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Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing reelects the same officers and admits three new members. Seated in front are Verne Blalack - Treasurer, and Kevin Hutchings; 2nd row: Lois Boje, Mike Humphrey - President, Ed Vang - Vice President, and Haley Gosline - Secretary; Back Row: Judy Blalack, Bob Larson, Adam Hutchings, Chris Leetch, Duane Little, Norma Seaton, Janice DeVoe, and Marilyn White.

Wanted New Homeowners

To apply for a Silver Valley Fuller Center home call Marilyn White 753-4131 for information and to have the application mailed to you — or go online at www.svfch.org to download an application and information.

In appreciation of those who have gone before us to provide security and freedom in our country and to help our fellow men and women and ourselves, many of us seek to make the world a better place.

The Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing seeks to do this by providing simple decent affordable homes for low income households. These folks *will not* be given a home! They must work with us both in time & labor and publicity. They must be able to pay off a no-interest mortgage with reliable income. They must be willing to learn how to be good homeowners by studying budgeting, legal issues (such as making a will since they will have something of value to pass onto their heirs), and home maintenance. We will help teach them new skills.

Their homes will be appraised much more than their cost since we do not charge for volunteer labor. Sounds like a great deal? YES! But, one must apply for it.



Bob Larson and Steve Critchfield installed a handicap toilet at the Coak home as a “Greater Blessings” project.

God’s Blessings

Overwhelmed with moving, working part-time, and caring for my disabled husband, who had just had his 8th foot surgery and was fighting a raging infection, came God’s Blessings with a discount.

The Fuller Center was going to help us with a wheelchair ramp, but then we moved and my husband was having trouble with the confines of the bathroom. God’s Blessings came in this weekend and replaced the old toilet with a new handicap one. The second blessing was that the cost of the toilet was half price as originally thought. We were blessed with healing hands to help with the fight against the infection that had spread up his leg. I donate my time and love of taking pictures for the Fuller Center, but the God’s Blessings that came our way this weekend was triple fold.

Repaying the Fuller Center and All the help we had this weekend is going to take me a while. I cannot thank you enough nor can I tell people enough to pay it forward. DONATE---Time, Money, Household Goods, Etc.

Please!!! P.S. We are finally on the road to recovery and gaining speed on the infection. Thank you to ALL of you.

T. Coak and Family



We are short of funds in our “Greater Blessings” account. Those who receive this help repay when they can, but there are many more in need now—before the first debts can be repaid. If you would like your donations to go into these projects, please let us know.



If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday; and the Lord shall guide thee continually.

Isaiah 53:11-12

The Silver Bulletin

This newsletter serves as a lifeline to folks in our community and others elsewhere who keep SVFCH in their hearts. We certainly appreciate your support in \$, labor, and prayers.

I published the first issue in August 1993 after attending a newsletter workshop at a Habitat convention in Bend, OR, and decided that it would benefit our organization. *The Silver Bulletin* has come a long way since Lois Shadle and I struggled to collect enough addresses to meet the minimum for bulk mail, and with Betty Belisle's help we stood in front of the area banks' copy machines to run them off.

From there, we graduated to Crow's Printing, and with Gary Corbiel's help, we were able to expand our circulation. After Gary & Cricket sold Crow's Printing, we received the welcome offer from Susan Mitchell to use the printers at The Reiki Alliance at their cost. Nancy Hardy and I (with occasional help from Verne and Glory Carlile) spent about 6 hours using their machines with each printing. In 2002, Ron Frank at ABC Business Equipment offered to print them at about the same cost—*donating his labor*.

Our Homeowner-To-Be Families then fold the newsletters (earning "sweat equity"), and our efficient mailing crew prepares them for mailing. Becky Stein and I are our data entry persons and mailing label makers. Joanne Monteith proof reads it.

In 1997, Postmaster, Ron, at the Kellogg Post Office assisted me in acquiring permission from the PO regional office to sell the ads, which pretty well *cover our mailing costs*. We must meet strict guidelines.

