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Ticket taker, Ellie Arguimbau, and ticket salesman, Ron Boothe, relax after assisting the early crowd which arrived before serving started at our annual Pig Roast.

Photo by Judy

A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN

By Ron Boothe

It was sweltering. The pork and chicken weren't the only critters "barbecued". But the adults and children who braved the heat enjoyed the great meat, salads, desserts, and companionship of the 23th annual Pig Roast in the Park put on by a slew of volunteers on behalf of the Fuller Center for Housing. Ron Boothe, ticket seller, enjoyed watching the parade of bikers, trail walkers, and hungry Silver Valley natives go through the line and enjoy the shade of the Odd Fellows Gazebo adjoining the fabulous "Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes".

Many bikers fresh off Silver Mountain enjoyed getting their energy restored from the nourishment.

The event is one of Fuller Center's best fund-raisers, and it has such great support from the community. Many contributions were made above the price of the banquet to go into the cause of affordable housing, along with "greater blessings" to homes in need.

Kudos to those who braved the triple digits. Kudos to the folks who provided the meats, salads, pies and cakes, making it possible.

Many dishes were left over, and will be used to feed the "Bike and Build" group of bicyclists coming in August.

Kudos to special helpers, Chef Don Taylor, Lou & Iver Larson, Kathy & Loren McPeak, Rick & Rene Gilbert, George & Melody Blalack, and Dr. Scott Reed, for this event, and of course Judy and Verne for their efforts which are very akin to the popular event that went on in Coeur d'Alene on the same day as the Pig Roast.

"And, behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give every one according to his work...." Revelation 22:12



With his ladder secured to the eave, Verne uses a heavy sanding disc to remove the mostly peeling lead paint from the Sousa home. *Photo by Ellie Arguimbau*

The Fuller Center for Housing's Greater Blessing (GB) Program

By Verne Blalack, Construction Supervisor The Fuller Center (SVFCH) repairs some homeowners' homes when they cannot (1) have enough money or (2) do not have the skills needed to repair them themselves. They must be (1) selected by the Fuller Center and (2) promise to repay SVFCH as they are able.

Some GB repairs are accomplished quickly and easily. Some, however, are quite difficult and take a long time. This article is about one of these challenging ones that we are committed to finish. Until we finish those already selected, we will not select any more to do this year.

Shannon Souza's Home Repairs

Shannon's GB repairs first entailed updating her electrical system. Amp Electric did this in 2012 and Shannon paid us back as she could until last summer when she mistakenly paid a shyster \$700 to paint her home. He never prepared the home to be painted. He just used very thin paint and painted over all the peeling paint, etc! Without having her home repainted and her storm windows changed, she could not get her home insured. Shoshone Glass replaced her special order storm windows for FREE!

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23rd Annual Pig Roast



Helpers Verne Blalack, Kathy McPeak, and Lou Larson are very willing to accept the food that Bob Launhardt brings to the Pig Roast.



Chef Don Taylor and Mike Humphrey serve the pork and chicken while Linda Miller, Darnell Kriedeman, and others help with salads and desserts.



All diners were delighted to find shade in our 103 degree heat. *Photos by Judy*



After earlier delivering her food donation, Marvin & Janet Lake come back to enjoy the whole dinner.



After the diners leave, the ones who step in and serve as cleanup crew are a fantastic group. A few are shown here: Lou Larson, Melody Blalack, and Kathy & Loren McPeak



Scott Reed and kids, Kay & Ted, also help with dismantling the gazebos as part of cleanup.

On a personal note, Verne & I are delighted that son, George, and daughter-in-law, Melody, who came for the 4th of July, arrived early to help with the Pig Roast. Love those "kids."

3 Greater Blessings Projects



Verne starts priming the eastern gable to see how it will cover the sanded wood.

Greater Blessings- (continued from page 1) So now we are involved with preparing her home to be repainted again. This involves first removing the peeling lead paint. It would have been much, much faster to have pressure washed it. This old home, sadly, did not have vapor barriers installed; the insulation would have become soaked; and I feared mold from power washing would have been the result.

A challenge we have is that if we hire this job done Shannon will be forever paying us off. Another consideration is that there are three high gable ends on this house which entail difficult, dangerous work for volunteers. In addition, the removed lead paint must be safely collected to go the EPA lead paint site.

