



Vida McKenzie Community Center

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 4TH

Another 10am meeting of the membership has been scheduled. This only happens once a year, so if you miss the May 4th meeting you will have to wait another year to hear all the exciting things that have been going on and around the Community Center.

At the 2012 meeting there was a great pictorial display of the history of the Center which was enjoyed by everyone. The attendance was a little light but the information regarding the past years operation of the Center was very interesting.



This is the time of the year when Officers and some Board Members are elected for the next term. The by-Laws of the Center require there be an election of Officers, which include: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Some of the Board Members have completed their two year term and an election will be conducted to fill those open positions. In addition to the position of Board Members that have completed their current terms, there are two additional Board positions open that have become vacant during the past year. Officers and Board Members meet six times a year at the Community Center. The meetings are conducted in the evenings at the Community Center. While the meetings may be very light in nature, they are very productive making certain the Center remains active in operations and financially stable.

Come join us on May 4th. Learn a little bit more about the Community Center, meet the current Officers and Board Members, join in on the fun and help promote the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

JOIN US ON MAY 4TH AT 1:00AM and BE PART OF THE FUN



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Walter W Wilson

VMCC President

Another year has rolled by and the calendar year did another tick and jumped to 2013. I guess I've finally settled into the years starting with 2000. Just talking about something that happened in 1996 seems so long ago. Well, when you think about it, 1996 is 17 years ago. Looking back to the year 2000 when the Center was incorporated, 13 years ago. Thirteen years and getting stronger with each year.

Some of your original members have moved from our beautiful McKenzie Valley area and sadly some have passed away. But many of our original cast members have remained true to the Center from that first offering of membership into the Vida McKenzie Community Center. We've had some members come and go as the years passed. We seen our membership double and then increase to around 150 since 2000. Over the past 6 or 7 years the membership has remained pretty steady float-ing between the 130 and 150 mark.

We are starting our annual membership drive with this newsletter. I am hoping that each of you will again see the benefit the Community Center has for everyone in the McKenzie Valley and support by sending in your membership. I would love to see the membership increase above the 150 mark. Many of you know friends, love ones and neighbors that have been members in the past but for some reason failed to send in their membership. Give them a call, mention the importance of the Community Center and the need for their continued support by being a member. If for some reason they did not receive this newsletter with the membership form, give me a call at 541 896-0153 or email to: walter1ww@aol.com and I'll be very happy to send them the newsletter.

The Community Center Board of Directors is kind of like some of the characters in the Peanuts cartoon. The Peanuts characters like to sell or have everything for .5 cents. Following this example, the Community Center Board continues to keep the

membership at a very low rate of \$10.00 a year. They have held this low rate for 10 years now, allowing everyone the opportunity be part of the Community Center.

You, as residents of the McKenzie Valley have allowed Board to keep the membership rates at the low rate by your support of the Community Center through the fundraising events. Without you and your support the membership would fee would have to be much higher along with the rental rates of the Center. For this continued support I really do thank you.

Getting back to the Board and the Peanuts cartoon characters who like to keep everything at .5 cents, your Board of Directors and Officers are not cartoon characters. They have worked diligently over the years giving untold hours of their time to improve and make the Center into a financially stable operation. Without these dedicated members and others who freely give their time to the Center, we would not have the Center as we know it today.

Thank you Board, and everyone that touched the Center in your own little way. We owe ourselves a good slap on the back of appreciation for what we have in our little valley along the McKenzie River.

We have a couple of important events coming to the Center in the very near future.

- ANNUAL CENTER CLEAN-UP DAY: Please mark you calendars and join us on Friday, May 3rd. Friday May 3rd! Who would pick that day to clean up the Center? Well, with so many events going on up and down the Valley, it's really getting hard to pick a day to do anything that does not conflict with something else that is going on. We had a great time last year, got lots of trash/branches/leaves cleaned up.

Cars filled the parking lot. Members came with tools in hand eager to start the task of cleaning up around the Center. Guy H a r s h b a r g e r



BINGO NIGHT - 2nd SATURDAY MONTHLY - Doors open 6:15pm—Games at 7:00pm
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loaned us his big dump trailer, which we set about filling up. Thank you Guy. We were truly thankful for it's use. We were able to clean up flower beds, bushes and some trees got their annual haircut. Jim Sherfield and his power washer did his magic on the concrete walkways and back deck. Everything seemed right for the annual planting of flowers by the Garden Club.

Before we knew it, someone was yelling that it was time for lunch. We had several different kinds of items for sandwich's, hotdogs for the kids in us, chili, hot and cold drinks and what would be an event with some killer desserts.

We had it all. We did a little work, had some fun, ate some food and enjoyed some time with friends.

So, we're going to do it again this year. We had a lot of branches come down over the winter. We really need to cut back some limbs from the tree's that are getting really close to the building and fireplace.

If you can make it, we'd love to see you. The work thing is planned again, some food will be available, we'll have some drinks. I'm sure we will all have a good time and share some laughs.



ANNUAL VMCC CLEAN UP DAY—FRIDAY, MAY 3RD—STARTING AT 10AM



ANOTHER GREAT CRISTMAS BAZAAR



Christmas has come but the memories of the annual Christmas Bazaar linger on. As you can see we packed as many vendor tables into the large meeting room of the Walterville Grange as possible. We even packed the kitchen with tables and then we packed the rooms with people looking for that unique, that special gift.

