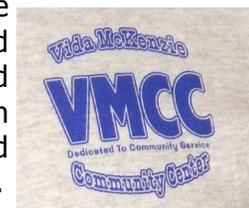
Thanks to all those that helped along the way: Dick



Barnes, Hal Stein, Les Blum, Dennis Ellison, Larry Sweek, Ron Short, Mike and Becky Holmes, Greg Williams to name a few. There were many who helped and if someone was not mentioned by name, my apologies.

We started this project several years ago and some things that are really good take a little longer to materialize. Next time you visit the Center, talk a look at the board with all the plaques. More about this on page 3. We are extremely appreciative of everyone that has come forward to help when we had some project or a special enhancement that would improve the usability of the Center. Some of those projects include: New windows, tables, chairs, kitchen and restroom tile flooring, interior and exterior painting, concrete deck and sidewalk, new entrance dormer, flower beds and sprinklers.

Over the years several members have asked if we had thought about T-Shirts and Sweatshirts for the Center. This also took some time to find a good vendor with a good price and quality shirts. The top two pictures show the back of the T-shirt and Sweatshirt. The lower picture logo is printed on the front of the shirts. They come in all sizes and at low price of \$9.00 for the T-shirts and \$14.00 for the Sweatshirts. Vern Blumhagen created the design lettering. For your convenience the shirts are available at the Center or you may use the enclosed order form. This would be a good time as they say, to kill two birds with one stone, order your shirts and send in your 2009 VMCC membership dues.



Sunshine Section

Laura Olson: Laura had back surgery in January and she is still recouping. We are all hoping for a speedy recovery for Laura. If you want to send her a card, her address is: 46014 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, OR 97489. We hope to see her up and around real soon. Miss you Laura.

Sue Dayton: We have lost one of our members, Sue Dayton. Sue passed away on January 4th. She was a member of the Community Center and owned Waltherville Barber/Hair Salon by Ray's Market. She was a wonderful person and contributor to our Community Center. We will all miss Sue. If you would like to send her family a card, the address is: PO Box 38, Waltherville, OR 97489



PICTURE DONATED

Local artist Brad Bolton donated this picture to the Community Center. Brad painted the picture when the McKenzie Highway was getting some repaving work done.

The picture hung in Ike's Pizza for over a year and now it can be seen at the Vida Community Center.

Many of us will probably remember seeing a flagger as depicted below and waiting in line for a turn to pass.



APPRECIATION

Over the years many individuals, organizations and local businesses have contributed their time, effort and money to the Center as it moved forward step by step and project by project. Thanks were said, letters of appreciation have been sent but still the Community Center Board Members wanted some way to show their appreciation for all to see.

Several categories have been identified depicting major events or special recognition to those that went beyond the normal service to the Center: The Presidents of the Center, Major Contributors, Sponsors of Windows, Tables, Chairs and



Status Update on High Speed Internet

Many of you are interested in the progress being made with HSI in the McKenzie Valley. There isn't much progress beyond what was presented in the last Newsletter". There is some effort being expended to broaden the area of coverage, but there is no news with that.

A brief summary of our situation is that the Vida area has been approved by the Public Utilities Commission for an installation of HSI. Qwest will install the required hardware, but their schedule is not known to us.

Status Update of the Bridge Lighting Project

The holidays, and vacations of key contractor personnel, have slowed down the progress of the bridge-lighting project. However, there have been some developments in the power-source arena; an electrical contractor has been identified who has experience with working on historical bridges; and what appears to be a workable design for the placement of the lights has been determined. The design idea is to light the sides of the bridge with fixtures pointing down in a manner that will not cause a hazard to approaching drivers. Meetings will soon take place with the county permitting personnel and others who have a say in the final configuration. These will result in an application for a permit to proceed with the installation.

A special thanks goes to Walt Reim for constructing the plaque board, Lynda Edwards and Sue Dewson for the arrangement of the plaques and Dick and Bernadette Barnes for their role in obtaining a generous donation of all the plaques from Dick's cousin, Bill Barnes of Awards Services in Lynnwood Washington.



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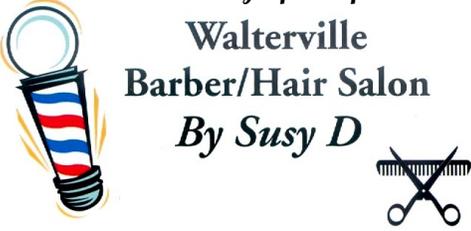
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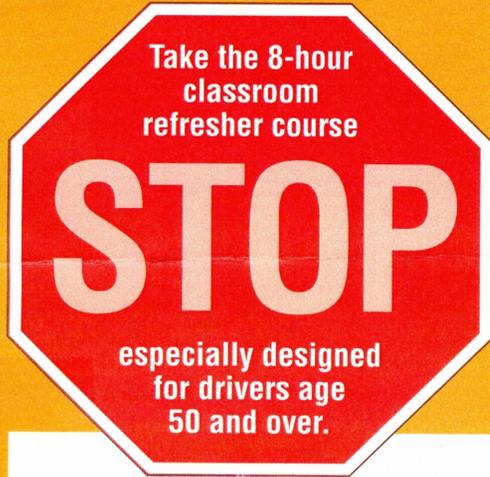
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