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Quarterly Membership Luncheons Launch Jan. 10

Exciting news for the new year! As part of our 2026 VMCC Membership Campaign, we're introducing Quarterly Free Membership Luncheons, beginning **Saturday, January 10 from 12 pm – 2 pm**. These gatherings are a chance for members to connect, enjoy a meal together, and stay informed about programs, events, and the future of our community center.

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The VMCC Christmas Bazaar Returns Dec. 13 & 14

The 22nd Annual VMCC Christmas Bazaar returns for a festive weekend of holiday shopping, handmade gifts, local vendors, seasonal treats, and small-town magic on **Saturday and Sunday, December 13 & 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Waltherville Community Center.

This beloved tradition is also one of our most important fundraisers of the year. Last year's Bazaar raised over \$5,000. Please join us in making an even bigger impact this year.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Each month, our President shares a brief reflection on the heart of the VMCC — the people, the programs, and the progress we're making together. In this issue, Tammy offers gratitude for our members and volunteers, and shares her continued commitment to paying down the construction debt so the VMCC can thrive for generations.

Hello Everyone!

Thank you all for being a VMCC member. It is wonderful to see so many membership renewals and new memberships coming in. I also want to thank all the Board Members and volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and continued support.

I would like to give a "shout out" to **Jeanine Rhode** for stepping up and volunteering to recreate, revitalize, and bring our newsletter into the 21st century. I truly hope that everyone is able to enjoy it and find it useful. Jeanine has also created our own Nextdoor page, which complement our VMCC website and Facebook page.

I would also like to give a well-deserved "shout out" to **Shelly Pruitt** for her new role as Vice President. She has taken over facility rentals and is keeping an eye on a few things during this transition. Shelly has a wealth of experience in hospitality and contractual management. Her knowledge has been—and will be—a great asset to the VMCC.

In 2026, we will have some new faces around the center. **Lisa Moore** has joined the team, and her experience in writing grants will be very useful. We will also be hiring a maintenance person and a cook for the senior center luncheons.

Another enhancement includes utilizing Square for more robust payment options for making donations and renewing/starting memberships. We're already enjoying how management-friendly it is on the backend. (Paypal as a payment option will be removed from the website effective January 2026.)

We will have some wonderful events in 2026, starting with our Murder Mystery Dinner in March and the creation of a **VMCC Choir**. If you are interested in either of these, please let me know.

With the launch of Business Memberships and the ability to scan a QR code, I believe we will be able to capture more memberships and businesses. I am always looking toward the future and thinking about new programs that may be of interest. However, my top concern is paying off our construction debt. I believe that we will be making another substantial payment in January.

I would like to encourage all of you to become involved in the center—whether it's attending an event, bringing a friend or two, or making a financial contribution. Please enjoy the community center – it belongs to all of us.

Respectfully,

Tammy Pelton

VMCC Board President & Treasurer



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VMCC NEWS

VMCC continues to grow in ways that strengthen connection and expand what's possible for our community. Here's a look at what's new—from fresh branding to expanded membership opportunities and easier ways to give.

NOW MONTHLY: The VMCC Newsletter

Earlier this year, the VMCC Newsletter shifted from quarterly to **monthly publication**—a big step toward keeping our community more consistently informed. With the release of the **November issue**, the newsletter also entered a new chapter. Its first **interactive (clickable) format** launched and a new **Editor & Publisher** was welcomed.

This monthly rhythm allows us to share timely updates, celebrate community highlights, and keep members better connected throughout the year.

Have a story, update, or photo to share? You can now submit articles and photos through our new online form.

[Details on page 14 →](#)

New! Connect with VMCC on Nextdoor

We've launched an official **VMCC Nextdoor page** to better connect with neighbors across the McKenzie River Valley. From event reminders to community updates, it's another easy way to stay in the loop—right where local conversations already happen.

[Details on page 14 →](#)



A Fresh Look for VMCC

You'll notice our **new VMCC logo**—a fresh visual chapter for our growing community center. Our team will be updating the logo on the VMCC website, social media pages, and printed resources.



Supporting VMCC Just Got Easier

For the first time ever, VMCC is introducing **Business Memberships**—alongside our new **Quarterly Member Appreciation Luncheons**.

These new offerings strengthen local partnerships, support long-term sustainability, and give our members even more meaningful ways to connect.

