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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Nourishing Community: Strengthening Our Senior Program

The weekly Senior Lunch Program at the Vida McKenzie Community Center has long been a meaningful point of connection for **our senior neighbors in the McKenzie Valley**, offering more than a warm meal — but conversation, companionship, and belonging.

As the program has grown, VMCC is taking a short, thoughtful pause this winter to strengthen the structure behind the program and prepare for its next chapter. This includes **establishing dedicated leadership and kitchen support roles** to ensure the program remains welcoming, well-organized, and sustainable. We are grateful to everyone who has helped make Tuesdays at VMCC something to look forward to.

To read more about this update — including what's ahead for the Senior Program and current opportunities — [please turn to page 3.](#)



## Murder Mystery Dinner Comes to VMCC

On **Friday, March 13, 2026**, VMCC will transform into the **Deadwood Saloon** for a full-scale **Murder Mystery Dinner** set in the Wild West of the 1880s.

Guests can expect colorful characters, interactive clues, spirited competition, and prizes for **Best Dressed** and the table that correctly identifies the culprit.

More than just a dinner, this immersive evening is shaping up to be one of VMCC's most ambitious, community-powered fundraisers yet. **Tickets are \$45** with limited seating.

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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!

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend some time with family and friends. I am happy to report that our **22nd Annual Christmas Bazaar raised \$5,382 in December!** We would like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers, vendors, and guests. This money will go toward another principal payment against our building debt.

As we move into the colder winter months, **please be careful out on the roads.** We all know how dangerous Highway 126 can be. Please also be prepared for the power outages the McKenzie Valley is famous for.

Our Senior Center Program will **pause during the month of January** while our Hiring Committee completes interviews for the Senior Center Coordinator position. This dedicated time allows us to focus on finding the right person to support and strengthen the program moving forward. We will keep you updated as we move through the hiring process.

We are also looking for a new janitorial and maintenance service. We have received special grant funding to pay for these positions. If you would like to recommend a company, please feel free to let us know.

Our next major fundraiser will be our **Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday, March 13, 2026.** We have a limit of 40 tickets at \$45 each, so be sure to get yours early. This is an 1880s Wild West-themed event, and guests are encouraged to dress in old western attire—there will be prizes for Best Dressed! If you would like to be an actor, please let me know, as rehearsals will be starting soon.

We are also looking for two event sponsors; if you are interested, I'd love to hear from you.

Our **Quarterly Membership Appreciation Luncheon was held on January 10** at the VMCC. This was a very special gathering, as we said "thank you" to **Walter Wilson and Gerry Aster** in a meaningful and memorable way. Please be sure to read the full recap on **page 11.**

Family BINGO returned on January 10, and several members who attended the luncheon earlier in the day joined the fun for the first time that evening. **Thank you to everyone who supports VMCC Family BINGO Night the second Saturday each month!**

I hope to see you all soon, and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

**Tammy Pelton**  
 VMCC Board President & Treasurer



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## VMCC NEWS: Senior Program Update

*As shared on the cover of this month's newsletter, the Vida McKenzie Community Center is taking a thoughtful pause in regular senior activities while we strengthen the foundation of our Senior Program.*

*During this time, we are focused on building the right support behind the scenes — establishing dedicated roles that will help steward the program forward and create room for future enrichment, guest speakers, and continued growth. We appreciate the patience, understanding, and encouragement of our community as we take these intentional steps.*

### WHAT'S CONTINUING & WHAT'S PAUSED

*To help clarify how this transition affects current programs, we want to share the following updates:*

#### Continuing Programs

- SAIL Fitness Program continues as scheduled and is not affected by this pause.



#### Temporarily Paused Programs

- Senior Lunch & Enrichment Activities are paused while hiring and onboarding are completed.
- Gentle Tech programming is also paused at this time and will resume once the Senior Program structure is in place.

