



Welcome to the Rathdrum Wednesday Newsletter!

Locks of Love

Do you know a child under 21 suffering from long term hair loss? Do you have more than 10" of hair? You can help by donating your hair to Locks of Love.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that takes the donated hair and makes custom hair prosthetics that are individualized for each recipient that retail between \$3,500 to \$6,000.

In order for your hair to be accepted, it has to measure 10" from tip to tip. It must be removed from your head in a pony tail or braid. Loose hair like from the barbers floor or hair in dreadlocks is not accepted. Hair that is colored or permed is acceptable while hair that has been bleached is not.



Your humble editor has donated ~40" of hair over the last five years through local hair salon Cuttin Loose, located in the



Westwood Plaza on Highway 53. What makes this story even better is the next guy that walked in was there to donate his hair as well!

You can find out more about this worthwhile program from their website at <http://www.locksoflove.org>.

If you would like to donate your hair to cancer survivors, it is a bit more difficult, but it can be done. Pantene, a

manufacturer of hair care products, has a partnership with the American Cancer Society called 'Beautiful Lengths'. Pantene accepts donated hair to make free wigs for women fighting cancer. Their program has similar restrictions on the type of hair they will accept with the notable exception being the minimum length of hair. The shorted ponytail / braid they will accept is 8".

You can find out more about this worthwhile program from their website at <http://www.pantene.com/>

Have you donated your hair Write in and tell us about it!

2nd Annual Theater and Performing Arts Festival

Submitted by Mark Gorton
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Last year, the theater programs of Lakeland, Timberlake and Mountain View developed an idea to showcase the talents of all three schools during an evening of one act performances. It was a resounding success that we would very much like to repeat again this year.

Mountain View Alternative High School
Wednesday, March 25th, 2015
Cookies and coffee starting at 4:30pm
Strict 6:00pm first curtain.

See our flier on page 6.

Watch for more details!

Sarah Jones Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser

"Education, The Pathway to Success" is the theme for this year's annual luncheon to raise money for the Sarah Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund, sponsored by Blanchard Area Seniors, Inc. (BASIC).

Please plan to join us on Saturday, February 28th at 1 PM at the Blanchard Community Center for a delicious spaghetti/lasagna meal and lots of fun! The cost for the luncheon is \$8 per adult, \$5 under 10 years and Free for those under the age of 3. All proceeds less expenses benefit the scholarship program.

The scholarship fund has been a BASIC project for many years and provides small monetary assistance to those persons in the Blanchard Area who pursue educational advancement, including students of any age (high schoolers, college students, senior citizens and children attending many types of educational programs). All funding is accrued through the generous support of donations and fundraisers; the most coming from the annual Luncheon. This fundraiser is essential to keeping this important program going so please plan to attend on February 28th and show your support for education.

If you are a resident of the Blanchard area and would like to apply for a scholarship, please contact the Blanchard Community Center at 208-437-1037 and leave a message for Elsie Vernon, Scholarship Chairperson. High school recipients need to apply by April 15th each year.

F1 for HELP

- We Clean Windows But We Aren't Janitors -

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Editor and submitted articles are gladly accepted and published as submitted so long as the content is within community standards and addresses a subject generally recognized to be of community interest.

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The Rathdrum Weekly News expects its advertisers to respect community decency in its messages and that merchandise and/or services being offered are, indeed, available to the general public at the stated price or cost.

Any advertising, political or otherwise, are accepted on a "cash-with-copy" basis. The publisher has the right to deny the sale of advertising space to a delinquent account.

Community Calendar

<p>Wed Feb 18</p>	<p>Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765</p> <hr/> <p>Leather Working Bracelet and Bookmark \$10.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 4:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Rathdrum Planning and Zoning Meeting Rathdrum City Hall Starting at 6:00pm</p>		<p>Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 3:00pm - 6:00pm</p>
<p>Thu Feb 19</p>	<p>Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon Shepard of the Hills Lutheran State of the City Address by Mayor Vic Holmes www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com 12:00pm - 1:00pm R.S.V.P. by Feb 16 by calling 208.687.2866 or email at Office@RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com</p> <hr/> <p>Weight Loss Support Group Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Lakeland Joint School District #272 Town Hall Meeting John Brown Elementary Starting at 6:30pm</p>	<p>Sat Feb 21</p> <p>Household Cleaners with Essential Oils \$10.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 2:00pm - 4:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Zilch Dice Game Night \$3.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	
<p>Fri Feb 20</p>	<p>Leather Woodworking Make and Take \$10.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details</p>	<p>Mon Feb 23</p> <p>Living Fully Al-Anon Family Group Palidash Building 8052 West Main Street 6:00pm - 7:00pm http://www.al-anon-idaho.org/index.html</p> <hr/> <p>Leather Working Coin Purse \$15.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	
		<p>Tue Feb 24</p> <p>Rathdrum Parks & Rec Meeting Rathdrum Parks & Rec 7851 W Main St Starting at 6pm</p> <hr/> <p>Weight Loss Support Group Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	
		<p>Wed Feb 25</p> <p>Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum</p>	

