



## BASIC/Blanchard Community Center Newsletter

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### BACK TO BASICs

America's Founding Documents: The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, and The Bill of Rights, have secured our rights and fortified the founding and philosophy of the United States of America.

- ❖ **The Declaration of Independence**: the main purpose of the Declaration was to announce the colonies as separate from England. It outlines the principles that were the foundation for declaring independence. Some favorite and famous words associated with this document are:

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,..."*

(Source: National Archives)

- ❖ **The Bill of Rights** defines citizens' and states' rights in relation to the Government and makes up the first 10 Amendments of the Constitution. It spells out Americans' rights in relation to their government and guarantees civil rights and liberties to the individual—like freedom of speech, press, and religion. It sets rules for due process of law and reserves all powers not delegated to the Federal Government to the people or the States. And it specifies that *"the enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."*

(Source: National Archives)

- ❖ **The Constitution** defines the framework of the federal government starting with Article 1. Its Preamble reads:

*"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."*

(Source: National Archives)

**GOD BLESS AND PROTECT AMERICA!**



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### **SARAH JONES SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**

The Sarah Jones Scholarship Luncheon, held on April 9, provided funds to once again award scholarship monies. Four students submitted the required forms for scholarship consideration and all four students received scholarship awards. Congratulations to high school seniors, Mackenzie Hill, Caitlyn Lawler, Celistia Horton, and Wyatt Jones! Their scholarship dollars will be submitted to their designated educational institution.

Some funds are retained in the budget so that the Center can provide scholarship awards to students who may already be pursuing educational credits that do not coincide with the traditional high school year. The Community Center is both proud and enthused to support our local students!

### **FREE MONTHLY GROCERY PANTRY**

Sometimes it is difficult for us to ask for help. Sometimes we may not know where to go for help. During the present inflationary situation with gas, food, and shelter, folks may have to make difficult choices when prioritizing expenditures. While resources and supply-chain issues still prevail, the Blanchard Community Center is attempting to provide free grocery products on the third Friday of the month. (July 15, - Aug. 19, - Sept. 16, - Oct. 21, - Nov. 18, - Dec. 16) The criteria requested involves proof of being a Blanchard resident. Priority is given to the disabled, seniors, and those who may be on welfare. There is no shame in seeking help; providing help to those who seek it gives a blessing and an opportunity to serve!

The Blanchard Grange is also providing a similar service on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

### **“New-2-U” MARKETPLACE**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the first annual “New-2-U” marketplace was held in the parking lot of the Blanchard Community Center. Over 16 sale booths, including the Community Center, displayed lots of interesting items for resale. The weather was beautiful! However, most sellers were disappointed with the lack of crowds. Discussions among the sellers determined four main reasons for the lack of crowds:

- Inflation has hit the “spendable income” and money is tight.
- The price of gas restricts casual driving.
- The first weekend with no rain got lots of folks out of doors, with family, to go camping, swimming, and boating.
- There were a lot of competing events happening in every town.

Don't know what the reason but everyone at least sold some things, enjoyed the sunshine and met new friends!

### **THINKING AHEAD!**

As an organization that supports the community, we need to start thinking about the November Community Center position elections. A Nominating Committee will be formed in Aug./Sept. to start considering candidates for office and/or committee chairpersons. Keep your Heart open to help!



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### RE-OCCURRING DATES OF COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Community Breakfasts 8:00-10:30 a.m. Great hearty meals and fellowship! (Donations Welcome)

**July 11, 18 & 25 - Aug. 8, 15 & 22 - Sept. 12, 19, & 26.**

BASIC/Community Center Members' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Second Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

**July 12 - Aug. 9 - Sept. 13 - Oct. 11 - Nov. 8 - Dec. 13**

Blanchard Stitchers 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. (An exception is July 19 when there won't be a meeting)

### KIDS FREE SUMMER ART CAMP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Tuesday, **July 12<sup>th</sup>** Planes & Rockets (Time: 10-3) \* ages 9-16

Wednesday, **July 13<sup>th</sup>** Mosaics (Time: 10-1) \* ages 5-16

Thursday, **July 14<sup>th</sup>** Build a Boat (Time:10-3) \* ages 9-16

Wednesday, **July 20<sup>th</sup>** String Art (Time: 10-1) \* ages 6 +

**Donations appreciated... parent volunteers needed !!!**

Please send a sack lunch and water bottle with your child's name for longer days, and a snack for the shorter classes.

Please have your child wear play clothes! They will get dirty!

Class sizes are limited, please sign up at [basicIdaho@gmail.com](mailto:basicIdaho@gmail.com) Contact Michelle @ 208 304 2732

### CALENDAR

#### OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Thursday, July 21** Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body 1:00p.m.-2:00 p.m. Presented by: The Alzheimer's Association.
- **Saturday, July 23.** The GUN SHOW- Sellers' tables: \$25.00 Contact: Bob Niehaus at 559-250-7917.
- **Friday, July 29 & Saturday, July 30:** Christmas in July Craft Fair-- Contact: Penny Funkhauser at 509-550-7075