We've also added **Square for online payments**, making it easier than ever to pay membership dues, sponsor events, and donate toward the construction debt.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS: Feature Story

This time of year brings out the very best of the McKenzie River community. From handmade wreaths to festive gatherings, here's a look at the holiday traditions — old and new — that brighten our valley each December.



Decking the Valley: The Late Bloomers' Holiday Swag Tradition

By Jeanine Rhode, VMCC Newsletter Editor & Community Member

Have you ever driven the McKenzie Highway in December and wondered *who hangs those bright red-bowed evergreen swags on the town signs?* Before joining the Late Bloomers Garden Club this summer, I wondered the same thing.

To find out who's behind it, I sat down with **Laura Murphy**, Membership Chair of the Late Bloomers, for a little holiday history. When she first joined **12-13 years ago**, the club wasn't making swags yet. At that time, their big holiday tradition was **decorating the Goodpasture Bridge with wreaths**—complete with community caroling, hot cider, cookies, and crowds so large you had to arrive early to find a parking spot.

Those gatherings eventually faded, but the spirit behind them still rings true. For many years, the Late Bloomers Garden Club has also called the **Vida McKenzie Community Center** home, hosting their monthly meetings there and deepening their long-standing connection to the heart of our community.

For Laura, the meaning behind it all is simple: ***"I love that we all get together and build something for the community. It's a happy occasion."***

When the community town signs went up — all of which survived the fire, hallelujah! — the Garden Club found a new way to bring holiday cheer to the valley: **handcrafted evergreen swags**, made with love and a whole lot of noble fir.

Greens were once gathered from Whitewater Ranch. After their longtime contact passed away, member **Leslie West** stepped in, offering her own property as the new gathering place.

This year, around **30 members** helped assemble **24 swags and three enormous wreaths**. You'll spot their work everywhere:

- From Cedar Flat to McKenzie Bridge
- At post offices in Walterville, Vida, and Blue River
- At the Leaburg Library and VMCC entrance posts
- The Goodpasture Bridge, Leaburg Dam, and Belknap

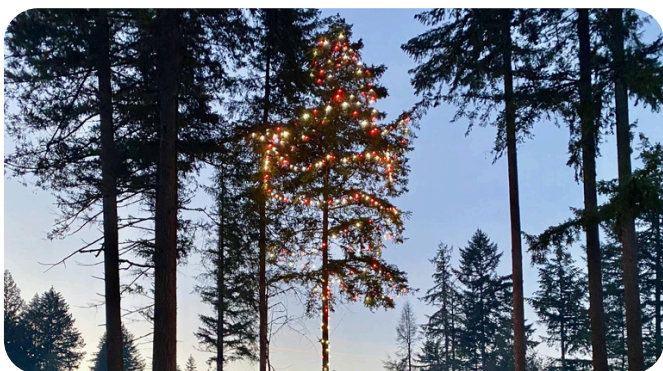
So as you're driving through the valley this season, take an extra moment to notice the green and red along the road. Behind every swag is a group of neighbors who showed up with clippers, gloves, and **joyful hearts** to make the McKenzie Valley feel festive and loved.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS: Community Events

From festive workshops to joyful holiday gatherings, the Vida McKenzie Community Center continues to be a place where our community comes together to celebrate, create, and connect.



Community Holiday Party & Tree Lighting

On **November 29**, neighbors gathered at the Vida McKenzie Community Center for the **2nd Annual Community Holiday Party**, an evening of crafts, shared food, and festive connection. Families created ornaments together before heading outside for the community tree lighting.

Coordinator **Chani Demello**, along with volunteers **Mary Sooh, Anne Hallinan, Jeff and Elizabeth Dehne**, and **Rose Philes**, helped make the evening run smoothly and joyfully.

This gathering began as a post-fire tradition to bring early holiday light back to the valley — and **that familiar glow returned once again this year.**



Honey Paddle's Holiday Wreath Workshop

On **November 30**, Honey Paddle welcomed 32 neighbors for a festive wreath-making workshop this season, led by owner **Amber Jackson** alongside **Brian the Bee Boss** and **Amy & Jose of Saru Bear Essentials**.

Using noble fir, eucalyptus, cedar, Douglas fir, and juniper, guests crafted beautiful holiday wreaths in a cozy, creative atmosphere.

Amber shared that their goal was to create a **joyful space** where neighbors could make memories and craft something special for the season — and by all accounts, they did just that.

See the video from the event → [Click here](#)



VMCC Christmas Bazaar is right around the corner!