	<p>For more information please call 208.687.5765</p> <hr/> <p>Massage Class \$10.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 5:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>American Legion Post 154 Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Mike Warren 208.771.0122</p> <hr/> <p>Yoga 101 \$5.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>		<p>Sarah Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund Blanchard Community Center Starting at 1pm</p>
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		<p>Tue Mar 3</p>	<p>Benjamin Netanyahu will address a joint session of the United States Congress Time to be announced</p>
		<p>Wed Mar 4</p>	<p>Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765</p> <hr/> <p>Lakeland Community Blood Drive Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 3:00pm - 5:15pm For more information please call Michael Long 208.659.7085</p> <hr/> <p>GEM Committee Meetings Rathdrum City Hall Starting at 5pm</p>
<p>Thu Feb 26</p>	<p>Coloring Hour \$10.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 5:00pm - 6:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Leather Working Key Fobs \$15.00 per person Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>		
<p>Fri Feb 27</p>	<p>Scrapbook Fun \$10.00 per student Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>		
<p>Sat Feb 28</p>	<p>CPR & First Aid \$60 / 4 hours (CPR only) \$100 / 8 hours (CPR / First Aid) Call 208.627.3095 for details Bubble Boy Boutique LLC 5864 W. Maine Street Spirit Lake Starting at 10:00am</p> <hr/> <p>Annual Scholarship Spaghetti Luncheon fundraiser for the</p>		
		<p>Sat Mar 7</p>	<p>Lakeland High School Class of 2015 Senior Dinner and Auction Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner begins at 6:00pm For more information, please call Tammy at 208.660.8905 or email: LHSSeniorParentCommittee@gmail.com</p>

Say you saw it in the

Rathdrum Weekly News!

Look Through this “LENS” When Making Social Security Decisions

Your Social Security benefits can be an important part of your retirement income strategy. But when should you start taking these payments?

You can begin accepting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly checks will be much smaller than if you wait until your “full retirement age,” which will likely be between 66 or 67. And these monthly payments will get even bigger if you wait until age 70, at which point they “max out.” So, should you take your Social Security as early as possible and hope that the smaller monthly payments will be justified by the extra years of receiving them, or should you wait until you are older and hope that the bigger checks will be worth the delay?

In weighing this decision, consider the acronym LENS, which stands for Life expectancy, Employment, Need and Spouse. Let’s look at each component:

Life expectancy — If your family has a history of longevity, and if you are in excellent health, it may make sense for you to take Social Security later, when your monthly benefits will be higher. You’ll also want to consider your spouse’s life expectancy.

Employment — If you want to keep working in your “retirement years,” be aware that your earnings could affect your Social Security payments. Specifically, if you take Social Security early — that is, before your full retirement age — your benefits will be withheld by \$1 for every \$2 in earned income above a certain amount (\$15,720 in 2015). During the year in which you reach your full retirement age, this withholding changes to \$1 for every \$3 in earnings over the annual limit (\$41,880 in 2015). The withheld amounts could also affect spousal benefits. However, beginning the month you attain your full retirement age, benefits will no longer be withheld based on how much you earn. Also, Social Security will recalculate your benefits at full retirement age to account for the benefits that were withheld.

In any case, if you do plan to continue working, and you think you could have significant income, you’ll need to understand the effect that earnings will have on your annual benefits.

Need — In deciding when to take Social Security, here’s a key question: Do you need the money? If you can support your lifestyle for several years with alternative sources of income (such as a pension) and modest withdrawals from your investments, you may be able to delay Social Security, thereby increasing the size of your monthly payments. Be careful, though, because relying too heavily on your investment portfolio can shorten its own “life expectancy.” It’s essential that you maintain a reasonable withdrawal rate for your investments throughout your retirement.

Spouse — Your decision of when to take Social Security will affect your spouse’s survivor benefit. Surviving spouses can receive their own benefit or 100% of their deceased spouse’s benefit, whichever is greater. So, if you were to take your Social Security early, when the payments are smaller, your spouse’s survivor benefits will also be permanently reduced. If you are older than your spouse, or otherwise expect your spouse to outlive you, it might be a good idea to delay taking Social Security to maximize the survivor benefits.

As you think about when to take Social Security, look at your decision through the LENS described above. It could help clarify your options.

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Stop by to say Hi! and pick up a copy of the Rathdrum Weekly News!

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, TIMBERLAKE AND
LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOLS PRESENT**



**The 2nd Annual Theater and
Performing Arts Festival**

March 25th, 2015 at Mountain View High School

Coffee and snacks starting at 4:30pm

Strict 6:00pm curtain

\$3.00 Entry fee no exceptions

Proceeds used to supplement the Lakeland School District T.A.P Scholarship
fund

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**Inland Northwest
Blood Center**

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**Lakeland Community
Blood Drive**

What: *Inland Northwest Blood Center along with the Lakeland Community Blood Drive Volunteers led by Bob and Lin Jester who will be coordinating the blood drive.*

Where: *Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
13541 W. HWY 53 Rathdrum*

When: *Wednesday, March 4th*

Why: *Donation hours are from 3:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
To collect Blood Donations*

- *INBC needs an average of 200 blood donors every day to meet the needs of more than 35 hospitals in the Inland Northwest.*
- *A single donation can save the lives of up to three people!*
- *All presenting donors will be automatically entered to win a 48" LCD TV and one year of programming with DirecTV*

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Contact: **Michael Long 208-659-7085**
INBC Recruiter

How do you get your event listed on our community calendar? It's easy and it doesn't cost anything! Send an email with what / when / where / how much if there is a cost / and contact / R.S.V.P. information. If we receive it by noon on Friday, we will get it into the next weeks newsletter.

We do ask that if your event is listed on our calendar and something about it changes, to please let us know so we can update our information.

Wanted: Person or persons to help us cover the stories in Rathdrum. Please contact Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com.

Wanted: Advertisers to help us offset our ongoing costs. We can accommodate standard size ads from a 1" square to a full page, and any size in between. At this time, we do require camera ready art-work because we don't have the ability or time to design or re-work an ad. Please contact Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com.

Wanted: Graphics artist able to do piecemeal work. Send a few samples along with pricing to Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com.

**Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon
State of the City Address**

Don't forget to join us tomorrow at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church located at 13541 West Highway 53 at Noon for the State of the City Address by Mayor Vic Holmes!

Thanks for reading!