



# Vida McKenzie Community Center

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*Just How Much Fun Can  
One Community Have*



They came for the good times. They came for the friendship and for some of the most interesting items along the McKenzie River. They came for the

home made goodies that lined the tables in the snack bar area. They came so the young one's could enjoy a visit with Santa. And a good time was had by all..



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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's that time again. You'll find the membership form on page 8. Join in on the fun.



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## Walter Wilson

VMCC President

The Christmas Bazaar has come and gone. It seems like it's pretty late to be mentioning it but a lot of work by many dedicated members of the Center had a big hand in making it a success. We had members that helped with sending out letters requesting donations for the raffle, other that did a little face to face requesting donations, Linda Schaefers that handled all the vendors, Sue Ala and Sandy Wright did an outstanding job of the snack bar operation. There was the staging of the signs along the highway to alert travelers of the Bazaar, there were those who did the grunt work of lugging and setting up tables for the vendors. Most of the day Andrea, Laura and Vern were there selling raffle tickets to make sure everyone had a chance to get a ticket and win one of the many raffle prizes. The value of prizes this year totaled over \$2200.00.

To the joy of everyone attending, we have many members that brought and donated pies, cakes, cookies and goodies of delight. And then there was Santa that dropped by to the joy of the many youngsters who brought their parents to the bazaar.

Members helping this year included: Vern Blumhagen, Mike and Faith Bokros, Don Bumgarners, Andrea Cunningham, Mike and Becky Holmes, Dawn Neilsen, Laura Olson, Eleanor Rodakowski, Hal Stein, Will Rutherford and myself. As usual I have probably not listed some very important people that played a major role in making the bazaar a success. You know who you are and I thank each and everyone that had a hand in make it a success.

On Page 5 is a list of the people and business's that donated raffle items, also is a list of the vendors that had tables at the bazaar. I thank them for helping make this year a success.

We lost two icons of the valley in the past six month or so: on the left, Marge Esten-son passed away in October 2011 and Ja-clyn Giddings in Janu-ary 2012.



Spring is the time of the year that we have our Membership Drive. Each year our membership jumps a member or two. Many of us can remember back to 2000 when we first started and our membership role was around 50 members. In a couple of years it exceeded 100 and has steadily climbed since then. Due to the community support of our fundraisers the community center board see no reason to increase the \$10.00 dues. WOW, where else can you get a bargain like that. It's small but it still remains large to the Center. Please take a moment and fill out the enclosed membership form and drop it and your check in the mail to the Center.

Once a year we have the regular membership meeting. This year is will be held on May 5th. Usually there is a conflict with several other organization having meetings. Maybe we'll get some additional members attending this year.

The membership meeting is also the time we elect the Center's officers and board directors for the coming year. Don't let this keep you from the meeting. I promise not to force you into accepting a position you really don't want. Of course we are always looking for additional members that want to become active in the Center's operations. ...I'd like to thank Kimm Esser from Country Financial of Eugene for her sponsorship of three Bingo games. This sponsorship has caught the attention of the bingo players as the payout for three games have almost doubled. The Vida Poker group also sponsors one game. Thanks Kimm and the poker players for helping make the bingo games a fun night.

If you get tired of sitting home watching nothing on TV on the 2nd Saturday each month. Pack up the ole car and join your friends and neighbors for a fun night playing bingo at the Center. Next months special Bonus Ball progressive bingo game will pay out, I believe \$170.00. You have to be there to win.

## Email Address

Many members have changed their Email address over the past couple of years and many since Qwest/Century Link installed High Speed in many areas of Vida. Please update your email by sending a message to:

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thanks...



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

At different meetings or events at the Center, Walt says he's been asked many time about the membership cost. When he explains that it's only \$10.00, it is always followed with, "How can you operate a Center on that amount?". Walt explains that we are able to keep our dues at a very low rate and affordable to everyone because of the community support of the Center and the fantastic community support of our fundraising events.

Once again the Center comes back to you, asking for your continued support. Your dues are very important to the Center. The Center's Officers and Board Members have held the line and kept the dues to a very low \$10.00 rate.

By now you have already seen the membership form and the attached mailing envelope. Please continue this support and take a moment to fill out the enclosed dues form, place it in the pre-addressed envelope and drop it off in the mail to the Center.

The Center, it's Officers and the community thank you for your continued support.

## BICENTENNIAL of the McKENZIE RIVER'S NAMING

2012 marks the bicentennial of the McKenzie River's naming. This year-long celebration will include a variety of exciting events designed not only to entertain visitors but to also share the rich history of the McKenzie River.