Join us **December 13 & 14** for our 22nd annual holiday market featuring local vendors, handmade gifts, sweet treats, and festive cheer
Full details on Page 8 → [Fundraising Events](#)



Planning a gathering of your own?

From birthdays and celebrations to meetings and community events, the Vida McKenzie Community Center offers a warm, welcoming setting with flexible space to fit your needs. *To inquire about rentals, contact Shelly Pruitt at 541-554-9332.*

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COMMUNITY FUN

*Community fun comes in many forms — cards, films, friendly competition, and the joy of gathering together.
 Here's what to know for December and what's ahead in the new year.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 9

Little League Poker

Dec 13 & 14

Christmas Bazaar

Dec 16

Little League Poker

Dec 23

No Poker

Dec 30

No Poker

Jan 10

Family BINGO Returns

Films with Friends

On hold until further notice



With the Christmas Bazaar and the holidays just around the corner, **Family BINGO will take a short pause in December** to give everyone a chance to breathe, prepare, and enjoy the season. The next Family BINGO returns on **Saturday, January 10, with winter hours:**

Doors open at 5:30 pm | Games begin at 6:00 pm

We're also excited to share that **VMCC BINGO gift cards are now available** and will be sold at the Christmas Bazaar — they make the **perfect stocking stuffer** for the BINGO lover in your life.

And one more thing...

Keep your eyes open as you read this issue. A little **BINGO surprise** is hidden somewhere inside the newsletter. Find it, bring it with you to the **January 10** game, and you'll win **a free BINGO card or a \$5 BINGO gift card!**



LITTLE LEAGUE POKER

Little League Poker is shifting to winter hours starting Tuesday, December 9, bringing earlier play and the same great camaraderie to Tuesday nights at the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

Updated Winter Schedule (Tuesdays)

- Dealer's Choice: 4:00–5:30 pm
- Texas Hold'em: 6:00–9:00 pm

No Poker on December 23 or December 30 due to the holidays.

Buy-In Breakdown

- \$15 buy-in = 7,000 chips
- \$10 re-buy = 7,000 chips
- \$10 add-in at break = 7,000 chips

[Learn more about Little League Poker >](#)

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

*Tuesdays at the Senior Center: Join us for lunch and a presentation
 Doors open 11:00 a.m. · Lunch 12:00 p.m. · Program 12:30 p.m.*

*Fridays are for Fitness: Stay Active & Independent for Life (S.A.I.L.) 10:00-11:00 am
 All are welcome to these activities. Please join us!*

NOVEMBER SENIOR LUNCH HIGHLIGHTS

November 4: What's next for Senior Spaces?

Maggie Lewis, Senior Center Director, reported on connections built and information gathered with area partners at a day-long seminar through Lane County Senior and Disability Services. They provided good resources for seniors that are available online or on the table at VMCC.

We talked about the primary challenging facing seniors across the county, such as social isolation, food insecurity, houselessness, access to services, digital literacy, accurate resources. After the presentation, we shared what brought us to VMCC, our favorite programs on the past, and things we can each contribute to this community.

November 11: Honoring our Veterans

On Veterans Day, the Senior Center gathered to honor local veterans and reflect on the meaning of service. Guests were invited into small table conversations using thoughtful prompts designed to encourage listening and storytelling. One question that sparked interest was how veterans stay connected with their comrades over the years, with responses ranging from VFW involvement to personal friendships.

The afternoon was marked by sincere gratitude, quiet reflection, and heartfelt appreciation for the veterans who shared space with us. We thank all who have served and continue to serve our community in countless ways.

November 18: Taking Better Photos with Gentle Tech

Jeanine Rhode, VMCC volunteer and Gentle Tech instructor, led participants in learning simple, confidence-boosting ways to take clearer, brighter photos with their cell phones. The group practiced tap-to-focus, easy stabilization tricks, and how to use natural light for better results. Participants explored basic composition tips, fun selfie strategies, and step-by-step ways to share, save, find, and delete photos. The class wrapped with a simple homework challenge: experiment with these new skills and send a favorite photo to someone they love.

Gentle Tech returns January 20, 2026, with a confidence-building class on online safety and scam awareness.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, Dec 9

Cookie Exchange
 Bring a large batch of cookies to share. Lane County Senior & Disability Services mobile will be onsite.

