



Vida McKenzie Community Center

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CONTINUITY OF THE CENTER CONTINUES

The current slate of Officers and Board Directors will continue to lead the Vida McKenzie Community Center for another year. At the May 14th Annual Membership meeting those in attendance agreed that the current Officers and Board Director were doing an excellent job of conducting the business of the Center and every one agreed there was no need to make a change.

Prior to the meeting the Center's President, Walter Wilson had contacted each of the officers and Board Directors to determine their desire to participate as part of the VMCC's leadership for the coming year. Each had indicated they would continue if the members at the membership meeting agreed. And so the slate continues:

President: Walter W. Wilson

Vice President: Dawn Neilsen

Treasurer: Vern Blumhagen

Secretary: Laura Olson

Board Director: Faith Bokros

Board Director: Becky Holmes

Board Director: Linda Schaefers

Board Director: Pat Sherfield

Board Director: Hal Stein

Board Director: Carol Zaharias

2nd ANNUAL BEACHSIDE on the MCKENZIE WRITERS WORKSHOP



Bob Welch will be offering several ways to enhance your writing skills at his 2nd annual workshop on October 1st.

The workshop is a one-day affair and will be held at the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

For details and registration, go to bobwelch.net or call 541-517-3936.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Once again the Center comes back to you, asking for your continued support. Your dues are very important to the Center. Please continue this support and take a moment to fill out the enclosed membership form, place it and your dues in the envelope and drop it off in the mail to the Center.

The Center's Board Members have held the line and keep the dues to a very low \$10.00. Seems like a little amount but every little bit helps in keeping the Center's finances in the black.

We are very thankful to you and those within the McKenzie Valley that provide support.

Have some fun at the Center

SEW & SO's * YOGA * NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH * BINGO

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Walter Wilson

VMCC President

The "Center's" annual membership meeting was held on May 14th. As usual it's a day that so many other organizations are competing for membership attendance for their fundraisers. Those in attendance had a good time, enjoyed some refreshments and learned a little about the Center's past 12 months of operation.

The membership and community continues to support the Center's activities and fundraisers. Our membership roll continues to increase with each year. The Center continues to provide an excellent location as a meeting location for a variety of organization. It's been the location of several weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, educational classes and some good ole down to earth parties.

GARDEN CLUB:

We are very thankful to the membership of the Late Bloomers Garden Club. When spring finally rolled around they were there, with boxes



of flowers to add some beautiful color around the building. We added some water and it's starting to look like a flower catalog that's loaded with colorful flowers.

STORAGE SHED: Over the years as the Center has grown, so has the need for additional storage space to store excess tables, chairs and items used on a regular basis for our members and those who rent the Center. We still have some work to be done to finish it off. There is a need for some painting, building a step, adding border around the bottom and adding an electrical circuit to the building. It will enhance the interior of the Center by allowing the storage of many items we currently store and clutter up the inside the Center.



COUNTER TOP: The new stone counter top and

snack bar cabinets continues to move toward completion. A few more details will put the final touch to it. Special thanks to Hal Stein for coordinating this project.

ENTRY RAMP:

When the Center was built in 1949 not a lot of thought was given to the wheelchair users of the Center. The concrete



floor of the Center was level with the front door concrete pad, a simple walk-through. When the wooden floor was installed the difference became over two inches. The Center now has a ramp that will allow our friends in wheelchairs to easily roll right on through the front door.

