



VMCC Newsletter

VIDA MCKENZIE COMMUNITY CENTER

WE DID IT!

The Board of Directors signed loan documents on Aug. 21, 2026, with Evergreen Escrow for our new loan thru Banner Bank. This is a fixed rate loan of 6.99% for the first five years. This is a 10 year loan and our new payment will be \$1,412.28.

Our plan all along was that if we couldn't pay it off within the 3 years, then we would refinance. We would have a good history of rentals by then. Banner Bank liked what we are doing and provided the loan of \$200,000. My goal is to have it paid off within 5 years. This takes a big load of stress off all of the Board Members and the Community as well.

Thank you all for your support.



Senior Center

Come and meet your new Senior Center Director Skye Moore. Doors open at 11:30.

Little League Poker

Meets every Tuesday Night. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. for Dealers; choice and Texas Holdem' starts at 6:00 p.m.

Bingo Sept. 12th

Come and have some fun. Our Golden Ticket jackpot is up to \$575.00.

Tammy will be cooking up some hamburgers and tots!

SAIL Program

Meets every Friday at 10:00 a.m

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, another month has passed us by. I know that I have been very busy with work, VMCC stuff and weddings and events. As some of you know, I am an Event Coordinator, so during the summers I do weddings, where I am the Day of Coordinator. I have to say that this summer was unique. I had a Pirate Themed wedding that was celebrated over the Labor Day weekend at a local campground. If you remember - it rained!! Guests did not attend, workers did not show up, everything was wet, luckily it did not rain during the ceremony or after. Don't worry I used Plan B & C!! Remember, always have a back-up plan!. Tammy Pelton



WHY WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

For the last 6 years or more we have had about 5 or 6 people on the Board who are doing all the work that it takes to operate this community center.

The Board Members are not paid and are spending anywhere from 10 to 40 hour per month or more, doing what is necessary for the VMCC to stay open. This is a new and completely different center than it was before the fire and it has a whole new set of operating rules and regulations that we have to follow.

These Board members are doing;

- All the fundraising,
- Hiring workers for the Senior Center and to keep the place clean, and maintained,
- Doing the laundry,
- Doing the shopping,
- Paying the bills so we can keep the lights on,
- Preparing publications and emails so that everyone stays informed,
- Hosting the monthly Bingos and sometimes using our own money to pay for food and drinks,
- We also spend time during the weekends to set up at various venues to promote the VMCC.,
- We set up and prepare meals to feed 35-40 people and then clean up afterwards,
- We spend our evenings preparing and writing grants in hopes of receiving funding for our various programs or balancing the 4 bank accounts.

To speak frankly, we need more help. We have several Board members who are suffering burn out or they have major health issues. But instead of quitting, and seeing the VMCC fail, they are sucking it up. Would you PLEASE consider helping out? Even if it is a one time thing, like helping with Bingo. Or maybe you are a handy type person and can come and change the air filters four times a year.

It all matters. It all helps. This is everyone's community center.

Business Member Spotlight

Blue River Night Sky Alliance

Currently, an estimated 80% of Americans live in areas where artificial lighting has become so pervasive that the Milky Way is no longer visible. The loss of darkness has happened gradually over the past several decades. We, in the McKenzie River Valley are among the few remaining areas where people can still experience a truly natural night sky. It is up to each of us to make outdoor lighting choices that keep it that way.

The **McKenzie River Valley** stands as one of Oregon's most pristine natural corridors. To safeguard its environmental integrity, rural heritage and ecotourism economy it is up to each of us to protect the natural night sky along the McKenzie River corridor. We can do this by: 1. Choosing light fixtures that are fully shielded – keeping light from “trespassing” into the sky or onto neighboring properties and 2. Choosing bulbs that emit soft, gentle amber or red light instead of bright, blue-toned LED frequencies.

The Blue River/McKenzie Night Light Alliance invites ALL to join simply through voluntary cooperation. The heart of our movement relies on building community-wide enthusiasm rather than enforcing rigid restrictions. We are thrilled to be a part of the Vida/McKenzie Community and look forward to working with you to keep the McKenzie's night skies gentle and accessible. We will have a booth at the McKenzie Track September 12th and will be giving out night-friendly amber bulbs to those who are interested as long as the supply lasts.

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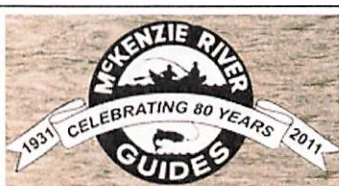
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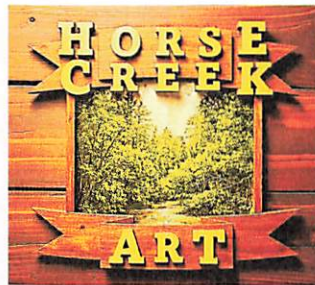
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Thank you Mark and Linda for joining our Community Center! Welcome to the Mckenzie River Valley as your new home!

