

## ***Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing wants to hold a BBQ Cook-Off on June 30th!***

**The evolution of an idea.**

**By Judy Black**

- I attended a joint Chamber luncheon at Silver Wood Good Samaritan Center where Vern Hanson and Marlene Martin explained the findings of the Valley Community Action Review.
- Our daughter, Dawn, recommended holding a BBQ Cook-Off in place of the annual Pig Roast and suggested I contact businesses like Les Schwab for support. Tom Campbell, Les Schwab Manager, said, "Yes"!
- I asked Rene Gilbert (who supervises Kellogg's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations) if she knew anything about cook-offs. YES!



- Rene made an impressive *enthusiastic* presentation to the Board at the annual retreat (held at the GuestHouse Inn), and the Board followed up voting to do a cook-off sponsored by the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association. .



- Janice DeVoe and I met with Craig Lewis at Kellogg City Hall to see if we could hold it at the basket ball court. Craig explained there would be no water and inadequate electricity there and suggested holding it on the bike trail where it splits.



- Patrick Stribling, Jacki Huber and Kevin Hutchings measured the bike trail and liked its position next to the Odd Fellow's pavilion. Silver Mountain gave us the okay for entrants to park at the rear of their lot. However, BBQ contestants would have to drive over the grass to get there and the Idaho Park Service is naturally worried about the lawn in the green belt. [Patrick has been involved in similar events before moving here and will be a helpful resource. ☺]

- It seemed very logical to me to get the community involved, so I presented our idea to the next Community Action meeting. Pictured here is a subset of the meeting with Gary Moore-Shoshone Medical Center, Jeff Colburn-Silver Mountain, Jace Brooks,-U of I, Janet Feiler-Wallace Center and me. If this becomes a viable annual event, we will be bringing in contestants from throughout the NW and can be a healthy tourist attraction.



- Following this meeting, Gary Moore & Jerry Brantz suggested we talk to them about using the building the Hospital owns along the freeway at Smelterville. So, Janice DeVoe, Colleen Rosson-of the Chamber, Kevin Hutchings and I met with Jerry Brantz at the hospital. Jerry is approaching his board about our using this property.

- From SMC Janice, Kevin and I went to the Sunnyside School and were fortunate to catch Tim Etherton. Tim showed us the facilities at the concession stand by the ball park. Parking looks great, but there can be no tents erected with stakes as the sprinkling pipes are only 6 inches underground. We were not able to talk to anyone from the school administration since it was spring break.





➤ Rene mentioned the idea to Forrest Van Dorn and followed a lead from him about a BBQer, Chris Patterson, with links to the Silver Valley. (He is Fred & Lorraine Manthey's son-in-law.) Chris has entered these cook-offs with the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association. He spent an afternoon with Kevin and me reviewing the 3 locations, offering great advice and a pledge of support. His first choice would be the Sunnyside School if we can schedule it. Second would be in SMC's Health and Education Center in Smeltonville, and third would be in the Kellogg Park. He said that water and electricity are not absolutely necessary, but it is easier to attract participants if we have them. Shown here are Kevin and Chris scouting SMC's site in Smeltonville.

So, we are asking for the Valley to get involved. We are sending in the \$100 non refundable application. We have guaranteed a \$5000 purse to attract a great selection of participants--hopefully, 15 from outside and some from the Valley. This first year we will let the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association handle registration, procuring and paying for the judges, providing the ribbons, etc. We are looking for: businesses and organization willing to contribute \$ toward the \$5000 purse and food; for volunteers to work at the site; for organizations who want to share the excitement with a booth for a reasonable fee; for creative ideas and helpers! We will not have liquor at the event nor smoking indoors.

Here's more information from Rene that she found on the internet: -- Please review this and find where you/or your church, organization, business can help. We need chairs and members for these committees!!!

