Great News!

City Administrator Brad Christopherson is back to work and doing well. Mr. Christopherson underwent a kidney transplant November 2nd, 2016 and spent four weeks in the Transplant Center, Murray, Utah, healing and adjusting to this new kidney. He was released on December 2nd, 2016, two weeks earlier than the doctors had previously projected. We are all glad to see him back home and getting his life and the city back to a normal routine!

Check the Wendell Recreation District website for information on upcoming programs for our youth. February will be listing times for youth wrestling sign ups. Go to www.wendell.id.gov and there is a link there to the Wendell Rec. District.

Bucks for Brad drawing was held at City Council on Dec. 15th. The winners of the raffle prizes were: Bike, Charmy Leavell; Painting by Roy Mason, Bob Bailey; Gentleman's Basket, Don Fowler; NAPA Bucket, Susan Thomas; Gardening Container, Lori Demaray; Ladies Basket, Lottie Phelps; Gift Certificate for carpet cleaning and Christmas Wreath, Rex Strickland; Farm Basket, Cheryl Dias.

Thanks to everyone who participated by helping put the raffle together and for purchasing the raffle tickets. It was a great success!

Many people have been asking what is going on at the City Park. In the month of November and December the city Public Works crew spent a lot of time working at City Park on East Main St. The old "vintage" city lights were removed from their place in the park and new bases with electrical outlets have been installed. This will make it much nicer in the summer when Dairy Days is held, or other activities in the park, for vendors to have access to electricity without so many cords on the ground. The "vintage" light poles will be refurbished and replaced in the park on the new bases. Thank you to Public Works for taking on this huge task, they did an awesome job.

December 22nd, city employees got together for a Christmas luncheon. Good food, fun, and games. This is the first time in many years that a formal Christmas party was celebrated by Wendell City employees. We enjoyed great food from Papa Kelsey’s, thank you Cheryl Gines for helping us. We hope this starts a new tradition. Each year patronizing a different Wendell food establishment & try them all!
Thank you to so many people!

When I was first diagnosed with kidney failure, I was of course confused and frightened. I knew I was going to need help to get through this setback even though from a young age, I have tried hard to not be a burden to my family, friends or community. What has been done for me and my family these last few months has been very humbling.

There are so many people that need to be thanked, I don’t feel I can acknowledge everybody by name. The fund raisers, donations, the work around my house, the visits, the cards and well wishes and of course the prayers are all equally appreciated. Thank you Wendell Community, friends from near and far and family. And a special thanks to the Wendell City Employees for keeping me updated and taking care of everything within the City while I was recovering from surgery.

I of course also need to thank all the medical care providers here in the Magic Valley that have played a part in my recovery. There are so many of them. And my good friends at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah. The Transplant Team at I.M.C. is ranked among the best in the country. These are amazing people that have a passion for saving lives. Thank you Transplant Team!

The greatest HERO I never knew was the ORGAN DONOR who saved My LIFE.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year!

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