



## Vida McKenzie Community Center

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### LEADERSHIP

We are beginning to put on some years in our Community Center organization. To some, 14 years may not seem to be a lot but to many of us it's been a long road. It was a very rocky beginning as we looked for direction and stability to keep us moving forward.

We can be truly thankful for a handful of people that provided the stability during the first few years as we struggled to maintain our balance: Bob and Dawn Neilsen, Marge Estenson, Joyce Brooks, Vern Blumhagen, Kimm Esser and Laura Olson. In the first few years we lost Bob and Marge but the foundation for the operations of the Center had been established. Vern Blumhagen, Dawn Neilsen and Laura Olson, helped Walter and Joyce Wilson, Linda Schaefers, Dick and Bernadette Barnes, Faith Bokros, Becky Holmes and Pat Sherfield transition into the leadership roles. This is just a short list of many that contributed to the success of the Center over the years.

During these 14 years the Center has been a focal point in the valley, the leadership has become steady and provided continuity as we continued in our growth. Everything that has been accomplished over the years could not have happened without the support of our membership and the generous support of the McKenzie Valley community. Like the Center, many of us are approaching our golden years. Some of our leadership moved from the area, some have had to reduce activities or resign due to health reasons. As a result, we have a couple of Board (cont p3)

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On Many 10th we held our annual membership meeting of the Vida McKenzie Community Center. As with many organizational membership meetings, the attendance was low. But this did not keep those attending from hearing about the success and growth of the Center over the past year.

Community Center President Walter Wilson enlightened the group on the past years' accomplishments and many of those that have occurred since the Center was incorporated in 2000. The Center has continued to increase donations to the community which include, the scholarship program at McKenzie High School, Meals on Wheels, and the Blue River Clinic, to mention a few. Many times the Center is asked to donate to a specialized program during the year and we have responded when appropriate. Walt said, while the Center is not overflowing with funds, he is thankful to the community for supporting the fundraising events that allows us to remain active, pay our bills and support some community organizations with donations.

The membership meeting is also the time everyone dreads. It's that time for the election of Officers and Board Members. The past year our Secretary and Treasurer stepped down along with two Board Members.

Walter Wilson and Dawn Neilsen will continue as President and Vice President. Linda Schaefers will assume the duties of Secretary. Vern Blumhagen will continue as Treasurer on a limited basis. Gerry Aster was elected to fill one Board position.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON**



## Walter W Wilson, President

We are beginning to put on some years in our Community Center organization. To some, 14 years may not seem to be a lot but to many of us it's been a wonderful experience as we have watched the Center grow and flourish. A Center that has been very successful from a meager beginning, doing well, something that we all can be excited and proud of. This success is directly related to you and the resident of our beautiful community.

Your membership enable us to accomplish so much the past year.

- We were able to contribute funding to the McKenzie High School scholarship, in addition supporting the local Meals on Wheels organization.
- We held our first ever community "Emergency Preparedness" conference. The room was packed with community residents eager to learn how to take care of themselves during an emergency.
- Over 30 residents attended a meeting with the U.S. Postal Service personnel as they discussed possible postal service cutback in the valley.
- We were able to make necessary repairs to the Center's flooring, electrical service and bat removal from the attic and insulation replacement.

We have several items planned for this year.

- Entrance driveway improvement
- Improved fire equipment safety items
- Electrical service improvements
- Re-striping of parking lot

We are excited about the above items and have started to work on some. We are anxious to get started and complete the others.

We need your help. If you have not done so, please renew your membership today. You are a vital link to the success of our Community Center. Many of you are recent members and many are some of the original members from our beginning in 2000. I have included a membership form and envelope for your convenience.

Thank you for your support.

## 2620 NIGHTS OF BINGO

WOW, that adds up to a lot of games. That's about 131 months of Bingo at the Center. Since 2003 we've had a family fun night of bingo every month except one. This spring we got snowed out.

Over the years, every August, we did a little celebrating. This year we had a bunch of Bingo gift certificates as part of the raffle in addition to an extra large raffle basket. Thanks for the great community support of this monthly fundraiser.

The payout amount for the games started at \$10.00 and three special games went for \$15.00 each. The bonus ball game had \$305.00 in the jackpot, unfortunately no one won with the bonus ball number so that amount rolled over to \$310.00 in September.

The snack bar was loaded with cakes, pies, cookies, ice cream, chili and hotdogs, to the delight of everyone.