The next event is on April 28th, the opening day of fishing season and will take place at Eagle Rock Lodge in Nimrod (Hwy 126, MP 34.5.) McKenzie drift boats will be on display as part of the admission-free Wooden Boat Festival but there will also be a Mobile Museum to provide hands-on learning for all ages. Do you have your own story related to the McKenzie? The museum can capture memories at its history recording station.

Make history come alive. Discover the McKenzie River. For more information and a list of future events, go to [www.McKenzieChamber.com](http://www.McKenzieChamber.com).

## 14 YEARS AND STRONGER THAN EVER

### ANNUAL CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MAY 5th — 10:00am**

As required by the By-Laws, it's time to enlighten the membership of what the Officers and Board of Directors have been up too during the previous 12 months.

The exciting part of this meeting will be the selection of Officers and Board Directors to lead the Centers operations in the coming months.

President of the Center, Walter Wilson's job is to provide you with more information than you really want to know about the operations of the Center during the past year. He says, to sweeten things up a little, refreshments will be served along with some of the best coffee along the river.

## NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Several members have asked if this newsletter could be sent to them via the email. Many members now have the high speed Internet connection that allows for faster down loading of products like this newsletter. Some are interested in helping the environment by reducing landfill sites, saving paper and trees.

To answer the question. YES, the newsletter can be sent via email. It would come in PDF format. Many members have already asked to be put on the Email list to receive the newsletters.

If you would like to give it a try, send an email to: [walter1ww@aol.com](mailto:walter1ww@aol.com).

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## ANNUAL CLEAN UP — May 6th

It's that time of year. Spring cleaning is in the air. Are you ready? VMCC needs volunteers to pick up rakes, brooms and dust cloths and take part in the VMCC's annual Community Center Sweep! Let's brave the early May temperatures and rake leaves, prune branches and clean the concrete patio. Let's take our wash buckets indoors and give the center a good scrub. Pick a task, any task. We'll start close to 10am and come noon time hopefully we'll have it all wrapped up and can sit down for a little lunch. And yes, we know it's a Sunday, but with so many other things going on around the valley it's hard to work a good day in.

Last year a great bunch of members worked really hard cutting, trimming and hauling branches. Over the years we've had Les Blum cutting tree branches while standing on the roof. Those days are

over since he did such a good job cutting back branches from the building. Last year Walt Wilson brought his trailer and it was overloaded with branches, leaves and some old wooden building material. Jerry Lincoln offered his burn pile as a dumping location. This year the Harshbarger's will be bringing their large dump trailer which

will really make the hauling and dumping a lot easier.

There is a lot of branches to pick up that have fallen over the past winter, some branches to cut back again, many leaves to rake and pick up, ivy to cut back, gutters to clean out and walk-ways that could use a good scrubbing/power washing. As you can see the list just goes on and on. But the good part of all this is..... with each year the amount of clean up the Center needs seems to get less and less thanks to the membership giving a few hours of their time. Again this year we hope to have a few members of the "Garden Club" to help around the flower beds so the cleanup crew does not cut back or mis-shape some of the bushes that are planted around the Center.

While many of the members will be working diligently on the outside area of the Center, Dawn Neilson will have a crew working on the inside doing some spring cleaning. If you are not an outside clean up person, come on down, Dawn could use some help on the inside.

Throw some tools (don't forget the gloves) in the ole vehicle, come and join other members and friends for a little light fun time and when's it's all over, the Center will provide lunch for everyone. We'll have the coffee pot on.

Sitting around enjoying some food and drinks after the mornings clean up are: L to R. Walt, Eleanor Rodakowski, Bob and Krista Schumacher, Dawn Neilsen, Gerry Aster and Mike Bokros.





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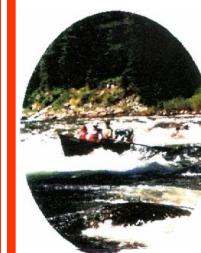
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We could use a few more helpers on Bingo Night helping out in the snack bar, setting up and serving. Want to help? Give Pat Sherfield a call at 541 988-9735.

We also could use several more Bingo Callers. Give Walt a call at 541 896-0153

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thanks for being a friend of the Vida McKenzie Community Center. It is that time of the year that we ask the community to continue their support of the Center. If you have not sent in your membership dues, please take a moment, print out this page and sent it to us. Your membership is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
*Walter W. Wilson*

### MEMBERSHIP FORM 2012

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