Friday, Dec 12

S.A.I.L. 10:00-11:00

Tuesday, Dec 16

Shelly Pruitt shares the history of river trips by early day boaters

Friday, Dec 19

S.A.I.L. 10:00-11:00

Tuesday, Dec 23

No Senior Center due to holiday

Friday, Dec 19

No S.A.I.L. due to holiday

Tuesday, Dec 30

Game Day
 Join us for a festive time playing board and card games.

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS: Christmas Bazaar




Your participation in VMCC fundraisers helps keep programs running and supports the long-term health of the center. Here's what's coming up and how you can take part.



VMCC Christmas Bazaar

For 22 years, the VMCC Christmas Bazaar has been a cherished holiday tradition — bringing together neighbors, makers, bakers, and small businesses for a weekend of festive shopping and community connection. It is also one of our most important fundraisers of the year.

Event Details

-  Saturday, Dec. 13 & Sunday, Dec. 14
-  9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
-  Walterville Community Center
-  39259 Camp Creek Rd., Springfield
-  Santa arrives at 10 a.m. both days
-  McKenzie River School Christmas Carolers perform Saturday from 9:00–9:15 a.m.

Bazaar Highlights

- 40+ local vendors & handmade gifts
- Seasonal treats, baked goods & comfort foods
- Santa's Toy Shop with affordable children's gifts
- Photos with Santa
- Raffle tickets both days — drawing Sunday at 2 PM
- Bingo Gift Cards in \$10, \$20 & \$50
- Turkey Dinner Raffle

This Year's Vendor Lineup

Honey Paddle Farm • Lavender Farm • Tammy's Gift Baskets Galore • Renee Langlois Crafts
 Martina Conn Art & Jewelry • Joanne Walch's Cookies • Janet Savage Art • Joyce Hubbard Art
 3J Vintage Glass Bird Feeders • Kathryn Quilling • Sandy Dunbar Art • Dawna Nickolauson Crafts
 Wetnose Warriors Outreach • Michael Atkinson 3D Objects • Diana Brotlund Cards • Flatbed Farms
 SARU Bear Essentials • Lauri Goodpasture Crafts • Soft Peaks Cakery • Melissa Beckwith Crafts
 Norma Sacketts Crafts • Kiger Plews Treats • Lynn Hill Sun Catchers
 Sticks & Stones Sun Catchers • Becky Kampschroeder Art

Special Thanks to Our 2025 Sponsors

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 Bigfoot Beverages • Foshay Construction • McKenzie Valley Pump • Mitch & Jody Hanan • The Bottle Boys



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FUNDRAISING EVENTS: Murder Mystery Dinner

*As the holiday season fills our Community Center with warmth and generosity, the momentum doesn't stop in December. Looking ahead to 2026, we're excited to announce one of our most ambitious and entertaining fundraisers yet. On **March 13, 2026**, the Vida McKenzie Community Center will host a full-scale **Murder Mystery Dinner**, and preparations are already underway. This immersive community production will rely on volunteers, performers, sponsors, and supporters to bring it to life.*



What to Expect on March 13

Step into the Wild West for a full-costumed, interactive who-done-it filled with clues, surprises, and spirited competition — including prizes for Best Dressed and for the table that correctly identifies the culprit.

This lively, immersive production is fully community-powered. Final details, including food and schedule, will be shared as planning continues.

Help Bring the Deadwood Saloon to Life

Join the cast, serve on a committee, or lend your creativity to build an unforgettable night of mystery and fun. Our core teams are in place, and we're now seeking additional volunteers and performers.

We're especially seeking:

- 🎭 Live mystery actors & performers
- 🎹 A pianist for saloon-style music
- 👉 Event-day support (decor, check-in, hospitality)
- 📣 Promotions & outreach helpers

Tickets

Tickets are \$45 each and will be available for sale at the Christmas Bazaar Dec. 13 & 14 and online until sold out (link coming soon).

Important: After purchasing, guests must complete a short **RSVP Form** to confirm seating and event details.

Volunteer

Join the cast or help behind the scenes!
 Call **Tammy Pelton** 951-970-0176
 or **Shelly Pruitt** 541-554-9332

Sponsorship

Help make this community fundraiser shine.
 Click [here](#) to financially support this event.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our 2026 Membership Drive is in full swing, and your support is vital to keeping the VMCC strong. Here are the latest updates, including how to renew, new membership milestones, and what to expect at the first Quarterly Member Luncheon of the new year."