These pauses are intentional and temporary, allowing us to return with a program that is consistent, well-coordinated, and supported for the long term.

*The December 30 Senior Lunch included thoughtful conversation and helpful feedback from participants about the future of the Senior Program. A brief recap of this gathering is available on the [Senior Activities](#) page and provides additional context for the steps VMCC is taking during this transition.*

### Senior Program Opportunities at VMCC

As part of this next chapter, the Vida McKenzie Community Center is currently seeking **two part-time team members** to support the Senior Program:

- **Senior Program Coordinator**
- **Cook & Clean-Up Person (Senior Program)**

These roles are essential to the success of the weekly senior lunch and future enrichment activities. They are ideal for individuals who value community, consistency, and meaningful connection with others in the McKenzie Valley.

**Full position details, including responsibilities, schedules, and who to contact for more info, are provided on the following pages.**

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# VMCC NEWS: Help Wanted

## Senior Program Coordinator (Part-Time – Contracted Role)

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**Organization:** Vida McKenzie Community Center

**Engagement Type:** Ongoing contracted role (1099 Independent Contractor)

**Compensation:** Contracted rate (\$22–\$28 per hour), dependent on experience (DOE)

**Schedule Requirement:** Tuesday availability required

**Reports To:** VMCC Board (or designated Board liaison)

### POSITION SUMMARY

The Vida McKenzie Community Center (VMCC) is seeking a thoughtful, organized, and community-minded Senior Program Coordinator to steward and grow its weekly Senior Program. This role focuses on coordination, continuity, and enrichment — ensuring the Senior Program remains welcoming, well-supported, and sustainable for our senior neighbors in the McKenzie Valley.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Program Coordination:

- Coordinate the weekly Senior Lunch program, including logistics, flow, and communication
- Serve as the primary point of contact for the Cook & Clean-up Contractor, guest speakers, and volunteers
- Ensure consistent, welcoming program delivery each Tuesday
- Submit monthly invoices for contracted services and approved supplies
- Provide a brief monthly program recap for VMCC communications and newsletter use

#### Enrichment & Guest Speakers:

- Plan and coordinate enrichment activities and guest speakers aligned with senior interests
- Build relationships with local presenters, community members, and partner organizations
- Curate programming that supports connection, learning, and community history when appropriate

### QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

- Must possess, or be willing to obtain, a current Oregon Food Handler's Card within 14 days of the agreed-upon start date, in accordance with kitchen and food safety requirements
- Reliable and respectful communication with VMCC leadership and program participants

### ENGAGEMENT DETAILS

This is an ongoing contracted role with no guaranteed duration. Either party may discontinue the engagement with reasonable notice. Tuesday availability is required to deliver the weekly Senior Program.

### LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Vida McKenzie Community Center is an equal opportunity organization and welcomes applicants of all backgrounds. Final candidates may be subject to a background check. VMCC reserves the right to modify this role or close the application process at any time.

**To request full details or apply, contact VMCC Board Vice President Shelly Pruitt:**

✉ [spruitt59@gmail.com](mailto:spruitt59@gmail.com)

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# VMCC NEWS: Help Wanted

## Part-Time Cook and Clean-up Person – Senior Program (Contracted Role)

### Part-Time Cook and Clean-up Person – Senior Program (Contracted Role)

**Organization:** Vida McKenzie Community Center

**Engagement Type:** Ongoing contracted role (1099 Independent Contractor)

**Compensation:** Contracted rate (\$18-\$22 per hour), dependent on experience (DOE)

**Schedule Requirement:** Tuesday availability required

**Reports To:** VMCC Board (or designated Board liaison)

### POSITION SUMMARY

VMCC is seeking a reliable and community-minded Part-Time Cook and Clean-up Person to support the weekly Senior Program. This role is responsible for preparing, serving, and cleaning up a healthy weekly lunch for approximately 12–20 senior participants each

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collaborate with the Senior Program Coordinator to plan balanced, senior-appropriate meals
- Purchase ingredients within an agreed-upon food budget
- Prepare and serve meals in the VMCC kitchen in accordance with Oregon food safety standards
- Complete full kitchen and dining area clean-up after lunch

### ENGAGEMENT DETAILS

This is an ongoing contracted role with no guaranteed duration. Either party may discontinue the engagement with reasonable notice. Tuesday availability is required to deliver the weekly Senior Lunch.

### QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to prepare and serve meals safely in a community kitchen environment
- Must possess, or be willing to obtain, a current Oregon Food Handler's Card within 14 days of the agreed-upon start date, in accordance with kitchen and food safety requirements
- Reliable and respectful communication with VMCC leadership and program participants

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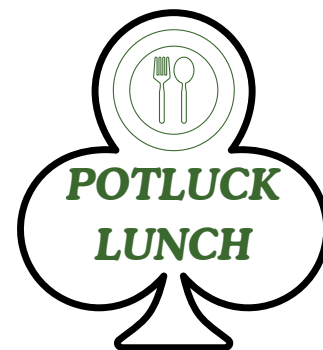
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# COMMUNITY FUN: POKER



***This all-day event is designed to be a big draw!***  
 DAYTIME PLAY • LARGE POTS • GREAT FOOD  
 We're hoping for 40 players, so spread the word!

## TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- **Doors open:**  
8:45 AM – 4:00 PM
- **Dealer's Choice play:**  
9:00–10:30 AM
- **Texas Hold'em**  
**Tournament starts:**  
11:00 AM sharp

## PAYOUTS

- 1st:** 50%
- 2nd:** 30%
- 3rd:** 20%
- 4th:** \$75
- 5th:** \$50

**QUESTIONS?**  
**CALL JP AT 541-579-3474**

## BUY-IN & CHIPS

- **Entry fee:**  
\$40 = \$20,000 in chips
- \$5 from each entry donated to VMCC
- **One-time re-buy/add-on:**  
\$20 for 20,000 chips

## Tuesday Night Poker at the VMCC

*Dealer's Choice & Texas Hold'em • Bring a snack (and more to share if you'd like)*

**Every Tuesday • Dealer's Choice / Coaching Session 4:00–5:30 PM**

**Texas Hold'em starts at 6:00 PM sharp, ends at 9:00 PM**



*Friendly, low-key group  
 Typically 16–24 players  
 New faces welcome*

## BUY-IN & CHIPS

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

## PAYOUTS

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place:**  
based on chip counts
- 4th place:** \$25

## COACHING SESSION

**4:00–5:30 PM**

**Topics covered:**

- Tournament/Poker etiquette
  - Beginning strategies
  - Hands-on coaching advice on how to play your hands
- Coaching not required to participate in regular play.*

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# COMMUNITY FUN: BINGO



## BINGO NIGHT

*All ages welcome • Big fun • Small-town charm*

**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY  
MONTHLY**

**FEBRUARY  
14**

**5:30 PM  
DOORS OPEN**

**6:00 PM  
GAMES START**

**NUMBERS CALLED BY MR. COMMUNITY, WALT WILSON**

**SNACK BAR OPEN**

### HOW IT WORKS

- We play **15 games** using a video BINGO system displayed on a large TV screen
- **2 cards for \$5** — buy as many as you'd like
- Extra cards can be purchased at any time
- **20–30 minute break after Game 10** (perfect for snacks and socializing!)