OTHER NEWS

PET CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

We are happy to announce that all of the spots have been sold. Calendars will be ready by October 1st, 2026 . Place your order soon, before we sell out.

October Tree Removal Project

We are planning significant work around the center in October, before winter weather sets in. Five large Douglas fir trees need to be removed because they were affected by HFF.

A tree specialist has recommended removing the trees before they fall and cause damage to the building or boat landing.

Coordination Needed

This will be an ongoing project that requires coordination among:

- VMCC
- Lane County Parks Department
- Neighboring property owners to the east

If you have any questions, you can contact Tammy Pelton at tpelton@vidacommunitycenter.com

Board Member Spotlight

Sherry Jones

Director of Hwy. 126 Defensive Berm Operations and
Duck Relations

Sherry is the wife of Allen, mother of an undisclosed number of children and grandmother to several grandchildren. The exact numbers remain classified, primarily because she has not yet submitted the information.

She and Allen reside proudly along Hwy. 126, where they have taken residential security to a level few homeowners have attempted. After experiencing the occasional concern that passing motorist might mistake their front yard for an extension of the highway, they installed strategically placed berms.

Although, Sherry and Allen do not currently have any pets, they did have a wild duck last year. Technically, the duck was not theirs. However, after receiving regular meals, attention and hospitality, the duck decided to stay for a bit. Whether the duck was officially adopted remains unclear.

We know that Sherry has the remarkable ability to know just about everyone, and when given a list of 100 locals, she would say “yes, I know them all”.

As a Board Member, Sherry brings her knowledge and personality to the table. We thank her for her commitment to the VMCC.

2027 Memberships

Will be coming out soon.

Be on the look-out in your email or your mailbox for the enrollment forms.

Deadline is January 31, 2027.

Vida Mckenzie
Community Center

Annual Christmas

BAZAAR

Saturday
DEC. 12TH,
2026

&

Sunday
DEC. 13TH,
2026

❄ 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. ❄

Walterville Community Center

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30 VENDORS!



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Other News

The Halloween dinner and Costume party has been cancelled due to lack of interest.



VMCC Annual Christmas Bazaar

Applications for Vendors have gone out,
Donation request letters are being sent and
Sponsorship request letters are going out.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Last year we made just over \$5,000.

This year our goal is \$6,000.

Mark your calendars,
grab a shopping buddy and
go do some shopping.

Be sure to get your
raffle tickets as well.

I am sure that we will
have an abundance of prizes
that you
could possibly win.



Your new Senior Center Lunch Coordinator Ms. Skye Moore and Kali

Skye is a friendly face with a strong belief in positive community support, looking forward to helping coordinate the VMCC senior program. She is LGBTQ-friendly and supportive of people with disabilities, believing that everyone deserves mutual support and positive relationships. As the coordinator, she will do her best to ensure everyone is considered and has a voice in how the program is run. She also believes very strongly in personal development through all stages of life and in maintaining personal health. No matter what challenge comes up, Skye will be ready to face it with a smile and thoughtful approach.

Skye originally grew up in the state of Maine, listening to a wide variety of music while learning to play and even produce some of her own music on her computer. After finishing high school, she moved across the country to Oregon, living on her own for several years before enrolling in the University of Oregon. At the U of O, she started by studying music technology until she found a great love for psychology, ultimately graduating with a dual major in both Popular Music Studies and Psychology. Since then, she has worked to provide mental health resources to people with challenges focusing and completing tasks, in addition to providing one-on-one support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Now after living in Leaburg for the past few years, she's looking to expand her ability to support people while working here.



Senior Lunch

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

September 2026

Good food. Great company. Wonderful times!
Join us each Tuesday for lunch, fun and fellowship.

DATE	EVENT	MEAL PLAN
Sep. 1, 2026	Skye Moore, New Coordinator Meet & Greet	Potluck, First Tuesday of every month!
Sep. 8, 2026	Balderdash!	Macaroni & Cheese Tomato Pasta
Sep. 15, 2026	The Beatles Trivia	Homemade Burgers (Ground turkey or beef & Vegan, lettuce, onions, and condiments)
Sep. 22, 2026	Tech Help! Phone support - help with answering google forms on phones.	Chicken Noodle soup Minestrone soup
Sep. 29, 2026	Foreign Foods: Bring your favorite recipe for a dish from outside of the US!	Mild Vegetable Curry & Peanut Chicken Satay

Everyone is welcome! ♥

