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Ron Reed conducts the Lake City Harmonizers as they entertain the diners at our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast.

*Photo by Judy*

### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast

Beautiful weather, and lovely entertainment—a great day for a BBQ picnic sponsored by our Fuller Center volunteers and The Enaville Resort.

Joe and Rose Mary arrived with their electrical BBQ equipment that needed a generator since the outlets at the park picnic station keeps blowing circuit breakers. Mark Thyr brought his generator and stayed to help with the set up. Our thanks go to all of them.

Krista Wenzel and Candra Hahn greeted those great cooks bringing their salads and desserts. Our diners appreciated them all & really devoured them.

We appreciated the help from the Junior Red Cross twins, Ryan & ShawnLeah Richey, and from our RV Builders who spent their last morning on the worksite and helped here in the afternoon. John Hopper, Fred Stone, and Swede Little transported the tables & chairs from The Mountain View Congregational Church and Silver Mountain Resort.

Special thanks go to Amethyst Pelham, who not only worked as often as possible on the rehabbing of her home-to-be in Mullan, but also chaired this event. She did a fabulous job.



Mark Thyr brings his generator for the BBQ.

*Photo by Judy*



RV Builders group: Bernie & Audrey Ussery, Milo & Dee Johnson, Diane & George Gravlee, Barb & Lew Young, and Maria & Marv Edelstein at the Blue Anchor RV Park.

### 2010 Fuller Center RV Builders

By Diane Gravlee

On June 13th, eight RV Builders arrived at the Blue Anchor Campground in Osburn to begin a 2 week build. We were warmly welcomed at a potluck hosted by the local staff and board and we eagerly looked forward to Monday morning, when our supervisor, Kevin, outlined what he wanted to accomplish on the renovation of the house and we set to work. Within a couple of days, the laundry room began to take shape, the siding was installed on the front and much of the electrical work was completed. By the end of our stay, the laundry room was sheetrocked with a door and window in its new wall, the siding extended on around the right side of the house, the living room and two bedrooms were textured, primed and painted and the two pine carved beams found a new home at each end of the living room. The tool van was also rearranged and organized.

George and I were part of this team. We usually find renovation work very frustrating and time consuming, but with Kevin's expertise and with the stage the house was in, we found it to be a fun challenge this time. We have been traveling and building for 17 years, starting in 1993 with a build in Kauai, Hawaii. We have since been on over 100 builds with Habitat for Humanity or the Fuller Center for Housing, and we have a personal goal of helping build a house in every state. We are proud to say that your state of Idaho became our 41st state.

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

**Philippians 2:4**





RV'er, Marv Edelstein works on an electrical outlet.  
*Photo by Diane Gravlee*

### RV Builders (continued from Page 1)

We see our building as a God's call for us in retirement, and we have been so blessed over the years with wonderful fellowship, friendship and experiences. We have done two Jimmy Carter Work Projects and several other blitz builds. We have been doing a 4 week build every winter with friends we met in Slidell, LA, ever since hurricane Katrina. George was a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey and I was a school librarian. We didn't start out with this kind of retirement in mind, but it has certainly taken us many places and taught us many things over the years.

We would like to thank Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing, as well as Kevin, Chris, Swede and Verne, for a productive and wonderful 2 weeks; we would also like to thank all those who contributed to our delicious lunches each day. And we will all proudly wear our new Silver Valley T-shirts as we work at other sites around the country. Lastly, we wish Amie and her two children many happy years and God's blessings in her new home.

### Shoshone Base Camp Servants' photos

Kevin downloaded them from the cameras of the group working the week of July 19-22 at the Pelham homesite in Mullan.



Kevin & Swede pose with the SBC youth along the van. Silver Valley SignWorks will have new a Fuller Center logo on the van in time for the All Class Reunion parade.



The youth install insulation in the new outer wall.



Audrey Ussery works on a window in the Pelham home.  
*Photo by Diane Gravlee*



Maybe a new Karate Kid is coming up. ☺

## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

By Verne Blalack, Construction Coordinator

### The Pelham Site

The Shoshone Base Camp Youth have been working under Kevin Hutchings and Swede Little's supervision at the Pelham rehab site in Mullan. Part of the group has built an outer exterior insulated wall around the house and will probably finish siding it next week. They're learning how to measure, saw, nail, use battery powered drills, install insulation, house wrap, sheathing and siding.

Some of the group has been under the house with Swede. There they have updated the columns and girders to current standards and are installing stem wall insulation and the ground covering plastic vapor barrier. It's a dirty job that requires a lot of crawling in an 18" high space. Swede is proud of them.

Thank God, literally, for these future American leaders. Without them, since the RV Builders are gone, we have only had two local construction volunteers – Christopher Leetch and I. Mike Humphrey has been out with an arm injury. Opps I forgot, Bob Larson, one of our site supervisors, has been volunteering some time making us some public relation signs.

### The Polaris Shed

Bob Larson, Christopher Leetch, Darnell Kreideman and Kristie Derbyshire have been finishing a shed on our Osburn Polaris lot, which will soon become our electric storage facility. (Kristie lives in a Fuller Center home next door).