## A Barbeque Fundraiser in Five Steps

### 4 basic committees:

- ❖ Advertising and promotions – responsible for getting the word out to the community
- ❖ Entertainment and activities – responsible for music, stage set up if any, games, contests, and other community activities during the event
- ❖ Decorations and booth committee – coordinate the fundraiser decorum and offer booths for community businesses to adopt and participate in building the BBQ fundraiser pot.
- ❖ Food and Refreshments committee will orchestrate and sell the BBQ plus coordinate cook off contest and other bbq related activities.

❖ **Step 1** Establish a goal amount for the fundraiser to reach. For example \$10,000 dollars for team uniforms or \$4000 to remodel the Rec center. Maybe the fundraiser is meant to raise money to refurbish the park, etc. Setting the goal for the fundraiser is the main reason; therefore making sure the amount covers the entire need will also determine the level of activities the BBQ will need to reach that goal. **Our goal this year is at least \$10,000 for our housing ministry.**

❖ **Step 2** Deciding on the location to host the BBQ is an essential component to the planning process because specific factors like accessibility, space and time limits are important for activity planning and budgeting. **Will let you know.**

❖ **Step 3** Establish the BBQ fundraiser attractions such as a cook off, Blue ribbon BBQ Sauce contest, barbeque hot dog eating contest, games, entertainment, etc. Also establish a BBQ menu with prices the customers can buy to help reach the fundraising goal. Other attractions may include but depending on the budget, carnival, western, renaissance and even flea market theme attractions to make it fun. **Need help with this.**

❖ **Step 4** Find out if any licenses, food or sellers permits are required once the location and activities have been established. Additionally get other local business involved to donate goods, custom design T-shirts or other memorabilia to commemorate the event and help with reaching the goal. **Got the Fire & Health Dept Permits.**

❖ **Finally Step 5** Get those creative juices flowing and come up with a good BBQ slogan. **GOT THAT!!**

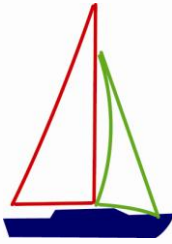


Logo designed by Natalie Ellis

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We are so sorry to learn of Liz McReynold's passing. She is fondly remembered by those of us who worked with her in Silver Valley Habitat for Humanity. Liz served as a board member, secretary, thank you writer, and a very valued family sponsor for several of our families. She thanked me for calling and inviting her to our Christmas mortgage burning party featuring some of her families, but she was too ill to attend. Our Care-A-Vanner friends will remember her as the lady who made special morning refreshments while they labored on our homes. She is shown here presenting a certificate to Dale Costa for the Fire Department's help in 2002. - Judy



## Join us for a day of Smooth Sale-ing!

Join us for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Silver Valley Expo. This year will feature a Kids Korner for the little ones, prize drawings, free stuff, great deals and best of all a **CASH** drawing!! Come get your "goodie bag" wander through the exhibitors booths and play Expo Bingo to enter into the Drawing

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## Silver Valley Fuller Center's Annual Report A Brief Report of our 2011 Financial Year — By Verne Blalack, Treasurer

We received over \$22,000 in cash donations, material donations and grants in 2011. Sales and special fund raisers netted us \$14,000 more. With \$19,000 in mortgage payments plus \$18,000 in the bank, we had around \$73,000 to spend on our housing ministry—completing our 18<sup>th</sup> home and a major Greater Blessings project. Around \$1,000 was sent as a tithe to the Fuller Center for building materials in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

Although we had poured the footing for a home for Darnell Kriedeman on Sunny Slopes where we had land, we decided to take the opportunity of a loan to purchase a HUD house in Smelerville so Darnell could walk to her job at Wal-Mart. This represented a huge long-term savings to her in transportation costs. We super insulated the home, installed a high efficiency gas furnace and installed a gas range, dryer, and water heater. Her winter gas and electricity savings have been several hundreds of dollars a month compared to her last year's utility bills! Even so, the home cost close to \$80,000. On the bright side, she is now saving enough money to pay it off.

