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PAINTING WORKSHOP HUGH SUCCESS



They came from all over carrying their paints, brushes, easels and assorted materials they would need for a three day oil painting workshop. Kathy Whitson (winner of the McKenzie Arts Festival Poster Contest) a well known artist from Waldport used the Vida McKenzie Community Center for a three day oil painting workshop during September. Kathy had help from local water color artist, sister and class student, Janet Biles.

Ten students participated in the workshop coming from the Eugene/Springfield area, Pleasant Hills, Camp Creek and the McKenzie Valley. Kathy said the class was a nice size and next time she probably could add a couple more students. She said that everyone was

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ALL SEATS TAKEN FOR THE OCT. 16th WRITING WORKSHOP

Even before the writing workshop announcement could go out, the workshop classroom was filled to capacity. This should not be a surprise to anyone.

This is the second appearance of Award-winning Register-Guard columnist and Author Bob Welch at the Vida McKenzie Community Center. With the popularity of this event we hope to see Bob real soon again at the Center. Want to drop Bob a note, try this:

info@bobwelch.net



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SUCCESSFUL, THANK YOU

The Officers and Board Directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center want to thank everyone for supporting the community center. This is a banner year. Once again we have exceeded the previous years membership total.

Each year one of our goals is to do something that will make the Center more attractive to those who use it on a regular basis and appealing to those first time users so they have an enjoyable visit and will want to return.

The success of the Center is due to the tremendous support of the community. Even with this success, the Center still needs the support of members. If you have not sent in your membership form, please do so.

**Mike McCall Fundraiser ~ Nov. 13th ~ more on page 3
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Walter Wilson

President, Vida McKenzie Community Center

Summer, was here one day and gone the next it seems. I did love the Indian summer days we had at the end of September and going into the first part of October. And with the coming of fall, as a song goes, comes "the boys of fall" and football. The yellow and green and the black and orange can not only be seen in the trees as they change into the fall colors, but also in the community as they begin to show their preference toward our two local football teams. Both teams have been playing pretty well this season but two tragic events occurred that caused the loss of James Rogers (knee) of the Beavers for the season and Ducks Kenjon Barner (concussion) and Darron Thomas (shoulder) for an unknown amount of time. Go Ducks! Go Beavers!

We received a nice card from Michael Sherman thanking the "Center" for helping him proceed with his education through our scholarship funding. Michael went on to say that he is looking forward to attending LCC in the fall and will be studying multimedia design. We wish Michael the best as he takes a major step toward his future.

Just a short reminder. Membership is important to the operations of the Center. It helps us continue to move forward each year. This is a banner year, not only on how the community has supported the Center, but also as the membership has continued to grow.

In August, the Center entered its 8th year of playing Bingo. A few years ago we began, what we called a "Free Night of Bingo"

in which the Center bought some of the bingo cards for each player. Our little way of saying thank for the bingo players through out the year. Everyone had a fun time. The snack bar was extra busy selling many slices of cheese cake, chocolate cake, an assortment of berry and fruit pies, hot-dogs and popcorn was going faster than they could keep up with the demand. The raffle had two baskets of goodies, a large bag of Kingsford briquettes and three gift certificates which was a



**Danny Avalos and Patty Garner
hamming it up by the snack bar**



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crowd pleaser. In addition we gave away three Power Ball lottery tickets and three scratch off lottery tickets. One of the best things I like about our bingo is, it's not just for adults only, it's also a time for families to enjoy a night out.

Kathy Whitson told me she had so much fun with the September oil painting workshop that if she lived in the McKenzie Valley she would consider putting on a weekly workshop. She said that the setting at the Community Center was just perfect and she and all her students really enjoyed their time at the Center. In looking at the pictures each of them were working on, Kathy did a great job in instructing them in the skills of oil painting. Hopefully we'll hear from Kathy about another workshop in about six months or so.

Bob Welch filled up his writing workshop so fast that we did not have time to get the word out. He will be holding session on Saturday October 16th at the Center. This workshop seems to have gone so well in the beginning, we'll hope that he'll be coming back really soon.

