



Vida McKenzie Community Center

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MAJOR MAINTENANCE

Over the years things happen, water pipes need replacing, roof leaks, wells need to be replaced, buildings slide down hills. Speaking of building sliding, that's what the Community Center building is doing, or a portion of it anyway. Cracks were noticed in restroom walls when the community formed a corporation and took over the operations of McKenzie River Club, now known as the Vida McKenzie Community Center in 2000. At that time there was no funds available to do any repairs. Todd Olson, Olson Construction and Painting (now Todd's Yamaha in Cottage Grove) donated the time and material to paint and fill the cracks. The Board, with no other choice, elected to keep an eye on the cracks/movement.

Within the last 5 years, the cracks began to open again. Last summer the Board of Directors elected to go out for bids to repair or stabilize the foundation under the restroom area. It was an eye opening experience for the Board when the bids came in ranging from \$6,000 to \$9,000.

One of the bids came from Hill & Dale Engineering. It just happened that the Owner/Managers were Pam Hillstorm and Rick Ralston, members of the Community Center. Their bid was within our funding range. They also provided the engineering of the project at no cost to the Center. This was something (Cont. on P2)

ANNUAL CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 14th — 10:00am

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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

At different activities 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 (Cont P2)

Have some fun at the Center

SEW & SO's * YOGA * NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH * BINGO
LATE BLOOMERS GARDEN CLUB * BUNCO * TEXAS HOLD'EM

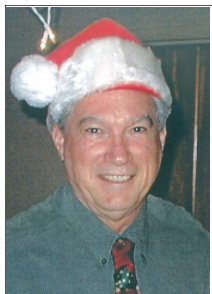


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Walter Wilson
President

Just when you thought it was time to put away the foul weather gear, you wake up one morning with snow on the ground and giant snow flakes falling from the sky. Where I live, it was here one day and all gone the next. Some would say just another April in Oregon, so I thought I'd keep on the funny looking cap for a few more days.

SAVE THE DATE: May 14th 10:00am

That's the date of our annual membership meeting. As you have noticed as you scanned through the newsletter, many things have come about recently and several other things have happened since we had our 2010 meeting. We have the elections of Officers and Board members to keep the continuity of the Center flowing in a positive manner. But don't let the thought of elections scare you away. I promise to not force you into taking a position you do not want, but I may twist your arm a little. Come on down and join us. We'll keep it light, have a little fun, sip on a little coffee and bite into a few goodies.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. By now you have already seen the membership form and the attached mailing envelope. It's that time of the year when I ask you to continue your support of the Center with your membership. Our request for your involvement and time is not much. If your involvement is through your membership, that amount of involvement is really appreciated. For those who choose to be involved in the daily activities, that also is greatly appreciated. I know that many in the community choose to not be a member of the Center, but do support the Center in our fundraising efforts and that is appreciated.

We will continue to make our annual donations to various organizations around the valley. We have increased the McKenzie High School scholarship fund to \$600.00. We have set aside some funds to be used as needed at a later date.

ANOTHER SAVE THE DATE: May 21st 10:00am

It's time for our annual Spring Clean Up Day at the Center. We have some branches to pick up. Some to cut back. Weeds to pull. Ivy to cut. In general the usual "yard" type clean up. (Cont on P4)

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: 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 keep the dues to a very low \$10.00.

Please continue this support and take a moment to fill out the enclosed dues form, place it in the stamped envelope and drop it off in the mail to the Center.

MAINTENANCE: that could have been put off for some time but it could have been, pay me now or pay me a lot more later.

On a cold and misty day, Vern Blumhagen coordinated and oversaw the installation of the stabilizing of the restroom portion of the building.





SNACK BAR COUNTER

For many years the members that use the kitchen/ snack bar area of the Center for our monthly bingo and fundraising events have complained about having their fingers smashed by the sliding/stuck doors on the snack bar.

After passing around ideas on how to go about fixing the problem and with the deteriorating of the counter, the Board Members elected to replace the snack bar cabinet and top. A team including Linda Schaefer, Dawn Neilsen, Sue Ala, Sandy Wright, Joyce Wilson and Hal Stein set out to provide information and direction. Hal Stein came up with plans following the direction of the team and a budget.



Jerry's Home Improvement Center helped with a reduced price on the cabinets and stone top plus a generous donation toward the total cost. With help of members Mike Bokros, Will Rutherford, Hal Stein, Walter Wilson, Dennis Ellison, Rob Fraiser and cabinet installer Casey Curtis (who gave the Center a greatly reduced labor price) the old cabinets were taken out and the new ones were installed along with the stone top. By doing the installation work by the members and the donations the Center received the project came in about \$1500.00 under budget.

One step at a time in enhancing the appearance of the Center. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this happen.



