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Vida McKenzie Community Center

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

O' my, where did the time go? Better yet, where did the year go? Here I go again asking for your support. Asking for you to join us as we progress forward in 2016.

I'm always amazed as I look back to our beginning in 2000 and take note of how many of you stepped forward and helped as we formed the organization that we have today.

As with many organizations, members come and go as interests change in our lives and there is always the sadness of long standing members that have passed away during these years. However, we have been very fortunate to maintain many who have pitched in to make the Center what it is today. I thank each of you for your dedication and continued support of the Center.

During the past 16 years we have continued to offer a very low membership rate and we offer the same low rate again this year. While the membership rate is low, it does help us continue to provide many of the necessary expenses to keep the Center up and running.

Along with your dues, many of you have continued to provide us with additional funds for building and property upgrades. Friends of the Center were very generous during 2015. These additional funds have helped us maintain and upgrade the Building during the year. Over the years we have tried some patch work fixes to our driveway. As with all patch work fixes they only delays what has to really be done. This will probably be the year for a major driveway expense.

Thank you, please join us as we proceed through 2016.



In 2008 during our monthly bingo games at the Center we started a special game called Bonus Ball Bingo. It was only for one game during the evening games and if no one on the "bonus ball" number the amount of the winnings would roll over to the next month and an additional amount would be added. Since that start there have been only two winners, once in 2010 and in 2016.

An so on March 12th, 30 friends and neighbors gathered for Bingo Night at Vida McKenzie Community Center for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration and everyone in attendance hoped that the "Luck of the Irish" would reign. The Raffle Basket was filled with St. Pat's gifts, with pint glasses for Guinness Stout and Nancy from Eagle Rock Lodge even added her special Guinness Stout Cake to the prize. The snack bar ladies offered an array of food and homemade desserts. The smell of popcorn and fresh-brewed coffee was in the air. But there was the added excitement of potentially winning the Bonus Ball Jackpot, which had grown to \$405.00. (cont. page3)



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Walter W Wilson, President

Spring has come early to the McKenzie Valley this year and what a wonderful enjoyable time it is. Joyce and I have been away for several months enjoying a sun of sunny Southern California and it's as if we brought all that sunshine back with us.

WOW 2016. Where "O" where has the year gone. I really hate to talk about Christmas this time of the year, but we did have another successful Christmas Bazaar at the Walterville Grange last December.

Over 30 vendors covered four rolls of table that had Christmas treasures for everyone. Santa was there for the children's delight and the snack bar was overloaded with cakes, pies and almost everything one would want.

In October/November after over ten years of time and with the help of one of our members we did a repaint of the large meeting room. We added some very nice colors instead of the wall to wall off white color.

This year we are going to have two of our Board Director retire: Pat Sherfield and Carol Zaharias. Pat and Carol have help shape and lead the Center operations since 2009. They will be truly missed. In May we will be looking for another member of the Center to fill Carols board position and come December we will need to fill Pat's position. Can you help? The Board meets every other month for a pre-meeting dinner followed by the regular meeting.

Our annual membership meeting this year will be held on Saturday May 14th at 11:00am. I'll briefly discuss what we have been doing the past year and what we are looking forward to in 2016. One of our major items will be the reworking of the driveway to our Center. An hopefully we will have a room full of people that will be want to join us on the Board and help us met some of our goals for the coming year.

On April 30th we will be gathering at the Center for our annual "Clean Up the Center Day". Most of the work will probably be around the outside of the building. Cleaning out the flower beds, cutting back some of the bushes, picking up stuff left over from the winter and rains. There's always the ivy that seems to grow everywhere. Bring your gloves, clipper and have fun as we spruce up the old grounds.

HELP WANTED: We really do need some help from our membership, or even if you are not a member and what to help us on Bingo night. We need extra people to help in the snack bar area, taking the money at the door, selling raffle tickets and bingo callers. If you can help in any of these areas, please give Gerry Aster a call at 541 896-3001. I might as well jump right to the Christmas Bazaar which is held on the first Saturday in December. Lots of help is needed with that great fundraiser for us. There is the set-up operation on Friday evening, and the all day event on Saturday. Come Saturday we will need helpers in the Snack Bar operations and raffle ticket sellers. Give us a call, we would love to hear from you.

The help request never ends. We are still looking for a member that has experience with bookkeeping that will function as our Treasurer for the Center. We have several fund raising events, rental of the Center, membership dues and donations to account for and we have bill that must be paid. Give me a call, let talk.

Don't for to send in your membership dues....Thanks



Spring cleanup around the Center on Saturday April 30th, 10am



BINGO BONUS BALL BANANZA from page 1

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In talking with Toby about being a winner, he relayed upon hearing the bonus ball number called he did indeed yell out "Bingo" with a gigantic smile on his face. Then he realized that he also heard another "Bingo" and the gigantic smile was reduced a little and then in the back of his mind came the sound of another "Bingo". The smile diminished somewhat, maybe a nano second before retuning to gigantic, he was a winner.

UPDATE FROM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

If you have a high school senior in your household, you are probably familiar with a phenomenon called "Scholarship Application Season Syndrome." It is when young people scurry about to meet deadlines to apply for potential college funds. While many students and their families look wide and far for assistance in paying for college, many overlook local resources.

Vida McKenzie Community Center offers two scholarships, one to a graduating McKenzie High School senior who is planning to attend college and one to a college freshman who will be entering their sophomore year of study in Applied Science-Engineering. The latter scholarship is named in honor of Vern Blumhagen who, after a long career as a professional engineer, served local residents by giving generously of his grace, wisdom, time and talents as a volunteer.

In the spirit of community involvement, which is the hallmark of VMCC, each scholarship recipient must donate 10 hours of their time to the Community Center. For example, last year our McKenzie High School recipient, Tamara Satchell, assisted Faith Bokros with the design and launch of the Center's web site. Tamara is currently concluding her freshman year at OSU, majoring in Computer Science and Music. She is excelling in her studies and has applied for the Vern Blumhagen Scholarship to help fund her next year at OSU.

As soon as the applicant interview process concludes, the Scholarship Committee will update you regarding the award recipients. Even though the deadline for 2016 applications has passed, it is not too early to remind any current high school junior and also any current college freshman (majoring in Applied Science/Engineering) of Vida Community Center's scholarship programs.

Gerry Aster, Pat Sherfield, Faith Bokros
Scholarship Committee

Mark your calendars.. Saturday April 23rd: Fisherman's Breakfast at the Leaburg Fire Station and the great Boat Show at Eagle Rock Lodge.

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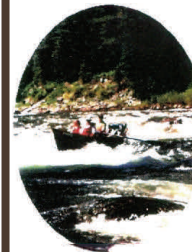
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Food delight



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

Snack Bar, setting up and serving: Give Gerry Aster a call at 541 896-3001

Money Takers at the door: Give Gerry Aster a call at 541 896-3001

Bingo Callers. Give Walt Wilson a call at 541 521-5900

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

Thank you,
Walter W. Wilson

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

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