Our other users of the Center: the Sew and So's, bring their crafting and sewing skills for an afternoon of fun on the first Monday each month. The Vida Neighborhood Watch group meets on the 2nd Thursday in the evening. The Late Bloomers Garden Club meets on the 3rd Thursday while the Bunco playing group meets on the 3rd Friday. We have the Texas Hold'em group on the 4th Wednesday and lets not forget every Tuesday evening the McKenzie Valley Yoga group meets for a relaxing evening.

Many of us have enjoyed eating at the Wagon Yard BBQ over the past year and now Donna and Rich are bringing their passion for great Texas BBQ to our Community Center in the form of a "Reservations Only" Community Dinner on October 30th. I'm looking forward to getting some of their Baby Back Ribs on my taste buds again. See you all there.

Before playing bingo at the Center on Nov. 13th, check out the fundraiser for one of our local volunteer fire fighters at the Leaburg Training Center. Lt. Mike McCall has cancer and now it's time we provide some support for all the times he has supported our community.

Our annual Christmas Bazaar fundraiser is set for Dec. 4th at the Walterville Grange. We are always looking for people to help set up the tables Friday evening. During the day of the Bazaar we'll need help in the snack bar area, selling of raffle tickets and taking down the tables Saturday evening. Linda Schaefers (822-3947) will be handling and assigning the tables/vendors. Sue and Sandy (896-3845) will again be handing the snack bar and it's workers and Vern (896-3814) will be coordinating the raffle. If you can help with a donation of a pie or cake for the snack bar, it would be greatly appreciated. It's not really hard. Want to help? Give us a call.





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FUNDRAISER

**McKenzie Fire & Rescue needs your assistance
in helping one of its own.**

Lieutenant Mike McCall has been diagnosed with Stage 4 throat cancer. Mike is a dedicated volunteer, serving the McKenzie River Valley community and responding to other parts of Lane County.

He joined the Fire Department in 2004, first as a firefighter and EMT. He trained above and beyond the required drills to quickly become an officer. As a Lieutenant at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Walterville Station, he spends countless hours making sure the apparatus and equipment at the station are always ready to respond to any emergency.

When not working, Mike is often found at the fire department, donating personal time and energy to offer extra training to young, aspiring firefighters. His strong love for his fellow volunteers and his community is obvious in the time spent training and preparing so that he is ready for each incident.

While Mike has spent an unbelievable amount of time preparing to serve his fellow volunteers and his community in any emergency, nothing could have prepared him for the personal battle he now faces. He is now putting all of his time and energy into fighting for his life. Mike is a very private man, but right now, he needs our support in many ways. Fighting cancer is both exhausting and expensive. McKenzie Fire & Rescue Volunteer Association is hosting a fundraising event to help defer the costs of Mike's tests and treatments.



What:

POKER/Wii/FOOSBALL Tournament

Where:

**McKenzie Fire & Rescue
Training Center
42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg**



When:

**November 13, 2010
3:00pm to 9:00pm**

******* Many Winners *****
***** Many Prizes *******

YOGA AT THE CENTER

McKenzie River Yoga invites you to join them every Tuesday at 6:30pm. We encourage community members to come take advantage of having yoga right here in the McKenzie Valley! Is Yoga for you? Yes, it is for everyone regardless of age. Join Emily and other friends of the community.

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PAINTING WORKSHOP: welcome, all levels, even if no oil painting experience. In this workshop Kathy was teaching the elements of displaying the depth in the forest, rocks within a rushing and gentle stream water where you can see large rocks under the water. With each element, the forest, rocks in rushing and gentle water, Kathy would have a classroom demonstration outlining the difference and placement of colors. After



each element demonstration the students would move back to their work area and put to canvas what was just demonstrated.

Kathy would the work the classroom assisting each student and answering questions as each element of the painting progressed.

There is much to learn in putting the brush and paint on the canvas, in the proper order and using the proper size brush and different strokes to make things that attract the eye.



The three day workshop probably could have gone another day to get in all that Kathy was trying to teach. On the last day it was a rush to instruct the students on all the elements of the picture they were painting. Some of the students probably had some homework to do at the end of the workshop.



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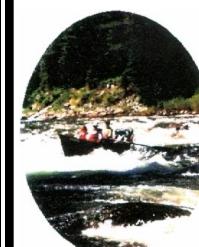
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