KITCHEN SINK FAUCET

After probably 60 years or more of use and a couple of repair jobs the kitchen sink faucet was past its prime and time to be replaced. It tried its best to hang in there. Water still flowed out of it. It had a few leaks at elbows. When you wanted to turn it off it still wanted to keep working, drip by drip. In March the Board decided it was time to go.

Becky Holmes took on this project to find a good commercial replacement and still not break the bank. With the help of a friend who just happened to be a Master Plumber and with husband Mike, they located just what was needed and was able to receive a very good discount on the product for the Center.

Walt Wilson says it's a great improvement. He's tried it out, saying it's much better than the old one. It does not leak, water flows as it should and you can even shut the water off, something we have not been able to do for many years.



3 YEARS AND STILL GOING, YOGA AT THE CENTER

McKenzie River Yoga invites you to join them every Tuesday at 6:30pm. Join your friends and neighbors and 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.

FIRST TIMERS, IT'S FREE

A \$5.00 DONATION IS REQUESTED

NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY FROM
LACK OF FUNDS



PRESIDENT: Please bring whatever tools one would need to do this type of clean up: Cutters, rakes, saws, gloves and

On April 30th, Linda Schaefer, Eleanor Rodakowski, Dawn Neilsen, Pat Sherfield, Sue Ala and Sandy Wright ascended on the Community Center and began the inside Spring Cleaning. From the detailed report I received they did a spic and span cleaning from side to side and top to bottom in addition to coming up with some ideas that would enhance the operation of the Center.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: A year or so ago the Center funded the replacement of a Neighborhood Watch on the south side of the area of McKenzie Hwy and Greenwood Drive. As part of our ongoing effort to support organizations in the valley, we went in partnership with the Vida-McKenzie Neighborhood Watch to provide funding to purchase a new Neighborhood Watch sign that will replace the old yellow one at the corner of McKenzie Hwy and Greenwood Drive.



I'm thinking it is about time the Center moves into the modern age. It's time we create a website where we can display it, have some history, even going back to the McKenzie River Club days. There could be a section that will hold our newsletters, some pictures, a calendar of coming activities at the Center, a calendar that could be used for scheduling rentals. Maybe even put the Center on Facebook. OK, here's the problem, I don't know jack about websites. Anyone want to take on this project?

Goodpasture Bridge Permanent Lighting

All the meetings, leg-work and gathering of nine advocacy letters that Vern Blumhagen and Walter Wilson did over the past couple of years came to a halt when the bridge was declared unsafe for heavy loads.

Vern received a telephone call from Bill Morgan (Lane County) who stated "they are putting the permanent exterior bridge lighting project into the planning for the upgrade to improve the weight capacity of the bridge".

Hooray!!

MAY CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

MAY 5th Sew & So's Noon VMCC
 May YOGA Every Tuesday 6:30pm VMCC
 May 9th McKenzie ClearWater Coalition 6:30pm VMCC
 May 9th McKenzie Lions 6:30pm Ike's Pizza
 May 11th Bigfoot/Sasquatch meeting 6:30pm Ike's
 May 12th Vida Neighborhood Watch 7:00pm VMCC
 May 13-14-15th Annual McK Artist's Guild Show
 May 14th VMCC Annual Membership Meeting 10am
 May 14th BINGO 7:00pm VMCC
 May 19th Garden Club 10:00am VMCC
 May 21st Spring Clean Up at VMCC 10:00am
 May 23rd McKenzie Lions 6:30pm Ike's Pizza
 May 25th Texas Hold'em 6:00pm VMCC
 May 27th BUNCO 11:00am VMCC



The umteenth Annual McKenzie Artist's Guild Show will be May 13-15 - Friday thru Sunday - 10-5:00. There will be 8 artists showing their work and we will serve coffee, tea and cookies while you browse.

Leaburg Fire & Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy

MEET THE LEADERS

Get Acquainted, Ask Questions, Share ideas

McKenzie ClearWater Coalition

Valley Residents Association—Open to all Valley Residents and Property Owners

Please help spread the word and bring your neighbors

MONDAY Night May 9th 6:30 PM

Vida Community Center—Thomson Lane off of Hwy 126 East of Vida—(Additional parking at Helfrich boat ramp)

MEXICAN POTLUCK

Please Bring a Dish or a small donation
 clearwatercoalition@gmail.com

541-896-3001 Gerry

Rob 626-233-4733

Goodpasture Bridge Christmas Lighting

The County says that work will begin on the bridge and may last through next winter. Therefore at this time, as with last Christmas time, there probably will not be any holiday lighting attached to the bridge until the work had been completed.

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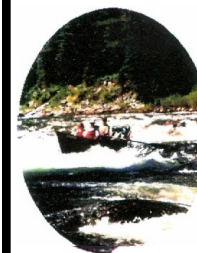
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