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Letters of Thanks

Community Steps Up at Thanksgiving Time

To the editor:

I'm a volunteer at the White Pass Community Food Bank, and I continue to marvel at the generosity of folk near and wide who have sincere compassion for those in need. Thanksgiving is a tradition of our country; it wouldn't have meant much except for the fact that all people pitched in and a custom was born.

The Methodist Church was our home base here in Randle and it's a very old building. This community pitched in to build a new church. Monetary donations, manual labor, donations of materials and many other things I may not be aware of have created a new and beautiful church. The White Pass Community Food Bank has been blessed with a wing in which to continue to feed those in need, and the church will be soon be open for worship, weddings, and now, food bank business.

We are grateful for the people who donate at fund-raisers, the postal food drive and the Walk-N-Knock events. We're grateful to the White Pass School District for its continued participation, helping us transport the food with its big truck and hefty willing young students loading and unloading. The students too are learning community spirit, as well as AmeriCorp volunteers who help us and our youth every year.

We are sincerely grateful to the White Pass Shopper, Fischers, Blantons and any other organization who participates in feeding our people. We're grateful for our dedicated volunteers in and behind the scenes.

We are particularly overcome with gratitude with the awesome generosity of Arrow

Lumber, which went above and beyond by donating turkeys, potatoes, stuffing and other food that absolutely make Thanksgiving dinner for hundreds of folks delightful.

Thank you, Barney Wagner and your family of employees at Arrow Lumber, who work out in the weather and cheerfully give to those who are in need. You're truly an inspiration. May you all have a wonderful holiday.

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