First Quarterly Membership Luncheon – January 10

Our first Quarterly Membership Luncheon is coming up soon, and we're excited to welcome VMCC members for an afternoon of connection, community updates, and a shared meal together. **Saturday, January 10 | 12:00–2:00 p.m.** This offering is part of our expanded Membership Program.

Community Giving Reminder:

If you're able, please bring **canned foods or dry goods** to help stock our local food pantries. Items will be collected at the VMCC and delivered on your behalf.



Welcome, 2026 Business Members

We're proud to introduce our inaugural VMCC Business Members, whose support strengthens our programs and long-term sustainability. Beginning in January, these businesses will be featured in every monthly VMCC newsletter throughout 2026 and included in our Business Member Directory on the VMCC website, with spotlights to come that highlight the people and stories behind them. With the Membership Drive in full swing, we anticipate welcoming even more businesses to this growing list.

- **Earthscapes of Oregon**
- **Hand Forged Knives**
- **Ike's Pizza**
- **Leaburg Flower Co.**
- **McKenzie Roofing, Inc.**
- **Northwest Insurance Services**
- **Soft Peaks Cakery**
- **Thurston Flowers & Gifts**
- **Tom Hoyt Attorney, P.C.**

Thank you for your investment in our community!

2026 Membership Drive Update

The 2026 VMCC Membership Drive is officially underway, and the response from across the McKenzie River Valley has been heartwarming. This year's campaign reflects one of our most coordinated efforts yet, made possible by a dedicated volunteer team who handled printing, envelope stuffing, addressing, and deliveries throughout the valley. Mailings were sent across the valley, with additional outreach by email.

Renewals and new memberships are steadily coming in, and **it has been a joy to see both familiar faces and new households joining VMCC for the year ahead.** We are also thrilled to welcome our first-ever Business Memberships! 2026 dues are due by January 31, 2026, and for the first time, online payment options are now available.

Your Membership Matters

Every membership directly supports VMCC's ability to host gatherings, offer classes, provide resources to seniors, create opportunities for youth, and keep the center strong and thriving. **Thank you for choosing to be part of this community and its future.**

Didn't receive a mailer — or just need an easy online option? You can **join or renew your membership anytime [HERE](#).**



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT: The Heart of VMCC



Our first annual **Thanksgiving Feast at the Vida McKenzie Community Center** was a beautiful day of gratitude, connection, and community spirit.

More than **50 friends and neighbors** gathered to share a full Thanksgiving meal prepared and hosted by local VMCC members and volunteers, led by Shelly Pruitt, along with Mekyael and Michelle, Sherry and Alan Jones, Ben and Jeanine Rhode, and many others who helped with cooking, setup, serving, and cleanup.

We were especially touched to welcome both longtime residents and new friends, including a family who traveled from **Junction City** just to be part of the day.

The feast featured all the holiday favorites, beautifully decorated tables, warm music (with a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving tune or two!), and **freshly baked apple pies made with apples donated by Faith and Mike Borkos.**

Many guests shared that they would have spent Thanksgiving alone if not for this gathering, making the day especially meaningful.

This was not a fundraiser, but a **fully sponsored gift made possible by generous donors** who wanted to offer warmth, food, and connection to their community. The VMCC provided the perfect space to bring everyone together.

Alongside the feast, our **Community Coat Drive** collected nearly **20 coats** for neighbors in need, now being distributed through **two local organizations**. A special thank-you goes to **Sherry Jones** for helping coordinate and deliver these donations.

Moments like this remind us why VMCC matters so deeply—it's more than a building. It's a place where people feel seen, share meals, tell stories, and are reminded that **no one in this valley has to be alone, especially during the holidays.**



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BOARD SPOTLIGHT: Walt Wilson, President Emeritus



I LOVE MY COMMUNITY

By Walt Wilson, President Emeritus

I am deeply proud to be part of the McKenzie Valley — the people who call this place home, our local businesses, and the many neighbors I've stood beside over the years. From the beginning, I wanted to give something back. For me, that "something" became the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

When my wife and I bought our home in 1990, the Center was still known as the McKenzie River Club, but it began evolving from a private club into a true community space. With leadership from Bob Neilsen Jr. and a dedicated Board, that transformation took shape. I joined the Board soon after, and when Bob became ill the following year, I stepped into the role of president — supported every step of the way by both the Board and the community.

In 2003, we launched BINGO as a fundraiser. That same December, we held our first Christmas Bazaar with help from the Leaburg Community Center. Both traditions continue today. Over time, the Center became a fully volunteer-run nonprofit — awarding scholarships, supporting local groups, and growing into a gathering place for the entire valley. Then came 2020.