The vendors provided an excellence that continues to exceed the previous years quality. They had a wonderful display of items from A to Z. There were hand honed knife's, baked bread, some of the best tasting honey in the valley, beautiful hand made cloth items, jewelry in all shapes and forms. Paintings by Janet Biles, books with Bob Welch, bird houses by world famous Billy Pruitt. We had it all, even Santa arrived to the delight of everyone. The snack bar was loaded with so many goodies it would be almost impossible to name them all.





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For the Sheriff's Office, safety is always the number one priority. Our goal is to be proactive and educate boaters so they can enjoy the lakes and rivers. Here are some tips to help get you out on the water with everything you need:

- All motorized boats must have a title and be registered in Oregon. Sailboats that are 12 feet and longer also need to be registered.
- Boaters need to carry their boater education card with them when operating powerboats (greater than 10hp). You can learn more about boater education courses at www.boatoregon.com.
- All boats must have a properly fitting life jacket on board for each passenger. Children 12 years old and younger must wear their life jacket when on board.
- All boats must have a noise making device on board. This can be a whistle or horn.
- Boats must utilize running lights between sunset and sunrise and during time where visibility may be compromised.
- Always check out where you plan to put in your boat ahead of time, and determine where you will take the boat out before you go out onto the water.
- Let someone know where you will be going and when you plan to return in case you need assistance.

Many toys are not designed to be used on the river. Float toys, inner tubes, air mattresses, and some rafts are not equipped to handle impact with logs and rocks, and may be punctured easily. Check to make sure the raft you are using is equipped to handle the type of waters you intend to use it in.

Drinking and boating don't mix. 30% of Oregon boating fatalities are alcohol related. A boat operator found drinking and boating can be charged with *Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants (BUII)* and could face a fine of up to \$6,250, jail time, and may lose boat operating privileges. BUII laws apply to all boats, regardless of whether they have a motor or not. Per the Oregon State Marine Board, all passengers in a raft who have a paddle are considered operators.



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Recent Calls. On Saturday, April 20th, around 2:20pm we responded to a motor vehicle accident on the McKenzie Highway near Twin Firs Lane. A Chevy Suburban left the road and travelled through approximately 100ft of fencing causing boards to penetrate the windshield. Of the 4 passengers, 2 were seriously injured with head, facial, and chest trauma. One injured man was flown to Riverbend by Lifeflight. The other injured man was transported to Riverbend by a Springfield ambulance.



Fires. We have not had any fires to report.

Medical. What is CCR? I know you've heard of CPR but have you heard of CCR? CPR is Cardio (heart) Pulmonary (lungs) Resuscitation. CCR is Cardio (heart) Cerebral (brain) Resuscitation. This is a new and exciting change in the strategies and tactics used during cardiac arrest. I'm sure most of you have had some kind of First Aid/CPR class or training at some point in your life. You probably learned to check for

a pulse, look, listen, and feel for breathing, call 911, and then think about doing chest compressions. Once you started you were probably taught to stop every 30 compressions and provide 2 rescue breaths or mouth-to-mouth. Studies over the last 10 years have shown that the most critical and effective resuscitative function of CPR are the chest compressions. CCR builds resuscitative steps around high performance chest compressions, minimizing interruptions. For example, old CPR taught us to stop compressions and perform rescue breathing. Unfortunately, stopping compressions for a mere 10 seconds will require a full minute of compressions just to catch up and continue supplying blood to the brain. CCR de-emphasizes the importance of rescue breathing for people over the age of 15. Doing proper chest compressions actually causes some air to move in and out of a victim's lungs and reduces the need to perform mouth-to-mouth. "Hands-only" CPR has gained increased awareness over the last 5 years. It's easy to teach and highly effective. CCR builds upon hands-only CPR and improves patient management. If you want to learn more about Hands-only CPR (and you should, because it's easy and effective), please visit

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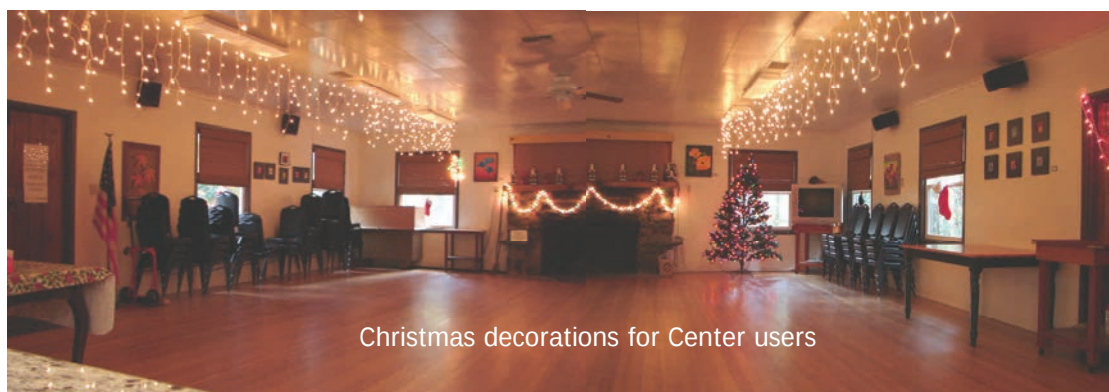
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Once again we called upon New Dimension Hardwood Floors in Eugene to refinish and repair the floors in the Center. The owners of the business had changed but the quality of the work was excellent. This may be the last time the old flooring may be sanded due to the thinness of the wood.



Halloween party time at the Center



Christmas decorations for Center users

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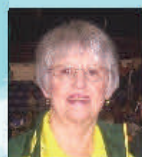
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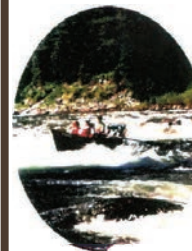
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Thank you,

Walter W. Wilson

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