



Peggy Morris, standing, serves breakfast to the SVFCFH Board Members, Norma Seaton, Marilyn White, Lois Boje, Mike Humphrey, Barb Fisher, Judy Blalack, Terry Sverdsten, Haley Gosline, and Verne Blalack, during their board retreat held at the Country Lane RV Resort.



Bob Larson, second from left, teaches Swede Little, Kyle Kreideman, and Christopher Leetch some basic house plan drafting. The classes were held at the NIC Extension in Kellogg.

Photos by Judy



Jeff Crawford finishes installing a new furnace & water tank in the Kriedeman home site. Verne notes it is great to have heat and water during the rehab!

2011 SVFCFH Annual Retreat held March 11th-12th

By Haley Gosline

The Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing board members held their annual retreat at the Country Lane Resort. Some board members stayed Friday night at the Country Lane Inn and enjoyed a home cooked meal. The rest of us filled our bellies with a homemade country breakfast with all the trimmings and enjoyed the toasty fireplace at the Inn during our discussions. This is the second year we have held our meeting at the Country Lane Resort because of the hospitality and huge helpings. We would like to thank Peggy for treating us so well. Our Board of Directors consists of caring local people living throughout the Silver Valley. The board members discussed our successes in 2010 and we were amazed with how much we accomplished! We have big plans for 2011 and ask for your support in our fundraising events.

We have sold 350 tickets for The Little Shop raffle and have 50 more available at: Kingston Kwik Stop, Real Life Ministries Café, Espresso Barn, Furniture Exchange, Bitterroot Mercantile, Josie's Full of Beans, Farmers Insurance, Osburn Gas Mart, Indelible Tidbits, 1313 Club, Polla's Mart, all the U.S. Banks & American West Bank in the Silver Valley, Kellogg Lumber Co., Building Maintenance & Supply, and Ace Hardware. It can be seen at the corner of the Furniture Exchange in Kellogg. **Cost is \$10 each or 6/\$50. There is a bid of \$1000 for the winning ticket if you don't want the building.**

Come see us at the Business Expo on April 16th at the Shoshone Medical Center H & E Building in Smeltonville from 10-2pm. We will have a table set up to sell The Little Shop raffle tickets, display our successes and the success of the FCFH Foundation!

We will be holding our Ride the Wall event on June 21st at the Enaville Resort in Kingston and our Annual Pig Roast on June 25th at the West Shoshone Park in Pinehurst. Visit our booth at Pinehurst Days held Aug. 5-7! Walk with us September 18th at the Walk-A-Thon and enter to win a basket at the Craft Fair on November 5-6th!

Our Mission, as an ecumenical Christian ministry, is dedicated to bringing together affluent and low-income people as a community to build simple, decent and affordable housing.

Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I many rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Philippians 2:14-16



Jacki Huber brought her children, Ruth, Abi, and Isaac to the March newsletter mailing session. *Photo by Judy*

Meet the Huber Family

By Janet Lake

Ben and Jacki Huber are the parents of three active young children, twins Isaac and Ruth, who are four years old, and Abigail, who is three.

Ben is a Silver Valley native, and Jacki's family moved around a lot while she was younger but settled in the Valley while she was in high school—and that's where Ben and Jacki met. The two married soon after attending high school in Kellogg.

Ben now works at Dave Smith Motors as a runner, and Jacki is a busy stay-at-home Mom.

Seven days after Abi was born, Jacki suffered a massive stroke and had to spend three months at St. Luke's rehabilitation unit in Spokane as she recovered.

She still has a bad ankle as a result of the stroke. When Jacki was released, she was not able to care for the children, and Ben's parents took the young family into their home so that the family could be together and be looked after. Because they had very limited insurance at the time of Abi's birth and Jacki's stroke, they have stayed with Ben's parents as they work at paying medical bills.

Now they are ready to be on their own again, and had been looking for housing to rent when a fellow church member told them about the Fuller Center for Housing and suggested that the family apply.

When time allows, Jacki enjoys reading and writing stories. Ben enjoys driving! The children enjoy playing together, but also have individual interests. Isaac and Ruth have inherited their Mom's love of books, and enjoy having someone read stories to them. Isaac also likes to play Mario on Wii. Ruth likes to play dolls with Abi. The twins attend school at Head Start in Kellogg. Little Abi's main interest is her Grandpa! He has been her favorite since she was a baby, because he did most of her child care while Jacki was so sick.

The Hubers' sponsor, Capri Ball, says that this family really deserves a home of their own, and she feels that it's awesome that they're able to do this.

Appreciation



Kellogg High School JROTC shows off their appreciation certificate for helping each year with the "Bike the Wall" event and occasionally at the construction sites.

Photo by Maj. Mike Groves



Haley Gosline presents a certificate for the Lake City Harmonizers to Terry Sverdsten during the Board Retreat.

Photo by Judy



Ann Alexander accepts a certificate from Teresa Lavergne for their gift box of jams we use as a fund raising prize.

