



## BASIC/Blanchard Community Center Newsletter

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December 2023

# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

THE WINTER BAZAAR WAS ON HELD NOV. 17 & 18



The Hall is ready, and Rick Hiller prepares to provide music for the Annual Winter Bazaar at the Blanchard Community Center. Tasty lunches were also for sale for the shoppers.



Wonderful crafts and tasty foods were plentiful!  
Heartfelt “thanks” to Penny Funkhouser and her event Committee  
for the great job done on the Winter Bazaar!

## BACK TO BASICS

### **Board Election Results:**

- Linda Niehaus, Vice President
- Eric Cunningham, Treasurer
- Robert Niehaus, Member-at-Large #2
- Robert Anderson, Member-at-Large #3

### **Outgoing Board Members:**

Barbara Blanchard is completing her term of office. We are asking her to continue to write the Community Center's Newsletter if the community desires. Send her feedback and/or suggestions at [blanchardbabs@gmail.com](mailto:blanchardbabs@gmail.com) or call her with your Newsletter ideas at 406-529-4488.

**2024 Membership Campaign:** Please complete your membership application soon. Any dues paid in November and December are automatically applied to the year 2024 in full. We rely on your membership support!

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

This holiday season, let's redefine our approach to gifting. Let's make it less about the items and more about the message they carry. Santa Claus doesn't come down the chimney on Christmas Eve anymore; he arrives in an Amazon truck every day of the week. This conundrum leaves us buying gifts for the sake of tradition, rather than need. Support your local artisans and small businesses with unique gifts.

The most valuable gift you can offer someone is your time because when you give your time you are giving a portion of you. Offer to help an elderly family member, who is limited in mobility, do a chore; take your kids to a local fun event like the Center's Christmas Party on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> or New Years' Eve bonfire and fireworks show at the Grange; schedule an afternoon hanging out with your mother. It's about being there for each other.

Another thoughtful approach is to consider a gift, in someone's name, that gives back—gifts that contribute to a cause or charity. These gifts resonate with the spirit of the season, spreading joy beyond the immediate circle of giver and receiver and enriching the lives of others. What about contributing to the Sarah Jones Memorial Scholarship fund? The Blanchard Community Center? Your local church? A Food Bank?

Source: Joshua Becker, *Becoming a Minimalist*.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Dec. 9, Saturday:** Kid's Christmas Party! 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please register your child by giving name, age, gender, and current interests so we may try to have age specific gifts available. Pre-register each child to the message line at 208-437-1037 or email at [BASICIDAHO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BASICIDAHO@GMAIL.COM). Watch for flyers!

### **2024**

**Feb. 12, Monday, Country Breakfast with a Valentine's theme.**

**Feb. 10, Saturday, Mardi Gras Night Dinner/Dance with popular DJ-Destry Hergert**