During the early months of COVID, we refreshed the building — fresh paint, refurbished cabinets, remodeled restrooms — and began imagining reopening. Then the winds shifted. In early September, the Holiday Farm Fire tore through the valley, destroying 430 homes and businesses — including the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

The day I was allowed back into the burn zone is one I will never forget. The cinder-block walls from 1949 stood blackened. The roof had collapsed. The piano, the kitchen, the hardwood floors — all exposed and ruined. What remained was the skeleton of a place that once held dances, dinners, meetings, laughter, and community life.

As I began to communicate with the current board members there was no doubt in our minds, we would rebuild our Center. There is more to this story, and I look forward to sharing it in a future edition.

1990 · Purchased home in the McKenzie Valley; joined the McKenzie River Club

Early 1990s · Joined the Board during the transition to a community center

Mid-1990s · Became President following Bob Neilsen Jr.'s illness

2003 · Launched BINGO and the first Christmas Bazaar

2000s–2010s · Scholarships and community giving expanded

Early 2020 · Building refreshed during COVID closure

September 2020 · Holiday Farm Fire destroyed the Center

2020–2023 · Helped lead communication and rebuilding efforts

Today · Continues serving as President Emeritus

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BOARD SPOTLIGHT: **Gerry Aster, Vice President – *through 2025***

Gerry Aster was born, raised, and spent her nursing career in California but has been living on the McKenzie since 1996. She fell in love with that darn Goodpasture Bridge!

Since Walt Wilson is her neighbor, it did not take long to become involved in the Vida McKenzie Community Center. Eventually, Gerry joined the VMCC Board and then became Vice President and Secretary.

Following the Holiday Farm Fire, Gerry was asked to lead the rebuild of the Center, and she spent the next four years focused on planning and fundraising activities. Once the Center's doors opened in Spring of 2024, Gerry shifted to creating innovative programs which would bring even more river residents together at the Center. These programs included VMCC's Senior Center, the SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) Exercise Class, Films with Friends, the VMCC Concert Series, and the Homeschool Club (now the Cascade Homeschool Club.)

As she retires from the Board at the end of 2025, Gerry feels great satisfaction with VMCC's beautiful new building and more importantly with the new ways it serves McKenzie Valley visitors and residents. She is also confident the new VMCC Board will continue the Center's legacy of being a "warm and welcoming gathering place."

What is next for Gerry? There are always new opportunities for community involvement, and she is already working on several projects aimed at enhancing the economic and cultural vitality of this beautiful place she calls home.



GERRY'S IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- VMCC Board Member since the early 2000s
- Served as Vice President & Secretary
- Led the rebuild of the VMCC after the Holiday Farm Fire
- Coordinated planning & fundraising for 4 years
- Passionate about the cultural & economic vitality of the McKenzie Valley
- Launched several community programs that bring river residents together:
 - Senior Center
 - SAIL Exercise Class
 - Films with Friends
 - VMCC Concert Series
 - Homeschool Club (now Cascade Homeschool Club)

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CONNECT WITH US

There are many ways to stay connected with everything happening at the Vida McKenzie Community Center — from our website and newsletter to social media and direct outreach. Here’s where to find information, ask questions, or get in touch.

Stay in the Know

Whether you prefer online updates, a monthly newsletter, or social media reminders, we’ve made it easy to stay in the loop. Here are the best ways to follow what’s happening at the VMCC.

Website

- www.vidacommunitycenter.com
- Event details, schedules & announcements
- *Managed by Will Rutherford*

Monthly Newsletter

- Stories, programs & community highlights
- [VMCC Newsletter Article & Photo Submission Form](#)
- *Editor & Publisher: Jeanine Rhode*

Social Media pages

- Updates, reminders & photos
- *Facebook – Managed by Amber Jackson*
- *Nextdoor – Managed by Jeanine Rhode*

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You’ll often see our Board members around the Center and at public events. Please feel free to say hello, introduce yourself, and share what the VMCC means to you — they love hearing from the community they serve.

Questions or Need Help?

Have a question about an event, program, rental, or membership?

Email us at:

VMCC2024@yahoo.com

Call us at:

541-554-9332

For website or social media–related questions, you can also message us through the VMCC **website**, **Facebook**, or **Nextdoor**. We’re always glad to help.

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