When I started sanding the peeling and cracking paint, I found out that I had to use a #20 grit sanding disc, which is much grittier than normal wood sandpaper. When the weather is hot, the paint sander becomes so hot one cannot hold it even with gloves on. We are then forced to literally put it on ice for awhile!

After a section's paint is removed, there are knotholes and cracks to be filled with wood filler before the painting can be started. On the gable ends, the siding is 3/8" and has to be re-nailed since they are coming out. Anchor bolts are attached for safely using long ladders which is time consuming. (Scaffolding doesn't work in people's driveways or neighbors yards.)

This article is written to explain that some of our GB repairs are challenging and we can't do as many as easily as we would like. None-the-less, we do what we can as fast as we can.



Clint, Verne & Rick Wood discuss the roof repair on Deb Bornitz home. They decided to wait until the weather cools (without rain). Clint hoped one of his Servant teams could help, but extreme

care will be needed as far as how much weight the roof trusses can hold so a large crew cannot do it.



Verne surveys the dead grand fir (or white fir) whose root helped destroy the stairs on Nancy Elliott's property. This 100' tree must be removed without hitting any wires before the stairs can be replaced. Any volunteers for this job? Call Judy at 682-3240.

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We have a new friendly face at the ReUse Store, Kay Baker. She is our newest home-owner-to be and is earning her "sweat equity." *Photos by Judy*

Since we now have 2 prospective homeowners and it will take at least a year or more to have them in their own homes, we are not accepting more applications at this time. If we had more volunteer construction supervisors and laborers, we could finish these homes faster. *The Silver Bulletin* Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing's Monthly Newsletter August 2015 Vol. 23 #8 709 Main Street (P.O. Box 338), Smelterville, ID 83868 Phone 786-6013

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We are honored to receive this memorial.

From Barbara and Gordon Canterbury In Memory of Lela Church

Greater Blessings Fund Judy & Verne Blalack, Christina & Josh Mace



Sano Haldi of Wallace Elks made the decision to buy a large freezer from the ReUse Store. Here he greets Verne upon delivery of the freezer. Photo by Penny Michael

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.
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View Congregational Church Aug 14th-15th—Huckleberry Festival, Wallace.

- Sept 5-7—Under the Freeway, Wallace
- Sept 19—Annual Walk-A-Thon, 9 AM Kellogg Middle School

Coming Events

Aug 6—Welcoming dinner for Bike & Build, 6:30 PM,

Mt. View Congregational Church

Aug 11—Board & Committee meetings, 6:30 PM, Mt.



Tom Reinland, of Reinland Auctioneers, visits with Verne after assessing our assets. The Board of Directors is considering closing the ReUse Store unless it remains profitable. Tom explained that without big ticket items to draw an out of town crowd, the auction would not be worth the costs. At this time under Brad Fieser's management, it is profitable-hopefully it will remain so during the cold months, too.

An additional expense we will have will be for hauling off the recyclable scrap that we took to North Idaho Recycling which was just a short distance away.

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Tommy Hayes, at right, helps Verne & John Boy unload the Elks' freezer in Wallace. They were glad to receive a key to lock it as it remains outside. Photo by Penny Michael

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Wayne Leggett, of the Tator Tots 3-wheel trikers, wears his shirt to the Pig Roast. About 70 Tator Tots enjoyed the meal.



John Delaney sands the old peeling paint off the Souza home while Verne begins priming the opposite gable end.



Bill Cleveland points to the new tires on our pickup. He said he was tired of driving past the ReUse Store and seeing it sitting with 4 slashed tires so he donated \$500 toward new ones. Bill started remodeling the Pioneer Lodge after he purchased it last winter and 90% of the materials he used are from the ReUse Store. We *truly* appreciate his help. *Photos by Judy*

"The Theology of the Hammer" is that our Christian faith (indeed, our entire Judeo-Christian tradition) mandates that we do more than just talk about faith and sing about love. We must put faith and love into action to make them real, to make them come alive for people. Faith must be incarnated; that is to say, it must become more than a verbal proclamation or an intellectual assent. True faith must be acted out."

Millard Fuller, Co-Founder of The Fuller Center for Housing and The Fuller Center for Housing

Please join us in putting your faith and love to work with our neighbors in need. We need people to serve on several committees: Construction, Fund Raising, PR, Church Relations, and Hospitality. We also need a grant writer and volunteer coordinator as well as Construction Supervisors and construction laborers. Call Judy at 682-3240 to volunteer.

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