BINGO: In August of 2003 the Center opened its doors to the first of our monthly bingo games. Each year in August the Center offers something special to those who come and play bingo. From the very first night the community has enjoyed a fun filled evening, enjoying the friendship of friends and neighbors. This August was no different. Special pricing was offered to the players, McKenzie River Nursery donated a beautiful hanging flower basket, Vida Café donated two \$10.00 gift certificates, Ike's Pizza a \$15.00 certificate, Aunt Ding's a \$25.00 certificate, a Sears Photo certificate and a \$100.00 certificate from Aamco Transmission in addition to three PowerBall lottery tickets. No one won the Bonus Ball bingo game so that will roll over to \$140.00 next month. The snack bar served some of the best hotdogs of any place along the river and talk about pies and cakes, they had it all. Andrea was taking the money and welcoming everyone, Vern worked the raffle tickets and collecting the extra card money, Eleanor, Pat and Dawn worked the snack bar and I did the calling of the numbers. It was a fun evening enjoyed by everyone. We had a visitor from the Medford area, the first to user the new wheelchair ramp. And to keep the fun times rolling we even belted out what we thought was a wonderful sounding version of Happy Birthday to Toby Langlois.

I want to thank everyone who has supported the Center over the years. Its been a fun ride. Let's keep it going. Thank you....



LOCAL ARTIST DEPLAYS ART WORK

JUDY CASAD: Since moving to the McKenzie Valley, Judy has become involved in many of the local events and organizations. She has been working diligently to promote the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce.

Judy is an accomplished watercolor artist. She has shown her paintings



at several of the local art festivals in the valley. She now has several of her paintings on display at the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

JANET BILES: Janet is also an accomplished artist. Several of her paintings

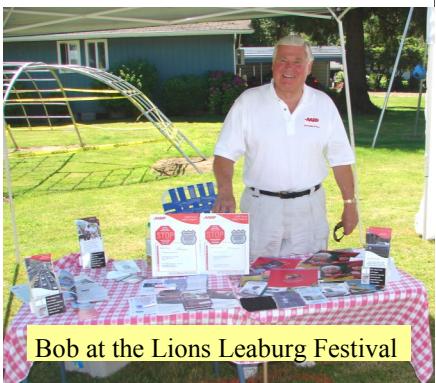


are on display at the Center.

Many of you have seen Janet's paintings at the Christmas Bazaar. Janet has had showings at local art festivals and has traveled from Sisters to Eugene displaying her paintings at festivals and community events.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

On October 4th (the first of a two day class) local resident and community center member Bob Schumacher will conduct an AARP safe driving class at the Vida Community Center. The program will be held on Oct 4th and 6th, starting on each day 12:30pm and going to 4:30pm. The cost is \$12.00 for AARP Members and \$14.00 for non-members.



Bob at the Lions Leaburg Festival

This is an excellent class for all ages. Bob is very good at explaining the new rules of the road and answering the many questions you have about driving around the Eugene and Springfield area. This is an outstanding class that will refresh your thoughts and driving skills.

Many of us have been driving for years, some learning their driving skill from good ole dad while driving a tractor plowing the fields. Some were lucky enough to have driver education in high school. Time does change things and we all need to be aware of those changes.

Preregistration is a must due to class limits. Give Laura a call at 541-896-3298 or Sue at 541-896-3879.

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. Let loose of some of the stress of every day living and enjoy a little exercise.

A \$5.00 DONATION IS REQUESTED
NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY FROM LACK OF FUNDS



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 the PDF format. Many members have already asked to be put on the Email list to received the newsletters.

If you would like to give it a try, send an email to: walter1ww@aol.com.

BBQ EQUIPMENT

The Center now has two round Weber style charcoal BBQ's to accommodate your cooking needs during those large parties you have at the Center.

When you need to rent the Center for the good times, give Linda Schaefers at call: 541-822-3947

BAZAAR

When we have been having a warm spell of 80 plus degrees and looking forward to another week of the same, it's just not right that it is time to mention or even talk about winter/Christmas Bazaar. But it's time again for many of us to start planning for the event. Here's the first notification of the year. Many of you have displayed you "items" at the bazaar in the past years, so now is the time to start thinking ahead. With the vendor tables limited to the low 30's, there is always a rush to make a deposit and get your name of the reserved table list. Maybe even asking for a special location or the need for a near by electrical out.

Mark you calendars: **DECEMBER 3RD**
Linda Schaefers (541-822-3947) will be handling the table this year. See ya at the Bazaar...