In 2011, we received special help from Janet Harpel as she edited *The Silver Bulletin* while I was busy with our 50th wedding anniversary. Terri Coak, Janet Harpel, Kevin Hutchings, Vern Hanson, William Bunton, R'Gean Lillibridge, Mike Humphrey, Lois Boje, Verne Blalack, Maj. Mike Groves, Phillip Ruff, Sharon Hewitt, Melody Blalack, Kelly Griffin, Pat Hewitt, Marlene Martin, Ed Vang, and Cheryl Morgan contributed photos. Our talented reporters were: Barb Fisher, Verne Blalack, Darnell Kriedeman, Marlene Martin, Keith Dahlberg, Norma Seaton, Judy Blalack, Susan Pratt, Margaret & Marcie (Shoshone Base Camp Servants), R'Gean Lillibridge, Haley Gosline, Janet Lake, Lois Shadle Boje, Mike Humphrey, and Bev Lightner.

Helping with the folding and in the mailing workshops were: Sis Badgley, Joan Blackburn, Verne & Judy Blalack, Fay Baun, Lois Boje, Marie Carver, Hermia Crosby, Janice DeVoe, Mary Lou Dubiel, Evelyn Ferguson, Barb Fisher, Nancy Hardy, Patti Houchin, Ben & Jacki Huber, Darnell Kriedeman, Chris Leetch, Ivor & Lou Larson, Teresa Lavergne, R'Gean Lillibridge, Carolyn MacPhee, Penny Michael (& Gus), Moe & Joyce Pellissier, Chris Rust, Becky Stein, Ed Vang, Lois White, and Mary Woolum. It takes at least 13 workers to do this workshop efficiently since the post office requires attaching side stickers or will charge us \$60 each month for them to be applied.

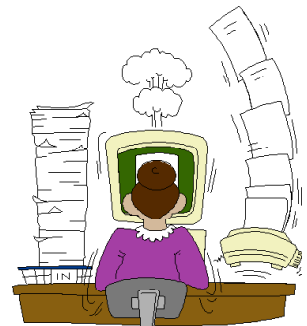
Businesses buying ads in 2011 were: Albi's Restaurant, Bob's Auto Repair, Casa de Oro, Chiropractic Health, F & H Mine Supply, First American Title Co, Garry's Lube & Oil, Gayton Fine Landscape, Head Hunter Taxidermy, Health Nut, Humdinger Drive-In, Kellogg Physical Therapy, Kellogg Vacation Homes, Kellogg Vision Center, Kingston Kwick Stop Exxon, North ID Recycling, Panhandle State Bank, Shiplett's Chevron Service, Shoshone Honda, Silver Valley SignWorks, Silver Valley Tire, The Price Tag, Twin City Furniture, Upscale Mail, Yokes Foods & Pharmacy, and Zanetti Bros. The cost for one month's ad is \$20, and for one year's is \$200.

Some of you may recall before we started selling ads, various businesses paid for our printing costs, and I indicated their contribution by putting their names in a little mailbox on the front page. *We now are soliciting donations to cover our current printing costs—about \$160 for the 1725 copies that ABC Business Equipment prints for us. The donor (whether an individual, business, or organization) will be listed on the back cover. I am limited on the number of ads I can sell (only one page due to postal regulations) so this is our area of need where you can help.*

We mail over 1480 and hand-deliver the rest to various businesses such as restaurants, waiting rooms, post offices, and libraries for their patrons. We also email about 140. If you are interested in receiving yours in color via the net, email me at judyblalack@gmail.com. [If you are on dial-up, it does take awhile to download.]

If you are interested contributing to a month's printing, please contact me at 682-3240.

Thank you, all, for your generous support in time, effort and money. — Your editor, Judy



Andrew Lane chose to work at the ReUse Store as a school project and had to make a report

on his experience. Here Verne and Norm Holtz teach him some construction skills.

Bev Lightner works with Christy Derbyshire sorting and cleaning household items for sale at the ReUse Store.