Everyone had a fun filled night. So mark your calendars and be there for our next bingo night: Saturday, October 11th. Doors open at 6:15pm and we start calling the games at 7pm. Come early and grab a bite to eat and stay for a fun night.

## McKenzie River Lions Dinner

On May 15th, the Lions Club organized another dinner for the community. It was hosted by Ann Penny along with Chef Kimlyn Esser. While Chef Kimlyn was busy in the kitchen preparing the smoked beef brisket and mustard



pan sauce cod with grape vinaigrette, hostess Ann was greeting everyone during the social hour. Everyone had fun chatting with Ann as they tasted a combination of Merlot and Riesling at the jelly bean wine bar. After that we moved to the cheese paring station for another delightful treat.

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LEADERSHIP from p1: positions open which need to be filled. The By-Laws require you must be a member of the Center for one year prior to becoming a Board member. The Board meets only six times a year and meetings start with a dinner/social gathering at 6pm before the 6:30pm regular board meeting. This is not a demanding position but an important one. Walt would like to talk to you about it, give him a call.

The Centers long-time standing treasurer, Vern Blumhagen, needs to reduce his activities and will be stepping down. We are looking for someone to assume the treasurer position. Vern will assist in explaining these duties to a member willing to learn this vital part of the VMCC operation.

We have come a long way from our meager beginnings. Many of those in the long time leadership roles are needing to step aside and allow new members to come in and lead as we to strive to move the Center forward.

## WE GOT STRIPES

The lines were getting a little hard to see when pulling into the Center's parking lot. With a garden sprayer, a few gallons of paint and several hours of work, Eric Olson created a work of art on our "canvas" parking lot. Now you can actually drive in and find dedicated parking space lines.



DINNER from p2: There were several different bottles of wine being poured for the enjoyment of everyone.

We all were awaiting the call from Chef Kimlyn letting us know when it was time to be seated. Soon we were



served with luscious jicama citrus salad, before we began with our choice of brisket or cod served with sautéed Brussels sprouts, baked potatoes, and roasted cauliflower with sweet funnel. This was all followed by a variety of desserts. We rounded off the evening with a great selection of raffle prizes. Rhett Ashley was the big winner when he won an aged bottle of port which Rhett generously shared with many of those attending.

## ROLL THOSE TOWELS

After using the rolled paper towels for hand drying for many years, we have made a change. It does not seem like a big thing but with so many different forms of illness going around these days, a little bit of prevention could help.

We've added paper towel dispensers in the restroom and kitchen areas.



***Your membership is really important***



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Sgt. Carrie Carver

### HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME

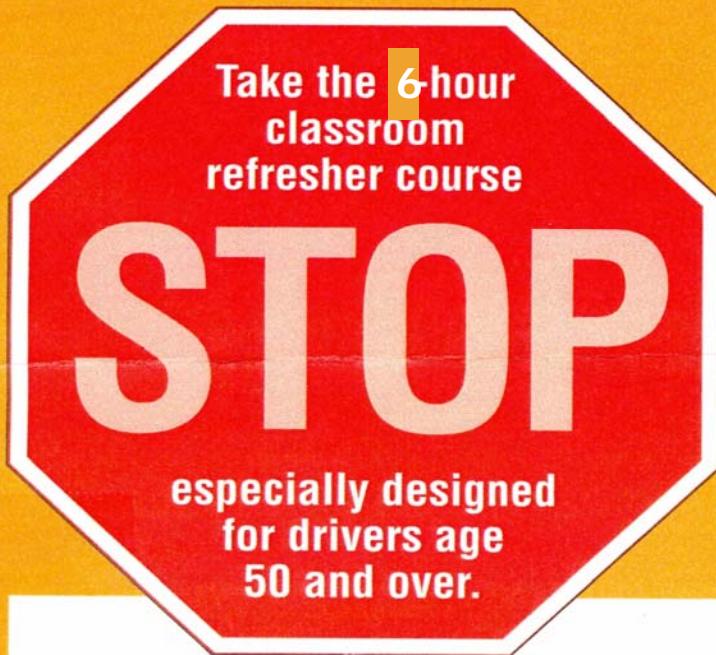
By Megan Kime, Intern

Most burglaries are crimes of opportunity, so if breaking into a house is too time-consuming or difficult, the burglar will likely give up. Windows, doors, and garage doors are the most used entry points because they are often left open or unlocked, especially in the summer when it's warm outside. The easiest way to discourage burglars is to close and lock everything at night, but here are some other tips and tricks.