The other big change in last year's plans was the Blalack's purchase of the Larry's Saw shop and Silver Valley Fuller Center's decision to lease the building with option to buy for a ReUse Store. With the help of volunteers, the ReUse Store has been bringing in a net income of around \$1200 per month. Much of this income has been reinvested in insulating the building. The utility bills have really dropped. ☺ Additional expenses will be obeying the Smelerville City code to erect a 6 foot fence around the property and to fix the roof.

The Greater Blessings funding comes from 5% of our donations plus donations made specifically for that account. We now have about \$400 in this account—enough for some small repairs. We do expect our expenses to be paid back (a little at a time) by the homeowners when they are able.

We would like to be starting on a home for another family soon. If you have property in Kellogg you would like to donate as a tax write off, we have a family that would like to live there so the father can also walk to work.

Our family selection committee is prepared to review new applications. To get an application and information, call Marilyn at 753-4131 or download them from [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org).




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*From Everett & Lois Arvidson  
In Memory of Marge Roose  
and of Rose Mary Peak,*

*From Verne & Judy Blalack,  
In Memory of Elizabeth "Liz" McReynolds*



Ivor & Lou Larson bring Ivor's sticker holder invention to the newsletter mailing workshop—speeds up the process.

### Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ I have a house and/or land to donate.
- ❖ I can make a no-interest loan for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please call about working out the details.
- ❖ I can provide construction materials either discounted or at no cost.
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## Coming Events

April 8—Easter

April 10—Committee and Board meetings, 6:30 PM,  
Mountain. View Congregational Church

April 14—EXPO, 10 AM to 2 PM, Sunnyside School,  
Kellogg



Volunteer Joyce Pellissier readies a cute cabinet for display that was donated by the Wicks to the ReUse Store.



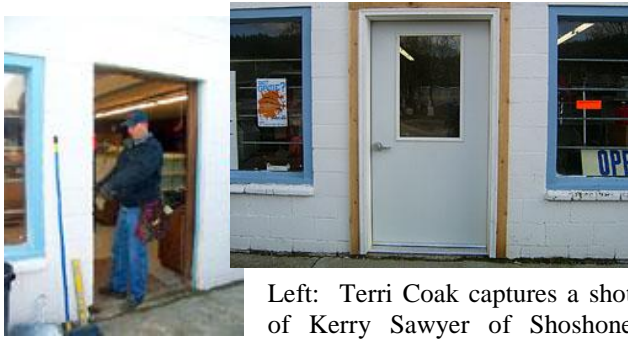
Left: Moe Pellissier inventories as he sits among boxes from the 4 pickup loads brought from the Wick residence. Right: Norm Holtz unloads a comfy chair.

*Photos by Judy*



Since I did not call the helpers to fold the newsletter in time, Fay Baun, Jacki Huber (& Abi), Marie Carver, Ivor & Lou Larson and I folded them at the ReUse Store on Monday (& took some home) so they could be mailed Tuesday. *Thank you, everyone.*





Left: Terri Coak captures a shot of Kerry Sawyer of Shoshone Glass as he cleans out the broken door frame of our “art deco” front door. Above is our new insulated, inward swinging front door that Kerry installed. The old glass door that blew out across the sidewalk is still available for sale; it needs new hinges. ☺



Jill Jackson, Judy Blalack, and Marilyn White enjoy a breakfast with the Osburn Community Baptist ladies at the Wallace Inn. Judy & Marilyn offered a SV Fuller Center presentation for the ladies. They honored us with gifts. ☺

*Photo by Lois Dahlberg*



Our good friend, Eula Hickam, from North Idaho Habitat for Humanity, visits with Verne at the ReUse Store. Eula was instrumental in getting the Habitat Restore functioning in Hayden (actually the first Restore in Idaho). She knows what’s important—she presented us with a pricing gun at our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. ☺

*Photo by Lorna Wasson*



## Wish List

Applicants for Fuller Center Homes—call Marilyn @ 753-4131 or download information and forms at [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org)

**Donated property in Kellogg for our next house.**

**Volunteers to help at the ReUse Store—especially Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays**

**Helpers to organize our BBQ Cook-Off in June (see page 1 & 2)**

**Come see us at EXPO, April 14. Info on pg 3.**

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