SOME UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

AUG 28	Fundraising Cook Out for MARC II sign project at the Wayfarer Resort
AUG	YOGA Every Tuesday 6:30pm VMCC
SEP 3&4	McKenzie Art Festival
SEP 3	BINGO Upper McKenzie Community Center
SEP 8	Vida Neighborhood Watch 7:00pm VMCC
SEP 10	BINGO 7:00pm Vida Community Center
SEP 12	Sew & So's Noon VMCC
SEP 12	McKenzie Lions 6:30pm Ike's Pizza
SEP	YOGA Every Tuesday 6:30pm VMCC
SEP 15	Garden Club 10:00am VMCC
SEP 17	BINGO Upper McKenzie Community Center
SEP 19	McKenzieClearWaterCoalition 6:30pm VMCC
SEP 23	BUNCO 11:00am VMCC
SEP 24	Fundraiser Dinner McK River Food Pantry Upper River Community Center 3-6pm
SEP 26	McKenzie Lions 6:30pm Ike's Pizza
SEP 28	Texas Hold'em 6:00pm VMCC
OCT 1	Bob Welch Writing Workshop VMCC
OCT 3	Sew & So's Noon VMCC
OCT	YOGA Every Tuesday 6:30pm VMCC
OCT 4	AARP Safe Driving Class 12:30pm VMCC
OCT 6	AARP Safe Driving Class 12:30pm VMCC
OCT 8	BINGO 7:00pm Vida Community Center
OCT 10	McKenzie Lions 6:30pm Ike's Pizza
OCT 13	Vida Neighborhood Watch 7:00pm VMCC
OCT 17	McKenzieClearWaterCoalition 6:30pm VMCC
OCT 20	Garden Club 10:00am VMCC
OCT 24	McKenzie Lions 6:30pm Ike's Pizza
OCT 26	Texas Hold'em 6:00pm VMCC
OCT 28	BUNCO 11:00am VMCC
NOV 7	Sew & So's Noon VMCC
NOV	YOGA Every Tuesday 6:30pm VMCC

Email Address

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

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thanks...

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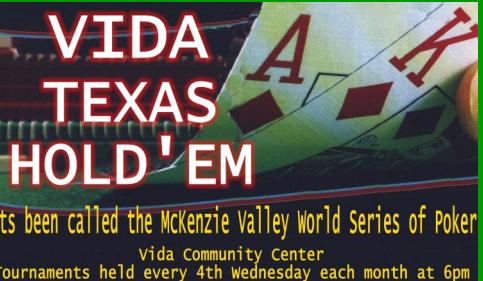
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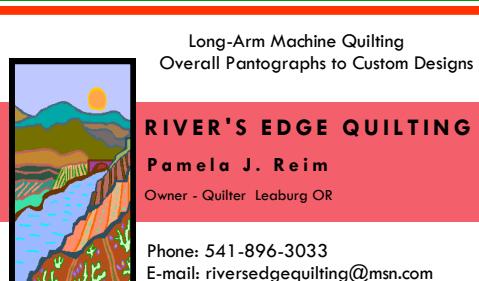
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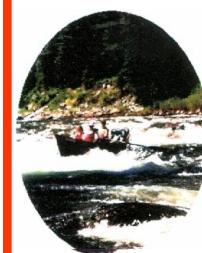
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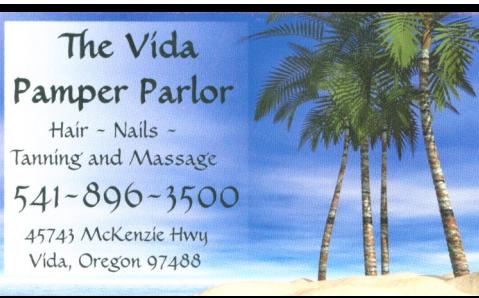
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Thank you,
Walter W. Wilson

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