



BASIC/Blanchard Community Center Newsletter

March 2022



Did you know that if you drink green beer on St. Patrick's Day, it counts as a vegetable?

SAVE THE DATE!

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

- March 15 & 22** Blanchard Stitchers- Beginner sewers welcome! Some supplies available
- March 17** 2nd Harvest Food Distribution 11-1:00 p.m. Sponsored by: **Century 21/Beutler & Assoc.**
- March 18** Monthly Food Pantry (3rd Friday of each month) 11:00-1:00
- April 1** New \$\$\$ Rates go into effect on the Center's Rental policy (*See website for details*)
- April 4 & 11 & 25** Monday Community Breakfasts** 8:00-10:30 a.m. Donations accepted
- April 9** Sarah Jones Memorial Scholarship Luncheon 12:00-2:30 p.m. (*see next page for details*)
- April 12** BASIC/Community Center Member meeting 6:00p.m.
- April 15** The final date to submit Scholarship applications for High School seniors.
- April 15** Monthly Food Pantry (3rd Friday of each month) 11:00-1:00
- April 16** Easter Egg Hunt at the **GRANGE** at 10:00 a.m.
- April 19 & 26** Blanchard Stitchers
- April 20** Spring Begins!

BACK TO BASICS

BASIC is a non-profit 501c (3) (Tax ID 82-0418029) organization that is not government nor tax funded, meaning we do the work and earn the money ourselves. All our activities are run by volunteers; we have no paid staff. BASIC has served our community since 1986 and has run the Blanchard Community Center since 2005.

While we have the word, "Seniors" in our name, we are open to all ages at the Community Center. We are not a Senior Center but a Community Center offering activities to all ages and performing outreach for the cares and concerns of all residents and neighbors in Southwest Bonner County. Our first monthly Food Pantry (March 18) will occur every third Friday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Our winter play and musical, "Beauty and the Beast" was superbly performed by over 43 young people and their adult mentors. The Summer Arts, Crafts & Learning Program for Kids is already in the preparation stage.

Any and all donations go directly to the operation of this Center and its activities; we encourage members of our community to make suggestions on programs or events that are relevant to them. Suggestions can be placed in the locked letter box outside of the main front door of the Center or by calling BASIC V.P., Linda Niehaus at 559-360-8959.



"What happens if you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?"

"You get a rash of good luck!"



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GOT PAINT? GOT PAINTERS?

It's time to give our building a bit of attention. At the January 11th and the Feb. 8th Member Meetings, it was discussed that the entry, kitchen, bathrooms, and main hall were in need of paint. In order to preserve the building and its attractiveness, it was suggested that we make a plan to achieve this goal before or during the Fall. It was noted that the building is already rented for functions, activities, and weddings this year and consideration should be given to neutral colors, décor, as well as sanitation and COVID protocols.

Members shared experiences about the high cost of paint and the cost of professional painters' bids. Through this discussion, suggestions mentioned were:

- the feasibility of obtaining corporate paint donations, reduced or donated labor by professionals,
- obtaining a grant, as well as, receiving donations from members,
- the hope that a volunteer "paint experienced" work party may be an option.

Is there feedback from you, our community and/or members? If you have suggestions for the good of the building, please reply to Ruthanna Cadd at 559-289-3883 or put your suggestions in the locked Letter Box just outside the front door of the Center. Thank you!

BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Next month, the Monday Breakfasts begin for another season of food, fun, and fellowship. This year we would like to stagger 2 shifts of volunteers: Shift #1) 7:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. for early food prep, cooking, and serving plus Shift #2) 9:00 -11:30 a.m. for serving and clean-up. If you would like to volunteer for either shift or both, please call Bob Niehaus at 559-250-7917.

SARAH JONES SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON UPDATE

The Scholarship fundraising luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 9 from noon until 2:30 p.m. The lunch will be tacos, enchiladas, refried beans, salad, and beverages. The cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for those under 18. Included with the lunch ticket there will be door prizes drawn every 15 minutes and some entertainment by members of the Out of the Woods Theater Group.

Additionally, there will be Raffle Tickets sold for nifty gift selections on display. Buy tickets and place them in the bowls in front of your desired options. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 or 8 for \$10.00. Great deals! If you would like to reserve spots at your table and pre-purchase your lunch (which includes door prize tickets), please call Barb Blanchard at 406-529-4488.

COMMUNITY CENTER HOUSEWORK

"The cruel irony of housework: people only notice when you don't do it." *Danielle Raine* Just like home, our Center needs to be kept clean and tidy. Are there volunteers who would like to help with custodial services? While Event Chairpersons are responsible for cleaning up after their event, there is still a need for weekly maintenance. Information about these one-time-a-week duties, please call Ruthanna Cadd at 559-289-3883.