### SPECIAL GAMES & PRIZES

- **Golden Ticket Progressive Game (sponsored by Bottle Boys)**
  - \$1 per ticket
  - Starts at **\$150** and increases by **\$25 each month** until it's won
- **Final Game Jackpot**
  - Pays **\$75** if BINGO is called within **54** numbers
  - Drops to **\$50** after that

**GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE**

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# SENIOR ACTIVITIES

*The Senior Lunch Program is temporarily paused while roles are filled to support the needs of the program.*

*Fridays are **still** for Fitness: Stay Active & Independent for Life (S.A.I.L.) 10:00-11:00 am*

*All are welcome - please join us!*

## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

**Friday, Jan 9**  
S.A.I.L. 10:00-11:00

**Friday, Jan 16**  
S.A.I.L. 10:00-11:00

**Friday, Jan 23**  
S.A.I.L. 10:00-11:00

**Friday, Jan 30**  
S.A.I.L. 10:00-11:00

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER'S SENIOR LUNCH

### December 9: Cookie Exchange

The December 9 Senior Lunch included a festive cookie exchange and time to gather and visit.

Community neighbors enjoyed sharing homemade treats and conversation making it extra sweet.

### December 16: River Trips of Early Boaters Presented by Shelly Pruitt

On December 16, VMCC Vice President Shelly Pruitt shared a remarkable presentation featuring historic films, photographs, and stories of early river trips, boat builders, and guides who shaped life along the McKenzie. It was a living archive of local history, shared by those who lived it.

The presentation included rare footage from the 1930s-1970s, personal family films, and firsthand context from longtime river guides and local families. Attendees heard about early drift boats, guiding

traditions, river safety efforts, and the deep connections between place, work, and community.

This presentation marks the beginning of a broader effort to preserve and share local history through a future historical feature of this publication.

In an upcoming issue, we'll introduce this ongoing space and highlight how community members—including Shelly and other longtime locals—will continue contributing stories, photos, and memories.

***Selected films from Shelly Pruitt's presentation are available online > <https://tinyurl.com/2m5krrx6>***

### December 30: Senior Lunch Recap & Program Update

The December 30 senior potluck lunch welcomed **15 participants**, including regular attendees and one new guest, for a relaxed and community-centered gathering. Participants shared appreciation for the **Tuesday lunch tradition**, highlighting the program's welcoming structure, consistency, and sense of connection.

Guests offered thoughtful input on future enrichment topics, including **tax and estate planning**, **Firewise landscaping**, **home safety**, and continued **Gentle Tech programming**. Logistical suggestions included starting lunch earlier to allow more time for guest speakers and improving meal planning.

The group emphasized keeping the program inclusive, with "senior" defined broadly.

Attendees also learned about the **two new support** roles being created to strengthen the Senior Program through improved coordination and sustainability, with support for prioritizing candidates familiar with the McKenzie Valley.

While no restart date was announced, the goal is to resume the program once hiring and onboarding are complete. Overall, the gathering provided valuable feedback and reaffirmed the importance of strengthening the program's foundation moving forward.

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## FUNDRAISING EVENT: Murder Mystery Dinner at the Deadwood Saloon

### Murder Mystery Dinner at the Deadwood Saloon

*A Signature VMCC Fundraising Event*

On **Friday, March 13, 2026**, the Vida McKenzie Community Center will host a lively, fully immersive **Murder Mystery Dinner**, transporting guests back to an 1880s Wild West saloon for an evening of mystery, laughter, and community connection.

This one-of-a-kind event blends dinner, live performance, and interactive storytelling. **Guests will follow clues, question suspects, and work together at their tables to solve the mystery**—while enjoying themed décor, saloon-style entertainment, and a few surprises along the way. Prizes will be awarded for Best Dressed and for the table that cracks the case.

### A Community-Powered Production

What makes this event truly special is that it is being built by the community, for the community. From actors and musicians to decorators and behind-the-scenes helpers, this production relies on volunteers who want to be part of something fun, creative, and meaningful.

**With a pianist already confirmed and tickets already selling**, this immersive evening is quickly coming together—powered by neighbors who want to help bring the Deadwood Saloon to life.

**No acting experience is required.** If you enjoy storytelling, costumes, or simply want to try something new, there's a role for you—onstage or off.