Photos by Judy

Appreciation

Since 1995, we have made appreciation certificates. I try to not duplicate photos in the newsletter for those shown in past years. This year we are distributing about 190 certificates to churches, businesses, and organizations that have contributed to our housing ministry either through labor, money or gifts-in-kind for our building projects or to the ReUse Store. Profits from the ReUse Store are used in our housing ministry.



Bob Bouton of the Osburn Lyons Club accepts a certificate from Chris (C J) Leetch. The Lyons Club brought a collection of Christmas decorations for us to sell at the ReUse Store.

Photo by Judy



Rick Shaffer of the Wallace Inn Best Western accepts a certificate for the breakfast they provided the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers when they helped us last June.



Colleen Rosson, Forrest Van Dorn, and Karrie Jerauld accept a certificate for the Historic Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce. Colleen is the Coordinator; Forrest is the retiring president; and Karrie is the new president. The chamber helps us at EXPO.



Haley Gosline presents a certificate to Celica Ruff of the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Assn. The Arts & Crafts Assn. helps us at their annual Fair. Celia also made 2 quilts for the Kriedeman dedication.



Judy presents a certificate to Marlene Martin of Shoshone County Housing. Marlene is helping our homeowners with budgeting.

Photo by Haley Gosline



Haley presents a certificate to Don Rumpel of Kellogg Plastics for donating materials to the ReUse Store.

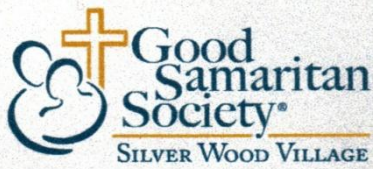
We thank these businesses for supporting our newsletter.



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Your generosity gives us the ability to give a “hand up”.

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We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Marvin & Janet Lake
In memory of Freddie (Linney) Watson*

*From Wayne and Debbie Kovash
In memory of Judy Reagan*

*From Verne & Judy Blalack,
In memory of Rose Mary Peak*

*From Joann & Darrel Carlson
In memory of Rose Mary Peak*

*From Jim & Norma Seaton
In Memory of Rose Mary Peak*

*From Pat & Ray Sales
In memory of Thomas R. Strayer*

Greater Blessings Projects

Judy & Verne Blalack, Joann & Darrel Carlson,
Glory Carlile, Arliss & Suzy Blalack,

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.
- ❖ I would like to help with construction and/or committee work. Please call me to help or send a volunteer form.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- I do not wish to be on your mailing list.

I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

Coming Events

Feb 7—Board & Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church, Kellogg
[This is a special date since Valentines is on the following Tuesday—our usual meeting time.]



We are delighted to receive a gift from
Barbara & Dale James
honoring their friends
Wray & Barbara Featherstone



Noah Rust helps Kevin Hutchings and Swede Little load donated items from Carl & Tina Hojem’s (C & T) storage units.



Don Tesky helps Verne load his large TV onto Verne’s “Old Blue” pickup.
Photos by Judy

A recent U of I graduate from Spirit Lake would like to volunteer with us. If you can provide some transportation over 4th of July, please let me know. Judy- 682-3240



Norm Holtz and Verne work on the ceiling of one of the back rooms at the ReUse Store. *Photo by C J Leetch*



Destiny Hutchings, Allison Smith & Alyshia Spring move a jet tub while helping at the ReUse Store. *Photo by Judy*



Bev & John Lightner donated a 1965 Ford pickup to be used at the ReUse Store. It has been fully restored except for a paint job. If you would like to donate your labor, we will buy the paint & you may have your logo on it. Call Judy (682-3240) to volunteer. *Photo by Judy*



Wish List

Applicants for Fuller homes—see page one.

Help at the ReUse Store
Call 786-6013 & volunteer for the days/hours you are available.

Gleaner call the ReUse Store 786-6013

Fund Raising Chair & Committee Members
We need new ideas & helpers.

Grant Writer helper

Bookkeeper

Call Judy 682-3240 for these.

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