



BASIC/Blanchard Community Center Newsletter

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RENEWAL and NEW MEMBER CAMPAIGN

If you have not signed up to be a member of BASIC/Blanchard Community Center, it is not too late! Unlike the rest of our costs of living, the Community Center dues have NOT increased. Individual membership annual dues are still \$20 and couples or family annual dues are \$30. Family members under the age of 18 are considered junior members and do not cast votes in elections but we value them and their interests. Also, they are given preference when applying for scholarship funds! All Blanchard residents, including local surrounding areas, are welcome to join. If you would like a membership enrollment form, they are in Center lobby or call Barb Blanchard at 406-529-4488.

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(All events are held at the Community Center unless otherwise noted)

- Feb. 14** CANCELLED -- Valentine's Day breakfast due to COVID illness & precautions
Feb. 15 & 22 Blanchard Stitchers
Mar. 8 BASIC/Community Center Member Meeting
Mar. 15 & 22 Blanchard Stitchers (*Noted: Feb. & Mar. dates are the same*)
April 4, 11, & 25 Monday Community Breakfasts 8:00-10:30 a.m. *Donations accepted*
April 9 Sarah Jones Memorial Scholarship Luncheon - Noon-2:30p.m.
April 15 The final date to submit Scholarship applications for High School seniors.
April 16 Easter egg hunt at the **GRANGE** 10:00 a.m.

BACK TO BASICS

One of the purposes for BASIC, as stated in the By-Laws, is Section 6: "To operate a Community Center for the use of all community members for the benefit of the Blanchard service area." As a compassionate community, we care about your COVID concerns. The Center will continue its planned activities with an emphasis on cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces, following recommended guidelines for serving food, and honoring your preference to wear a mask or not. Volunteers will be educated on performing these safeguards; you will be granted respect for your mask preference. If any activities have to be cancelled for community safety, a notification will be sent out as soon as practical.



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SARAH JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

As far back as 1987, a 'BASIC Scholarship Fund' was established to help graduating and graduated high school students. In 2005, the membership renamed the Fund in memory of Sarah Marie Jones. Sarah, a high school senior, was struck by a hit and run vehicle on Blanchard Cutoff Rd. and died of her injuries. This tragic loss of a dynamic student reminds us of our closeness as a community and the value of our talented youth. BASIC is committed to promoting the betterment of the Blanchard community and still administers the scholarship.

You're never too old to learn! Anyone, who wishes to go to a trade school, a community college, or a university, has multiple expenses related to their attending specified courses. Furthermore, those students already in secondary trades or studies may apply for scholarship money, at anytime, to put toward educational expenses currently incurred. In the case of multiple requests, preference will be given to first time applicants. High school seniors should have their application submitted by April 15 prior to graduation.

Students and current members of the Blanchard Community Center, operated by the Blanchard Area Seniors, Inc. (BASIC), have the opportunity to submit potential recipient names for the scholarship. **Need an application?** Applications are available at the Community Center, at a local high school or by requesting one by mail. (Send the request for an application to Box 127, Blanchard, ID 83804 or leave a note in the Letter Drop Box outside of the Center entrance) The applicants must come from the Blanchard Service Area which is referred to as Southwest Bonner County; priority will be given to Blanchard area students.

Funds are raised through individual donations and from the Sara Jones Scholarship Luncheon which occurs from noon until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9th this year. Watch for flyers and posters for more details. *The amount of scholarship dollars may vary based on funds available.*

COMMUNITY CENTER CONTINUES TO TOUCH LIVES

On January 27, a frosty day, the 2nd Harvest Food Distribution at the Community Center occurred from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Many volunteers (bundled up with hats, boots, and gloves) arrived by 10:00 to unload supplies and set up the stations for the food giveaway. Over 200 families benefited from the drive-thru arrangement where volunteers loaded food supplies into vehicles for a minimal-touch distribution system! Overages of food were donated to the Blanchard Grange Food Bank and to The Cup of Grace of Spirit Lake. Thank you to all the Center volunteers for their untiring work and to the 2nd Harvest organization!