### Greater Blessings Repairs

- A. Bob has a small Greater Blessing repair project awaiting for him when the owner returns from vacation.
- B. Bob and I installed some doors on a shed in Mullan for a lady who had been having some pilfering challenges.

### Up on Sunnyslopes (The Kreideman site)

Thanks to Keith Sims, owner of KASCO of Idaho, Darnell's site has been excavated. It is quite rocky and had many stumps on it when they began. Now the stumps have all been removed. The ridge has been flattened for the house site, and the drain ditch, the water ditch and two sewer ditches have been dug. Amethyst Pelham, and her friend Shay Linhart helped me install the drain pipe to the culvert, and they backfilled the ditch by hand (really with shovels).



Amethyst & Shay—hard at work.

Kevin and I installed the sewer pipe with connections both for the house and for our worksite outhouse. Kevin also installed the waterline complete with a frost free faucet. We use it for general construction purposes and for flushing the sewer line outhouse. (Adam, Kevin's son, helped us some when he wasn't eating.)

Interesting, we have both our water line and our sewer line checked by both local and State inspectors. On the State level, a separate permit is required for both the water and the sewer and one as well for the house. The \$4865 hookup fee for the sewer includes the local inspection cost and the \$6300 water connection fee includes the local inspection cost. After you've put at least a 10 foot head of water on the sewer connection, the State inspector comes and checks it and the water line while the ditches are open.

Then the local sewer inspector comes and takes pictures of the sewer connections, and the local water inspector comes and inspects it and installs a new meter. Of course, the utility locators and the EPA man have already been there.

This year was especially interesting as the first sewer location was marked in the wrong place and we encountered the electric line where it was not marked and found out there was no electric line where the electric line was marked to be! We have 2 more ditches that will be dug later, the electric ditch and the gas ditch. I was hoping we could run the to-be-buried electric line in the mistakenly marked and dug sewer ditch, but it was judged too crooked as they now run the wire in PVC pipe and the connecting ditch formed a right angle with the sewer ditch.

**HAITI UPDATE:** The first two Fuller Center houses have been built in Haiti, with four more dwellings going up in late July. Partnerships on the ground continue to expand, land is being secured and earthquake-affected families are being selected.

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Shoshone Base Camp Servants brush off dust after working under the floor.



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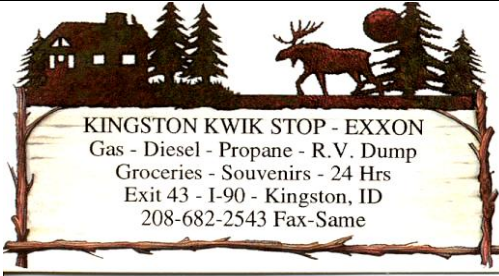


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**Greater Blessings:** Verne & Judy Blalack

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*Linda McKinley,  
Pennee Fisher,  
and of Al Martin*

**We wish to thank** all the cooks who donated salads and desserts for our Pig Roast. We also thank these folks for their help, too: Barney's Foods, Enaville Resort, Excel Foods, Jr. Red Cross, Lake City Harmonizers, McDonald's of Kellogg, Pepsi Bottling Co., Junior Red Cross, Shriner Klowns, Silver Mountain Resort, Sunrise Dairy, and Mountain View Congregational Church.

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We will feature the **Dena Mora Rest Stop fund raiser** in September's *Silver Bulletin*

We do appreciate Thrivent for Lutherans' contribution toward it.

### Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

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## Coming Events

**Aug 6-8—Kellogg All Class Reunion**

Aug 10— Partnership/Construction/PR & Fund Raising Committees, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church

Aug 10—Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church

**Aug 20-22—Pinehurst Days**

**Sept 18—13<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon, Kellogg**



We are delighted to have a new volunteer bookkeeper, Stephanie Swainston, who understands QuickBooks. Here Verne and she discuss the office setup. Stephanie also will help with the newsletter layout. YEA!



Penny Michael brought her granddaughter, Abby Arthur, and friend, Tristan Krous to help with the July newsletter mailing. They were really deft at putting the stickers on the sides. Pictured here are Marie Carver, Verne Blalack, Abby, Penny, Tristan, Barb Fisher, Janice DeVoe, Joan Blackburn, Sis Badgley, and Fay Baun. Not shown are Lois Boje and Lois White. *Photos by Judy*





Joan Blackburn sets up a table at the “farmers market” in Wallace on a Saturday. If you can man (or woman) this site on other Saturdays, please call Judy at 682-3240.



Shriner Klown-John Buchanan, Pig Roast Coordinator-Amethyst Pelham and Junior Red Cross member-Ryan Richey work at the Pig Roast.

*Amie's camera*



With the help of Mark Thyr, Mike Humphrey, and Kathy McPherson, Rose Mary Peak sets up one of the awnings for the yummy BBQ pork and chicken cooked by the Enaville Resort for our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast.

*Photos by Judy*



## Wish List

- PR Chair **OR** Fund Raising Chair
- PR and Fund Raising Committee Members
- Construction helpers—need not be experts ☺

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