Photo by Judy

CELEBRATING 12 YEARS



Saturday, April 16, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**The Shoshone Medical
Center H & E building
In Smelterville, Idaho**

Hosted by: *The Historic Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce*

Join us for the 2011 Expo; show-case your business, connect with other business owners and managers—share your experiences, plans and visions for your business and the Silver Valley. Your participation in this year's event will make this Expo the best one yet. Don't miss this 12th year celebration fun!

For more information contact the Historic Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce 208-784-0821

Fuller Center Bike Adventure!

A group of bikers are traveling from Seattle, Washington, to Washington D.C. (a total of 3,600 miles) this summer with the intent of raising \$500,000 and stopping to help with builds along the way.

Dates: June 10 – August 14. **They will be here June 17 through June 19 and will stay at the Wallace High School. On June 18, they will work on our construction site.**

Local riders can join them for a day or more. They ask that you collect a \$1 per mile, which can be donated here. Or, you can join them as a virtual rider or sign up as a team.

Ride information: In addition to biking, the riders will be speaking to church groups, media, and civic organizations. They will also put their hand to work on Fuller Center projects across the country. Biking, speaking, and building—a new kind of triathlon!

Ways you can help:

- Set up presentation/media opportunities
- Provide meals
- Tell other about the event
- Get your church, club, or business involved with a Fuller Center build
- Participate in another Fuller Center event around the country or the world
- Join as a Virtual Rider.

We do need to provide food for this group of about 30 people. If you can help with meals or any presentations, please call R'Gean Lillibridge at 682-3682 or Nancie Burkhardt at 682-4027.

More info: www.fullercenter.org/bikeadventure



Workers take a lunch break in the Kriedeman home: Verne Blalack, Chris Leetch, Sharon Asher and Bob Larson. I just missed seeing Jacki Huber who had been working with Sharon in the morning and Ben came later in the afternoon. In addition to tearing up the old linoleum in the kitchen, Sharon has been organizing the donated appliances and building materials we have in the garage behind this house.

Photo by Judy

Items we have for sale at 204 Hill St, Smelterville:

- Jennair Grill Range - \$100
- Bathroom sink with faucet & cabinet - \$35
- Maytag electric dryer - \$150
- Tappan Electric Range - \$50 (as is—needs cleaning)
- GE Dishwasher (built-in) \$20
- Electric Water Heater - \$70
- Stainless Steel Double Kitchen Sink with Faucet - \$30
- Assorted Plumbing Supplies: Faucets, Showerheads, etc.

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We are honored to receive these memorials.

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*From Verne & Judy Blalack
In Memory of Jean Wilkinson*

*From Bob Fisher
In Memory of Gus Stein*

*From Rich & Sandy Nearing
In Memory of David Korff*

Greater Blessings Donations

Josephine Davis and Verne & Judy Blalack

Haiti Update: Building teams are currently back in Haiti following the unrest and cholera outbreak. There are 5 more week long scheduled builds between now and August 20 with 2 of them still accepting volunteers. www.fullercenter.org/haiti

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 _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

Coming Events

- Apr 12—Committee Meetings: Partnership, Construction, PR & \$, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- Apr 12—Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- Apr 16—EXPO, 10 AM-2PM, Smeltonville
- Jun 17-19—Bike Adventures
- Jun 21—*Ride the Wall*, 6 PM, Enaville
- Jun 25—Pig Roast, 4-7, West Shoshone Park, Pinehurst



Capri's church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, in Osburn, invited us to speak about our local housing ministry.

Photo by Lois Boje



Jeff Crawford donated a furnace we will use in the double garage located on the HUD lot in Smeltonville. We will be able to use the garage for occasional "garage sales" with donated materials.

Photo by Judy



Verne watches as Electrical Inspector, Doug Morfitt, checks the electrical box and wiring at the HUD home in Smeltonville. If a building has been vacant for a year, the inspector must approve having AVISTA turn on the juice.



It must be a “teachable moment” in the laundry room at the Kreideman home site in Smeltonville. *Photos by Judy*



At the Shoshone County Housing meeting, Marlene Martin explains to the directors, Jerry Brantz, Christina Mace, Jerry White, Verne Blalack, and Jerry Cobb, that approval for the family at the Mullan site is pending on a federal USDA RD loan to the family. SVFCH is providing the land.



**Come see us at EXPO
April 16 in Smeltonville.**

**Please help with the Fuller
Center Bike Adventure,
June 17-19.**

We received word that 2 couples *will not* be coming to help with our RV Build in June. Please spread the word that *we can use 4 more couples to help from June 12 to 25.*

Joe & Rose Mary Peak will be hosting the “Ride the Wall” again this year on June 21 at the Enaville Resort. Now is the time to advertise by ordering your logo for the shirts that Gordon Turner is designing. The logos help pay for our costs for the shirts. Call Judy at 682-3240.

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