



Pilgrim Lutheran Church youth from Puyallup, WA, work on the front of Darnell's home. Photo by Judy



Bev Lightner and Norma Seaton begin cleaning a section of the repair shop area in our ReUse Store. Photo by Judy

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SMELTERVILLE SITE?

By Verne Blalack – Construction Supervisor

I hear the above question almost every day. Personnelwise in the latter half of August we unexpectedly were blessed with some teenagers and their leaders from the Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Puyallup, WA. They installed metal on the fascia (the board that is nailed on the ends of the rafters), painted, worked on the chain link fence, and left the wood floors unbelievably clean. {They also supplied much needed help at the ReUse Store, gave the store some firewood, and supplied firewood to Chris's great grandmother in Mullan!} What a "GREAT" crew!

Since they left, Swede and Darnell have ordered rugs for the bedrooms and are installing interior doors, etc. Chris Leetch has been helping Swede when Darnell isn't there. When neither is there, I fill in as we usually don't let our paid site supervisors work alone since our homeowners can't afford houses built by just paid personnel. The affordability of a Fuller Center home depends on volunteer labor. For example, Darnell's home would not have been affordable if we had had to pay for an electrician. Almost all of the wiring had to be replaced. When Swede doesn't have anyone else, I go over and work on the electrical. Having two people on the site at all times also makes it safer in case of an accident. Unfortunately, I've had to lay off Kevin (who is very versatile), as our funds are running low especially now that we are having initial investments in the ReUse Store.

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### THE BIRTHING OF A REUSE STORE

By Verne Blalack

(keeper of the books and scrubber of the floors)

Battles rarely work out as planned, but battles must be planned for. And, so it goes almost every day we work at getting our ReUse Store in shape.

The building was (and is) horribly dirty due to the years spent working inside on oily machinery. Part of the shop area has been steam cleaned (thanks, Kevin). However, oily deposits still remain. They have to be scraped, brushed and scrubbed several times by hand. It will probably be weeks (or months?) before this is done, as the walls and ceilings are also covered with oily deposits. In the meantime we must sell as much as we can to, hopefully, cover expenses. So, we have to price things, an interesting task. (How much is a used toilet seat worth?) Trying to keep the display areas clean while trying not to track oil in from the shop areas is a continuous challenge.

Every day we volunteers plan whether to clean the display areas, clean the shop areas, get rid of the stuff left inside and outside the building, bring more stuff in to sell from our various sheds, or wait until we get more room for it, etc. And, like generals, our plans often don't work out but are usually pleasantly interrupted by people coming in looking around, buying things, asking questions, donating things themselves or giving us things we have to pick up.

Of course, when you give birth you really don't know what you'll get, however, many people are telling us that the community really needs a second hand store like this and that gives us hope that the birthing of this ReUse Store will be successful.

PS: When you contractors have things left over at the end of a job that require as much or more money to transport and store them for more they are worth,—remember you can give them to us, write them off, and come out ahead.

*Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

**Philippians 2:4**

### Happing in Smeltonville (Continued from Page 1)

When I was at Darnell's a few days ago, it looked like we are about ready for the final plumbing and heating inspection. Mark Magnus (the carpentry inspector) has given us the go ahead to finish the carpentry, and we have the go ahead to finish the electrical. And NO, I won't give any expectant finish date as we are dependent on volunteers to help Swede, and we presently have less than \$4,000 to spend on the home. However, both Darnell and I hope she can be in before winter arrives.



Darnell scrubs the used range she will have in her kitchen.  
*Photos by Judy*



Girls work on a closet.



The wood chopping crew tackles a pile behind the ReUse Store. They also sawed up scrap for our fuel this winter.

### Action at the ReUse Store

All youth in the photos on this page are with the Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Puyallup, WA.



Chris Leetch, Norma Seaton, R'Gean Lillibridge, and Kevin Hutchings are some of those who came to help Linda Yergler (center) sort and move inventory from Larry's Saw Shop.



Some youth help sort the smaller items we set out for a sidewalk sale.



Other youth help Aaron Miller and Mike Lawley unload tables and small computer desks donated by the Kellogg School District. Some of these items will be kept to use for display. The rest are available for sale at the ReUse Store.



# WALK-A-THON

## SILVER VALLEY FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING (Formerly Silver Valley Habitat for Humanity)

### Sponsor Pledge Form



**WHAT** . . . . Fund raiser for Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing (SVFCH)

**WHY** . . . . Monies will be used to purchase building materials for construction.

**WHERE** . . . . From the Kellogg Middle School (800 Bunker Ave.—take I-90 Exit 49) on the trail along Interstate 90 toward Smeltonville 1½ mile and back.

**WHEN** . . . . Saturday, September 17, 2011, registration at 9 AM

**WHO** . . . . Anyone who would like to go 3 miles (*or more or less*) and help SVFCH

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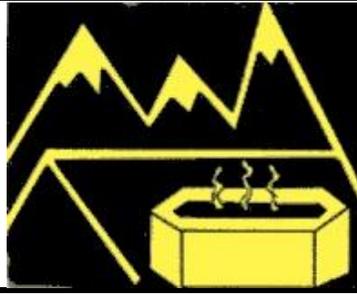
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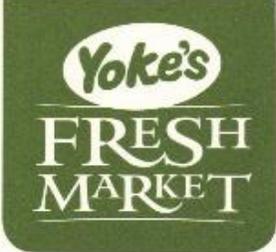
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## Coming Events

Sept 13—Board & Committee Meetings. Times & Locations to be announced. Call Marilyn White for information – 783-4131.

Sept 17—14<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon, 9 AM, Kellogg Middle School

**Grand Opening of our ReUse Store—  
in early September  
709 Main Street, Smeltonville  
(formerly Larry's Saw Shop)**

## Greater Blessings Donations

Judy & Verne Blalack, Grace Holton, Jo Davis



Dale Jacobs delivers a large lumber donation from Kellogg Lumber Co.  
*Photos by Judy*



Shoshone Base Camp Servants join with Fuller Center workers in a "Greater Blessings" project to roof Karen North's home in Pinehurst. On the far left is SVFCH President, Mike Humphrey & on the far right is SVFCH Supervisor, Kevin Hutchings.

### We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Ron & Gayle Hagman  
In Memory of Jimmy Smith  
And of John Yergler*

*From Marjorie Roose  
In Memory of John Yergler  
And of Jim Smith*

*From Verne & Judy Blalack  
In Memory of Buf McDaniel*

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- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ I have a house and/or land to donate.
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Above is the display we set out for a sidewalk sale from donated contents of 2 storage units. Normally we do not accept smaller items like these for resale as our focus is on useable building materials, working appliances, and clean furniture.  
*Photo by Terri Coak*



Mike Humphrey is ready for the crowds of Pinehurst Days.  
*Photo by Judy*



Verne poses with Judy Linscott and girls from Shoshone Base Camp Servants. The girls loaded donated items from Crown Electric as it was going out of business.

*Photo by Pat Hewett*



# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon

**Saturday, September 17**  
**Registration at 9 AM at the Kellogg Middle School**

**Neat "door prizes" including a (\$50 certificate from Building Maintenance) for participants**

**Bring a Friend**

**Registration inside newsletter and at [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org)**

*Bake sale, also, so bring some \$ to take some goodies home.*

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