



BASIC/Blanchard Community Center Newsletter

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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.” The Board of Directors has planned a series of events that appeal to multiple generations! Additionally, without endorsing the “cause”, the Center permits organizations to present their public action information. Rental of the Center further allows families and/or groups to have a venue for personal events. Some samples of the re-occurring and special events are listed below. More to come!

SPECIAL EVENTS -- SAVE THE DATES!

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

Feb. 4 Valentine's/Winter Card Making Class from 1:00-4:00 Reservations required. Contact: Holly Stewart at 425-328-6369 or email her at hollystewart@comcast.net.

Feb. 21 Mardi Gras Dinner Party! Family Friendly, 5:00-8:00 New Orleans style food (*but you determine the spiciness*) such as, Shrimp Jambalaya, Rice and Beans, Gumbo and dessert will entice your taste buds. There will be Music, a DJ, and many Prizes! During Mardi Gras, everything is decked out in the colors purple, green and gold. That should give some ideas for a costume; prizes will be given out for creative costumes! How about a Mardi Gras mask? There will also be Raffle items.

Remember, reservations are required by Feb. 14. 208-437-1037.

March 18 Gun Show from 9:00-5:00. An ever-popular event!

March 25 Sausage Making Class! This is a new and informative class. Watch for flyers.

April 15 High School Seniors apply for Sarah Jones Scholarship!

May 6 Kids' Craft for Mother's Day gift. Watch for flyers

June 10 Kids' Craft for Father's Day gift. Watch for flyers

RE-OCCURRING EVENTS

Country Breakfasts 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Open to all, donations gratefully accepted.

Feb 13- March 13 - April 17 & 24- May 8, 15, & 22- June 5, 12, & 26- July 10, 17 & 24

BASIC/Community Center Membership Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Free Monthly Grocery Pantry for Blanchard residents from 11:00 - 1:00. Held on the third Friday of each month.

Blanchard Stitches 10:00-2:00 Terrific talent and fun! Held on the third and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

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 the newsletter box outside the Center's front door, online at our website, or on the Post Office's Bulletin Board.

SARAH JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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 any time, 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.

As far back as 1987, a 'BASIC Scholarship Fund' was established to help graduating and graduated 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. BASIC is committed to promoting the betterment of the Blanchard community and still administers 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, June 24th this year.

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE HUMOR?

One night an officer on a battleship saw flashing lights ahead that were right in his ship's path. He sent a message saying, "Change your course 10 degrees South." In a minute, he had a response which said, "No, you change your course 10 degrees North."

He was a little irritated by this, so he said to his aide, "Send a message back saying I'm the Captain of this ship and I command you to change 10 degrees South. This time, the return message said, I'm a Seaman First Class, but you need to change your course 10 degrees North.

By now the Captain was furious. He said, "Wire back and say we're a battleship, and we're coming through". Change 10 degrees South immediately!

The reply? "You change 10 degrees North. I'm a Lighthouse and I'm staying put!"