



BASIC/Blanchard Community Center Newsletter

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"It's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters." Unknown

MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY

JUST FOR THE KIDDOS

The Community Center is conducting FREE gift-making crafts classes for kids to make presents for their Moms and Dads. Save the afternoon of **May 6** for the Mother's Day craft and **June 10** for the Father's Day craft. We hope you are signed up for May 6 in preparation for Mother's Day. To register, email at BASICIdaho@gmail.com or call 208-437-1037. We will even help the kids wrap the gifts for their special parents.

HERE' WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY AT THE CENTER

- May 6, Saturday, Mother's Day Gift making class for the kids ages 5-16.
- May 8, Monday, Country Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- May 9, Tuesday, Informational BASIC Members' Meeting, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- May 15, Monday, Country Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- May 16, Tuesday, Blanchard Stitchers, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (pack your lunch)
- May 19, Friday, Food Pantry handouts for Blanchard residents 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- May 20, Saturday, Spring Clean-up/ 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- May 22, Monday, Country Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- May 23, Tuesday, Blanchard Stitchers, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (pack your lunch)
- May 27, Saturday, Kitchen Clean-up/ 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SAVE THESE DATES

- June 10, Saturday, Father's Day Gift Making Class for kids ages 5-16
- June 24, Saturday, Sarah Jones Scholarship Fundraising Luncheon 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- July 14 & 15, Friday/Saturday, Christmas in July Craft Fair
- August 26, Saturday, Community Center Yard Sale, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16, Saturday, BBQ Rib Cook-off Competition
- Sept. 22 & 23, Friday and Saturday, Quilters' Stash Sale

A RADIO MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY

The Blanchard Area Radio Group (BARG) provides critical local radio communications in an effort to reduce loss of life and property. The group prepares for, responds to, and recovers from all local Hazards. BARG is developing a radio network for the citizens of Blanchard and Spirit Valley for emergency radio communications. Their services are to provide critical local real-time information and or coordinate local efforts until emergency responders arrive on the scene.

Participants of BARG are licensed (HAM) radio and non-licensed radio operators; as amateur radio enthusiasts, they promote amateur radio to the public. Anyone can join the group and a license is not required. BARG encourages neighbors to buy radios and learn how to use them during local emergencies. This group will also assist individuals and groups with proper use, training, and programming of their radios.

They can be contacted by:

Radio: FRS/GMRS CH 3/ 462.6125

Email: BlanchardAreaRadioGroup@Protonmail.com

Web: <https://www.blanchardradio.org>

Source: BARG Brochure

SARAH JONES SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON – SATURDAY, JUNE 24

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, June 24.** The Sarah Jones Scholarship Fundraising Luncheon is an annual event that focuses on raising funds for local students and/or adults who are pursuing their education beyond high school. The Scholarship is named after a young woman who had just received a scholarship from the Blanchard Community Center when she was struck by a drunken hit-and-run driver as she was walking on Blanchard Cutoff Rd. Eligible recipients can use funds for trade school expenses, college courses, books, and seminars related to the course of study. Monies that are granted will be sent directly to the school or training institution.

You can connect through our website, our Facebook page or find the donation site at:

<https://gofund.me/2896d0f9>

BACK TO BASICS

“BASIC” Beginnings: In the late 1980’s, it became evident that many people, including seniors, desired a strong, active, and benevolent group to look after the concerns of the non-incorporated Blanchard Community as a whole. They desired the organization to be equally directed to the health, welfare, social, and economic needs of the entire community. From the very beginning this concept sparked enthusiasm and a name emerged for the 501c (3) non-profit---**B**lanchard **A**rea **S**eniors **I**n**C**orporated with the initials BASIC serving as the pseudonym and logo as well. The logo also represents nonbiased and nonpartisan precepts of the founders and members.

“We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.” Will Rogers