



Carl Blalack operates Keith Sims' trackhoe to drain runoff away from the Mullan home. *Photo by Verne*

### CONSTRUCTION REPORTS

By Verne Blalack

#### UP AT MULLAN

This week I gathered my old vertical caving gear and worked on our rehab house roof in Mullan. Some of the metal roofing nails need replacing with screws and a short piece of ridge cap was missing. Kevin Hutchings, the site supervisor, tied on caulking tubes & bug spray onto my rope when I needed it. The roof was too hot to touch with bare skin and there were 2 small yellowjacket nests where the ridge cap had to be replaced, but I lucked out & never got stung.

Friday, Carl Blalack ran Keith Sims' trackhoe to rearrange the yard so that the runoff will drain away from the house. If you need landscaping of any kind done, Keith can do it. Just call him at 682-9508.

I understand that Amethyst and her mother, Donna Stone, are going to finish the painting. After that, the flooring of the last room will commence. Kevin and Amethyst are working closely together on the last of the finish work to insure that things are done to the home owner-to-be's satisfaction.

#### UP ON SUNNYSLOPES

In between times, up on Sunnyslopes we hope to get the water ditch covered before it freezes and pack the ground above the water and sewer pipes where they go under the foundation footings. Hopefully, we'll get the footing poured by September the 25<sup>th</sup>. That's the day we'll get the help of 30 University of Idaho volunteers. If we can have the footings poured, they can build the forms for the four foot high stem walls as well as fill the sewer ditch and dig the shallower electric and gas ditches.

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Our entry into the KHS All Class reunion parade featured a little house created by Kathy McPherson. Sitting in the house was Morgan Dodson. Also on the float were Mike Humphrey, Adam Hutchings, Verne & Judy Blalack and a lot of tools. *Photo by Kathie Vang*



Care-A-Vanner, JJ Williams, visits with Margo Siedeman Hurd and her husband while Kathy McPherson sells "Little Shop" raffle tickets to JJ's wife, Peggy Legard Williams, at our booth at the KHS All Class Reunion. *Photo by Judy*



Verne Blalack and Marie Carver man (& woman) our booth at Pinehurst Days. Even with the ticket sales at the KHS Reunion and here, **we still have 100 more to sell before we can hold the "Little Shop" drawing.** *Photo by Judy*

***Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!***  
**Philippians 4:4**

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**GREATER BLESSINGS PROJECTS**

Bob Larson and Christopher Leetch have finished the small storage shed on our Polaris lot in Osburn so Christopher has been helping Kevin a little at Mullan. Now that Mike Humphrey's arm is healed, that trio will be probably be working on a trailer house ramp in Osburn.

Shoshone Base Camp youth have completed their 2010 summer volunteerism, so the help of Chris and Mike continue to be a regular blessing at the construction sites along those special people like Keith Sims and John Hopper with their machinery. The home owners-to-be, Darnell Kreideman and Amethyst Pelham, put in their weekly six hours of sweat equity of course which helps, but we'll soon be losing Amethyst's labor when her house is finished and that leaves us with only one home owner-to-be.

**Folks we need a couple of new families!** It always amazes me that we don't have dozens of applications for these affordable homes we're building. We only charge for the materials and paid labor that goes into them. On a 30 year home loan at 5%, the interest cost on a financed home costs 93% of the home costs. We charge no interest on our home loans! Also, the home payments are usually as low as renting and that home payment is an investment, not an expense. The three major criteria for a Fuller Center home are: 1. you must need better housing or more affordable housing. 2. You must have enough reliable income to pay off the costs of the home. 3. You must be willing to "partner" with us. That means putting in an average of 6 hours of sweat equity per week and putting up with the publicity involved in getting a Fuller Center home. To get an application just call Marilyn White at 753-4131. Folks, please help us find people who meet these criteria!



Iver & Lou Larsen served coffee, tea & cookies at the Dena Mora rest stop just over Lookout Pass.

*Photo by Janet Lake*



We are delighted to hear that our first RV Builders for 2011 have signed up. Patrick Russell & Terry Royce who helped with the Wenzel home are coming and bringing folks from Norway.



A traveler stops for refreshment at the trailer loaned to us by Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho. We will be swapping a storage trailer donated to us by Ken Tilton for this one so we will own a nice facility for both sides of the freeway. We completed a small storage shed in Osburn to house the items stored in Ken's trailer making it available for the exchange.

