



From the *Executive Director's Desk*

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Dear Members,

One of the greatest privileges of serving as Executive Director has been getting to know so many of you. I've enjoyed hearing your stories and learning about the experiences that have shaped your lives and our community. Every person who walks through our doors has a unique story, and those stories are what make the Bingham County Senior Citizens Center such a special place.

The same is true for the staff and volunteers. Before they prepare a meal, answer the phone, greet someone with a smile, or deliver Meals on Wheels, they are parents, grandparents, spouses, neighbors, and members of our community. Like all of us, they have lives, responsibilities, joys, and challenges beyond these walls. We may never know everything someone else is carrying, which is why kindness, patience, and respect are so important.

One of the most valuable parts of my job is hearing from our members. If you have a question, concern, or suggestion, I encourage you to bring it directly to me. Hearing concerns firsthand allows me to better understand different perspectives and work toward the best solution possible. While the staff and volunteers are always happy to help with day-to-day needs, I ask that operational concerns be brought directly to me. I can't promise every concern will have the outcome you're hoping for, but I can promise it will be heard and thoughtfully considered.

I'm pleased to share that the Blackfoot City Council recently approved the Center's request to add additional accessible parking spaces. Thank you to Scott Murphy with the City's Transportation Department for working with us to find a solution, and to Board Chairman Paul Loomis for his support throughout the process. I also appreciate the Mayor and City Council for approving the request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to stop by my office.

Thank you to everyone who helps make the Center a welcoming place where people care for one another. Our greatest strength has never been our building or our programs, it's the people who fill them each day.

Sincerely, Jamie Melling