### Tickets

💎 \$45 each | Advance purchase required  
 Purchase tickets online: 🖱️ <https://tinyurl.com/yhr2nkwe>  
 🖱️ Guest name(s) required at checkout

### Sponsorship

We'd love your help making this community fundraiser shine. Financial support can be provided here: 🖱️ <https://tinyurl.com/5fkc4frz>



# SAVE THE DATE!

Vida McKenzie Community Center Presents

## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON

**6 PM - 8 PM**  
 90377 THOMSON LN  
 VIDA, OR 97488

**FRIDAY  
MARCH 13, 2026**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## 1880s WESTERN THEME

Come Dressed to Impress · Prizes for Best Costume

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**Tickets are on sale now!**  
 Available online until sold out.  
 Guest name(s) required at checkout.

## TICKETS \$45 EACH

### ADVANCE PURCHASE REQUIRED

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**WANTED:**

Actors · Event Volunteers · Sponsors  
 Call Director & Producer Tammy Pelton at 951-970-0176  
 to get involved with this production.

### We're Looking for:

- 🎭 Live mystery actors & performers
- 👤 Event-day volunteers (decor, hospitality, etc.)
- 🗣️ Promotions & outreach helpers

### Volunteer

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

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## FUNDRAISING EVENT: Christmas Bazaar Recap



### 22nd Annual VMCC Christmas Bazaar

Held on **December 13 and 14**, the 22nd Annual VMCC Christmas Bazaar welcomed beautiful winter weather and a steady flow of neighbors for a festive weekend of shopping, conversation, and community connection.

Handcrafted goods, baked treats, children's activities, and seasonal music filled the Waltermville Community Center with warmth and holiday spirit.

Thanks to the generosity of our vendors, volunteers, sponsors, and guests, the **2025 Christmas Bazaar raised \$5,382**, which will go directly toward **another principal payment on the Vida McKenzie Community Center building loan**.



### Powered by Community

This tradition wouldn't be possible without the many people behind it. Special thanks to:

- Our **local vendors and makers**, who filled the center with beautiful, thoughtful goods
- Our **volunteers**, who helped with setup, hospitality, sales, and cleanup
- Our **sponsors**, whose support made the event possible
- And our **community members**, whose attendance and purchases directly support VMCC programs

### With Gratitude

More than a fundraiser, the Christmas Bazaar is a reminder of what makes this community special. Thank you for your help and for investing in the future of the Vida McKenzie Community Center!



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Quarterly Membership Luncheon Recap

Community in Action: January Membership Appreciation Luncheon



On **January 10**, members gathered at the Vida McKenzie Community Center for **our Membership Appreciation Luncheon**—an afternoon rooted in gratitude, conversation, and shared purpose.

We were honored to recognize **Walt Wilson** and **Gerry Aster** for their years of leadership and service to the VMCC.

As members visited, shared a meal, and spent time together, the room reflected **what makes this community special**: people who show up, contribute, and care deeply about the place we all call home.

Our generous members also **donated 40 pounds of food** in support of local food pantries.

**Our 2026 Membership Drive is underway**, and we're encouraged by the continued support from households and local businesses!

Memberships help sustain the programs, gatherings, and leadership that make moments like this possible.

### [Join or Renew](#)

Be part of what's next at the VMCC!

### [Learn More](#)

Explore membership benefits and upcoming events on the VMCC website.



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## BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Covered Bridge Forge

*Hand-forged knives by Jeff Calavan*

For more than 20 years, **Jeff Calavan** has been forging knives by hand. Since 2022, he's been doing so under the name **Covered Bridge Forge**, right here in the McKenzie River Valley.

Each knife is hand-forged from high-carbon steel, creating a long-lasting edge that's easy to sharpen and built to be used for a lifetime. Jeff crafts chef and paring knives, cleavers, mushroom harvesting knives, and hunting and camping blades, along with custom orders and local knife sharpening. Distinctive hammer marks are intentionally left on each blade, giving every piece a rustic, forged-by-hand character inspired by old homestead craftsmanship.

