



*Idaho Power Energy Advisor Tom Behm (left) and Regional Customer Relations Manager Jim Mason (right) deliver a Lincoln County Youth Center donation to County Commissioner Rebecca Wood.*

## Idaho Power Supports New Lincoln County Youth Center

Located in the rural Idaho town of Richfield, the new Lincoln County Youth Center is a humble, former church building with a kitchen, a recreation hall, outdoor space and several flexible classrooms.

But thanks to Lincoln County Commissioner Rebecca Wood, the center is overflowing with possibilities. In an area with limited childcare options and poor continuation rates for high school graduates, Wood believes the center has the potential to make lasting impacts for the Lincoln County community and beyond.

“We want Lincoln County youth to have a place to go that’s theirs, where they can learn, dream and accomplish their goals,” Wood said. “We want to give them the life skills to go on and be successful.”

Wood played a huge role in bringing the center to life. She helped secure the building, and then raised money and wrote grants to improve and remodel it. The Lincoln County Youth Center officially opened its doors for the new school year in August, providing a daytime preschool

as well as after-school activities for children.

Idaho Power is a proud supporter of the Lincoln County Youth Center. The company donated \$1,000 to help put a new metal roof on the building last summer, and Energy Advisor Tom Behm is working with Wood to save energy and money by outfitting the center with energy-efficient lighting and more. Many of these upgrades qualify for incentives from Idaho Power. Behm and Regional Customer Relations Manager Jim Mason visited the center before it opened, dropping off the donation, touring the building and talking with Wood about energy-saving projects and her vision for the future.

“Idaho Power wants to help small communities whenever we can,” Behm said. “I’m proud we were able to help, because we know there’s a huge need for this facility. It’s going to impact a lot of people in this community for many years to come.”

With programming under way this fall, the Lincoln County Youth Center has plans to

add outdoor play and gardening spaces, a gymnasium, additional teachers, volunteer instructors, shop classes and more. In time, Wood envisions a thriving community resource that provides many exciting opportunities for local kids and their parents.

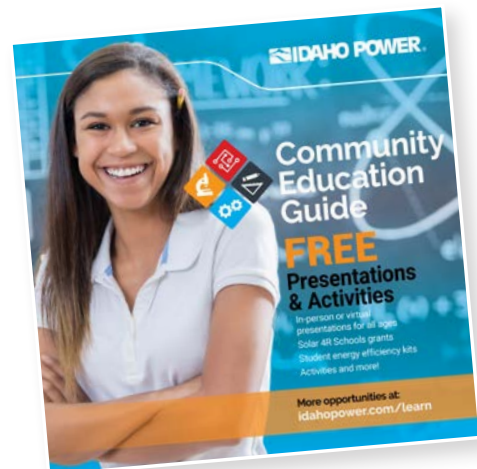
“I’m so pleased that agencies and businesses like Idaho Power are seeing our vision, understanding the need, and partnering with us to help make it happen,” Wood said. “We haven’t had this kind of resource for Lincoln County kids, and we desperately need it.”

Programming at the Lincoln County Youth Center is free or offered for a minimal fee. The building can also be rented for public events. For more details, visit [lincolncountyyouthcenter.com](http://lincolncountyyouthcenter.com). To learn more about Idaho Power’s corporate giving and community efforts, visit [idahopower.com/community](http://idahopower.com/community).



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## Idaho Power Provides #VolunteerPower and Donates 1,500 Children's Books to United Way of Treasure Valley



Idaho Power employees across the Treasure Valley spent the summer donating their time, skills and new and used children's books to the United Way of Treasure Valley's United We Read and Days of Caring campaigns.

More than 1,500 children's books collected in June and July were in the hands of families across the Treasure Valley by August. The annual United We Read book drive for local children from low-income families aims to prevent "summer slide," or summer-related learning loss, which was compounded by the challenges of the previous school year.

In addition to collecting books, a few teams also donated their lunch hours to build STEM kits and pack food boxes. One team even designed, built and stocked a brand new Little Free Library for Iowa Elementary School in Nampa, Idaho.

**"I love that the United Way took on the challenge to help little learners who may have fallen behind in their reading skills during the pandemic. This year, Idaho Power employees donated their books, their time and their skills to ensure our youngest community members have the resources they need to be successful in the school year ahead."**

**~ Debra Leithauer, Idaho Power Vice President of Corporate Services and Communications**



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### From the Energy Efficient Kitchen

#### Pumpkin Fluff Dip

- 1 (3.4-ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- ¾ tsp pumpkin spice
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin

- 1 (12-ounce) container frozen light whipped topping, thawed
- Cinnamon graham crackers

In a large bowl, stir together pudding mix and pumpkin spice. Mix in canned pumpkin. Fold in thawed whipped topping and chill in refrigerator. Serve with graham crackers. Also goes well with pretzels, vanilla wafers, fresh fruit and vegetables.

Recipe selected from Idaho Power's Centennial Celebration Cookbook.

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Dessert

## Educational Presentations Available for All Ages

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Idaho Power Energy Advisor Russ Weedon gives a safety presentation using the high-voltage board.