*Photo by Janice DeVoe*

**Dena Mora Rest Stop Fundraiser**

By Janice DeVoe and Amethyst Pelham

On a chilly Montana morning at Dena Mora Rest Stop, Amethyst Pelham unlocked the trailer door to set up for the day. In fifteen minutes the coffee was hot and the cookies were on the counter, inviting weary travelers to stop by. Because we had a sign outside stating Habitat for Humanity, we had a lot of explaining to do about Fuller Center for Housing. Amethyst did a terrific job connecting with people and answering their questions satisfactorily. The tourists always smiled when Amethyst declared she was the 17<sup>th</sup> build in the Silver Valley and would be moving into her house in a few months. People delighted in hearing that, and some told their stories of volunteering at builds.

We even had a new volunteer try to come into the trailer. This furry guy was clawing his way in until Amethyst hollered "Scat!" to scare him away. The ground squirrels were plentiful outside, and the tourists enjoyed feeding them. They would even feed them pieces of cookies just to see them put up their little paws as they begged. We cringed as some tourists had close encounters with the teeth and claws.

Amethyst and I loved hearing the stories and encouragement from the tourists. Their generosity towards Fuller Center in these depressed economic times blessed us tremendously.

At the end of the day, Amethyst declared "I will do this again". Hosting the Fuller Center trailer is a delightful experience that no one should miss.



***WISH LIST***

**More Fund Raising Committee members**

(Wish we had enough volunteers to have booths at the Huckleberry Festival and Molly B'Damned as well as Pinehurst Days.)

**Construction helpers**—need not be experienced (Out of work? Helping us looks good on your resume.)

**Gleaner**—needs own pickup



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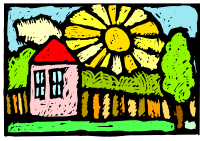
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### Dena Mora

Our thanks go to all who helped with the Dena Mora Fund Raiser: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Josie's Full of Beans, and Real Life Café for serving as drop off spots for cookies; and to the servers: Norma & Jim Seaton, Ron & LaDonna Boothe, Ivor & Lou Larsen, Marvin & Janet Lake, Bob & Dana Stovern, Marie Carver, Fay Baun, Carl & Ester Hoiland, Dan & Penny Michael, Marilyn White, Moe & Joyce Pellissier, Amethyst Pelham, Janice DeVoe, Duane Little, Joan Blackburn, Dick & Donna Silva, Terry & Dee Sverdsten.

We earned \$1,097.74 at the site. Margaret Grandpre helped Norma apply for the Thrivent grant. Thrivent will match 1/2 of these funds.



### Good News

We netted \$483.09 for the Pig Roast. We split \$1937.46 with the Rose Lake Quick Response Unit giving each of us \$968.73 for the "Ride the Wall" event.

One of the things that helped this year was in ordering shirts that were less expensive (thanks, Gordon, for the cute design) and another was a better insurance rate through The Fuller Center.

### 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.
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### Coming Events

- Sept 14— Partnership/Construction/PR & Fund Raising Committees, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- Sept 14— Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- Sept 18—13<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon, Kellogg Middle School
- Sept 18—Dedication of the Pelham home in Mullan



Mike Humphrey captures a shot of Bob Larson and Verne Blalack in front of the large mirror donated by Wally & Barbara Huff.



Judy and Haley Gosline collect SVHFH's first place prize for the float in its division in the Pinehurst Days Parade. The \$20 prize will go into the Greater Blessings fund.

*Photo by Carla Ross*



The Partnership & Construction Committees and Board of Directors meet at the Pelham homesite in August.

*Photo by Janice DeVoe*



Kevin Hutchings drove our tool van with its new logo to pull our winning entry in the Pinehurst Days parade. Verne stood to hold the roof on the little house that had to be reassembled after the last parade.

*Photo by Judy*

## Legacy Build

Between Sept. 6-10, the Fuller Center will kick off its second annual Millard Fuller Legacy Build where volunteers will build, renovate or dedicate homes for more than 100 low-income families. More than 1,000 will volunteer across the country and around the world to help complete at least 100 simple, decent homes from Alabama to El Salvador. The weeklong event honors The Fuller Center's and Habitat for Humanity's late founder, Millard Fuller, and his vision of eliminating poverty housing  
*We needed more helpers to finish #17 for this event—  
 please do volunteer to help.*

**Walk with us Saturday, Sept. 18,  
 at 9 AM from the Kellogg Middle School—  
 registration form attached. And then at 2 PM,**

**You Are Invited**

*to the dedication of our 17th home for  
 Amethyst Pelham and her family,  
 2 PM on September 18 at  
 144 Dewey St. in Mullan.*

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