Jeff works from his home studio overlooking the river, spending hours forging, grinding, heat-treating, and finishing each knife by hand. Ergonomic handles and custom leather sheaths complete many of his pieces, while fly fishing behind the house often weaves into the rhythm of his days.



*Jeff Calavan at the forge*

Jeff and his wife JoAnn have called the McKenzie River home for 30 years. That deep connection to the community shapes how he does business, especially the joy he finds in handing a finished knife directly to its owner and hearing how it performs in real kitchens, camps, and workshops.

In addition to bladesmithing, Jeff has been crafting Native American-style wooden flutes for more than 40 years, with instruments sold worldwide and featured on film soundtracks.

Jeff joined the VMCC Business Membership Program in 2025 to deepen local connections and continue contributing to the community he loves.

***Special thanks to Jeff Calavan for sharing his craft and being our first featured VMCC Business Member Spotlight!***



*Japanese style chef knife*



*Kitchen knife set*

*All photos provided courtesy of Covered Bridge Forge.  
See and learn more at [coveredbridgeforge.com](https://coveredbridgeforge.com)*

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## BOARD SPOTLIGHT: Shelly Pruitt, Vice President



**Shelly Pruitt's life has never followed a single rhythm — and that suits her just fine.**

Raised on a Navy base in the Mojave Desert, Shelly moved to the McKenzie

River Valley in 1984 while attending the University of Oregon. She's been here ever since, building a life shaped by land, history, and community. Living on 42+ acres with an aging horse, dog, and a 65-year-old house, her days are guided by whatever needs attention most. Alongside caring for her place, Shelly also runs **Soft Peaks Cakery**, a custom baking business she founded in 2004.

**Shelly's connection to the Vida McKenzie Community Center began long before the current building existed.** Her first visit to the old "clubhouse" was in 1989 at a Guides' Wives Dinner. Her husband, Roy, was a longstanding member of the McKenzie River Guides and often helped cook for gatherings. The clubhouse was a true community hub — a place for pancake breakfasts, dances, New Year's Eve parties, meals cooked over a campfire, and countless conversations that turned neighbors into family.

Although her membership shifted over the years with the seasons of her life, Shelly's connection to the place remained steady.

After the Holiday Farm Fire took the building, Shelly began attending fundraisers and supporting rebuilding efforts however she could. Watching the community come together made something clear: **she wanted to be part of what came next.**

When the call went out for new board members, the timing felt right — for the VMCC, and for her.

Today, **Shelly serves as Vice President of the VMCC Board of Directors.** She enjoys helping members feel welcome at events, supporting community programs, and sharing the Center with those interested in renting the space. With more than 30 years of experience in food service, **she's also happiest serving in the kitchen** — helping coordinate community meals and ensuring the commercial kitchen is cared for and ready to serve the community.

To Shelly, the VMCC is vital. It's a place where the McKenzie Valley can gather, celebrate milestones, share information, volunteer, and feel a sense of belonging. As a newly built facility, she sees it as something that will outlast all of us — **a lasting home for the community.**

Some of her most **meaningful memories** span both eras of the Center: **cooking fried chicken around an open fire for a McKenzie River Guides meeting alongside her husband**, and more recently, watching people enjoy the food at **the first annual Thanksgiving Feast.**

For those unsure about getting involved, Shelly offers reassurance. Participation looks different for everyone — attending an event, volunteering a few minutes, or simply showing up. Large or small, every effort matters.

**"I am not as independent as you may think,"** she says. **"I need my community to make it."**

And at the VMCC, Shelly helps make that community possible.

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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](http://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*

**Follow & Favorite VMCC** on Facebook and Nextdoor for updates.

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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:**

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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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*Thank you to our VMCC Business Members for supporting community programs, gatherings, and connection throughout the McKenzie River Valley.*



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