All windows should have at least two locks on them, not just the latches that come with the window. Storm windows can count as a secondary lock, as do alarm systems. Blocking devices are encouraged as well, such as a wooden track filler, because they keep windows from completely opening meaning a potential burglar won't be able to slip through. Track fillers also make it difficult for a window to be lifted out of its track.

Different types of doors, like front doors, sliding doors, or French doors, all use different types of security. Front doors should be made out of solid wood or metal and should have a 180 degree peephole that everyone should be able to easily see out of; the peephole shouldn't be higher than 58" off the ground. Like windows, sliding glass doors should have a dowel or other type of stick in the track so that they don't open all the way. Along with dowel or stick, sliding glass doors should have a second locking device used at night that blocks the door from being opened at all, like a metal "charley bar" that fold down and keeps the door from being opened. If you have French doors that lead outside, you should make sure that they have a solid frame and a reinforced strike plate. The doors should have tempered safety glass or laminated glass, too, which makes it harder to simply break the glass and reach through to unlock the door. You should also install a deadbolt, and consider installing a bar across the inside of the door.

Certain ways of landscaping can deter burglars or thieves as well. Planting thorny bushes or shrubs under windows makes it harder for someone to enter through one. Trim any tree branches, shrubs, vines or other climbing plants that could be used to climb through an upper-story window. Also, make sure you put away any ladders or chairs instead of leaving them leaning against the house or in the yards. They, too, can be used by burglars.



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(consult your  
insurance agent)

TO REGISTER | PLACE/LOCAL SPONSOR | TIME | DATE(S)

**October 8, 2014 (Wednesday)**

**9:15am to 4:00pm - 6 Hour Class - We will break for lunch  
but remain at the Center**

**Vida Community Center  
90377 Thomson Lane  
Vida**

**Please Bring A Sack Lunch,**

**\$20.00**

**A discounted fee of \$15.00 for  
current AARP members who  
bring their AARP cards to  
registration for validation**

**MUST PREREGISTER BY CALLING  
Walter Wilson 541 521-5900**

Upon completion of the course a certificate is issued for your insurance verification. Class size is limited so early registration is recommended. If you are not an AARP member and wish to join you can call 1-800-950-2724 or go on line at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) and start the process early to insure your membership is activated prior to the class date.

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**McKenzie River  
Yoga**

Tuesday Evenings 5:30pm

All Ages Welcome — Beginner to Master  
Vida Community Center — Information 541 896-3009



August 14-17, 2014  
Thurs-Sat 10-6 • Sun 10-3

Thursday - Free To Public  
Master Carvers • Daily Auction  
Classic Cars • Arts & Crafts  
Live Music • Food • Beer & Wine!  
Location: 51326 Blue River Drive  
Blue River, Oregon  
Volunteers: info@McKenzieTrack.com  
www.McKenzieTrack.com/CAF

All Proceeds Support McKenzie Community Track & Field and AMJ BUILDING  
A non-profit organization

What a great event the Chainsaw Art Festival was this year. Hope everyone had a chance to join in on the fun and what the chips fly.



**Lane Electric Cooperative**

**Pat Dymock**

**Director - McKenzie District**

**"Owned by Those We Serve"**

**Pat 896-37 61**

**Eugene Office 484-1151**

After serving 21 years of dedicated service to friends and neighbors as Director of the McKenzie District of the Lane Electric Cooperative, Pat has decided it's time to retire.

Thank you Pat for your service to the community and thank you for your continued support of the Vida Community Center.

Your business card printed here for a donation of \$10.00 per issue or pay for a year in advance for only \$35.00.  
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# THE "CENTER" IS LOOKING FOR SOME HELP

We could use a helping hand at our monthly Bingo games.

**Snack Bar**, setting up and serving: Give Pat Sherfield a call at 541 988-9735.

**Bingo Callers**. Give Walt Wilson a call at 541 896-0153

**Money Takers**: Give Vern Blumhagen a call at 541 896-3814

Thanks for being a friend of the Vida McKenzie Community Center.  
Your membership is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

*Walter W. Wilson*

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Please Print this page and Send in your Membership

## MEMBERSHIP FORM 2014

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Household dues at \$10.00 per year. Good until May 2015

Any amount received over \$10.00 will go toward the building fund

Vida Community Center is a 501(c)3 corporation, your donations may be tax deductible

*Thank you for your  
support*

## VIDA MCKENZIE COMMUNITY CENTER

MEMBERSHIP Dues..... \$ 10.00

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