



## BASIC/Blanchard Community Center Newsletter

May 2022



*"Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother."* - Unknown

### REMEMBER TO VOTE!

The Members of BASIC/Blanchard Community Center recognize the importance of politics and give close scrutiny to issues and candidates but steadfastly maintain a position of non-partisanship. Members decide, on an individual basis, which issues to support and which to oppose and vote for the candidate that they feel will steadfastly labor on our behalf, regardless of party, for each position in government. "Let the job seek the candidate; not the candidate the job."

### YOUTH MENTORSHIP & JOB BOARD BEING CONSIDERED

At the April Membership Meeting of BASIC/Blanchard Community Center an idea was presented that needs a survey to determine a level of interest and participation. Our rural area poses a number of challenges for young people to access some resources to evaluate and pursue particular career and vocational interests. We also don't have a "clearing house" for opportunities to obtain work or to post a paying job. Are there local teens who are interested in learning about various career and vocational choices and in a job board posting?

A mentorship program would involve pairing up a current or retired professional with a teen in the local area to meet and discuss specific actions that would help them with a strategy for pursuing their goals. These weekly meetings could be for a period of 4 weeks with the potential to continue if mutually desired.

A job board posting program would list jobs that are available (either short term or long term) and would also list teens who are available for work assignments.

If these 2 programs sound inviting and interesting, please respond in one of four ways: 1) leave a note of interest with your name and number in the locked letter box at the front of the Community Center or, 2) send an email with your name, phone contact, and area of interest to the Contact Page on the Blanchard Community Center website, or 3) mail your name, number, and area of interest to BASIC, P.O. Box 127, Blanchard, Id 83804, or call Michelle at 208-304-2732.



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### AREA YOUTH ARTS & CRAFTS SUMMER PROGRAM

Who is excited for summer? We are !!! The Blanchard Community Center is gearing up for our annual Kid's Summer Programs. This year will include fine arts, a mosaics class, string art, traditional woodworking, marine engineering, and cooking. Classes are free to local students. Classes will be limited in size and have age restrictions. Please check back shortly for dates to be announced on BlanchardIdaho.net or posted flyers.

Registration will begin on May 20th. Parent or grandparent volunteers needed and appreciated! This year we hope to introduce a mentorship program. We are actively seeking retired volunteers who would be willing to share the pros and cons of a specific career. Please contact us at [BasicIdaho@gmail.com](mailto:BasicIdaho@gmail.com) with any questions. You can also call or text Michelle @ 208 304 2732 with questions or inquiries. Thank you for supporting our youth!



### RE-OCCURRING DATES OF COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Community Breakfasts 8:00-10:30 a.m. Great hearty meals and fellowship! (Donations Welcome)  
**May 9, 16 & 23 - June 6, 13 & 27- July 11, 18 & 25 - Aug. 8, 15 & 22**

BASIC/Community Center Member Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Second Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

**May 10 - June 14 - July 12 - Aug. 9 - Sept. 13 - Oct. 11 - Nov. 8 - Dec.13**

Blanchard Stitichers 10:00 - 2:00 Pack your lunch, sewing interests, and enjoy sewing various items with other enthusiasts. Some supplies are available at the Center. If you are an accomplished sewer or a newbie, you are welcome! We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. **May 17 & 24 - June 21 & 28 - July 19 & 26 - Aug. 16 & 23 - Sept. 20 & 27**

Free Monthly Food Pantry 11:00- 1:00 Occurs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at the Center. **May 20, - June 17, - July 15, - Aug. 19, - Sept.16, - Oct. 21, - Nov.18, - Dec.16**



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### BACK TO "BASIC"s

### SPECIAL EVENTS/PRINT OFF AND SAVE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Free Food Distribution 11-1:00 p.m. Held in the Center's Parking Lot- This occurrence sponsored by: No. Idaho Building Contractors Assoc.  
**Thursday, May 12**
- Wreath-making Class from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Choose a Spring or a Patriotic theme; the cost for the class and the wreath is \$35.00. The class is limited to 12 participants, so please reserve your space soon. Contact: Penny Funkhauser, 509-550-7075  
**Saturday, May 14**
- "Out of the Woods" Theater Group: You've Got Talent, Kid Variety Show. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults= \$5.00 Youth under 17 yrs= \$3.00  
Additionally, on display, will be various gifts/prizes for a raffle draw!  
**Friday, May 20, 7:00p.m. & Saturday, May 21, 3:00 p.m.**
- Volunteers Clean Community Center, Yard, & Shed Meet at the Center at 10:00 a.m. The goal is to do a general tidy-up plus clean out unused and unwanted items from the shed to apply to the "New-2-U" Marketplace Sale.  
**Saturday, June 4**
- Youth Summer Learning, Fine Arts Contact: Michelle Kuzehul 208-304 2732  
**June 15 & 22**
- Cake Auction at the GRANGE 2:00 p.m. **Saturday, June 18th**
- "New-2-U" Marketplace in Center's Parking Lot 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Whether it's your own handiwork, antiques, memorabilia, household bric-a-brac, clothing, jewelry, tools, or plain junk, it will be new to someone else! Sell "your junk for a buyer's trunk"! Reserve your space by calling Barb at 406-529-4488.  
**Saturday, June 25**

#### More To Come:

- The GUN SHOW will be held on the weekend of **July 22-23.**
- Christmas in July Craft Faire will be held on the weekend of **July 29-30.** Contact Penny Funkhauser at 509-550-7075
- Sportsmen's Dinner - **Sept. 24, 2022**
- Fall Festival with the Grange **TBD**
- Out of the Woods Theater performances - **Nov. 10-12**