



Stephanie Swainston answers Verne's questions as he explains the information he is giving to her at Nathan Wendt's office.

SVFCH Hires Nathan Wendt, PC

The Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing voted to employ Nathan Wendt to take over the Bookkeeping responsibility from Verne. Stephanie Swainston, one of Wendt's employees, is assigned for our organization. Verne was worried that the bookkeeping for our non-profit with so many facets [such as homeowner mortgage payments, Greater Blessings pledge payments, donations (into various categories), newsletter ad payments, construction costs both for the current home we are working on and ReUse Store repairs, and the business side entries for the ReUse Store] would be a very difficult transfer. However, Wendt's staff is well trained with the latest versions of QuickBooks, and Stephanie has some experience with our organization since she volunteered briefly as a bookkeeper several years ago before she became a fulltime Wendt employee.

With the restructuring of all the data into the latest versions of QuickBooks, the 990 tax form will be easy next year for them. Verne will finish the 2016 990 taxes this year and then we can heave a sigh of relief and Verne hopefully will have free time to work on other projects he enjoys more.

Ed & LaNece Schaefer are continuing to handle our state forms. They took over Dan Goodson's business when he retired.



Jeff Crawford of Systems Design meets with John "Boy" and Verne at the Osburn house. Jeff will be installing a new furnace in the attic of this house.



John "Boy" Delaney stands next to the front door donated by Shoshone Glass. After we have heat & the water is turned on, we can start working inside the home again.

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hebrews 13:15-16

A Tribute to the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers



Judy presents an appreciation certificate to Principal Don Almquist.

Photo by Linda Amonson

I had the representatives of the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing stop by the other day and present our school with a thank you certificate for housing their teams in our school last summer so they could work in the Silver Valley. While I accepted the certificate and appreciate them taking time out of their day to present it to our school, I felt we should actually be the ones presenting them with a thank you certificate. These folks come into our community and volunteer their time to help people they have never met before. This is a character trait that we strive to teach our students every day, to help others, and then we are lucky enough to have examples of that staying in our school. Yes I did accept the certificate and I have it up on my bulletin board in my office so I can use it as an example of what type of person we want our students to become. To the

volunteers that stayed in our school, we are proud to have you and will always welcome you back. Our facility was as clean after you were here as before you came and you left our community a better place. Thank you to all the volunteers and to the Fuller Center for organizing such a wonderful event, we appreciate all you do!

Don Almquist, Principal, Wallace Jr./Sr. High School

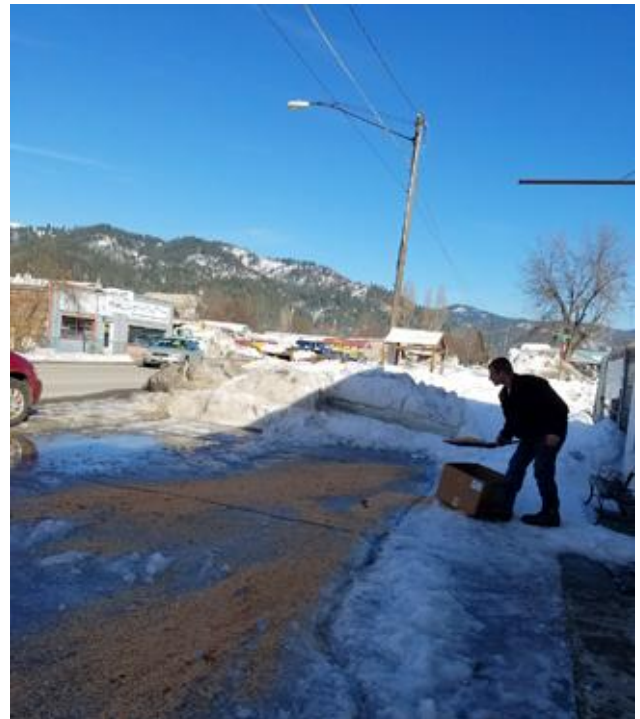
Ice

Verne closed the ReUse Store several days when the ice in the parking area in front of the store was too slick to stand on. So I found some ice-melt with gravel in it at Ace Hardware and decided to try it. Sure enough, it began melting the ice—especially the little area the sun could reach. When I went back the next day, I discovered the melted water had refrozen over the gravel. I was ready to try again and decided to create a channel for the water to drain toward the lowest point, the west corner of the building. While I was struggling with a splitting mall to make the groove, a young gal, Sherra Helm, living across the street came over and asked if I needed help. She is truly a friend in deed. She not only recruited her husband, Christopher, but also her brother, Michael Estrada, and brought her 4-year-old daughter, Raina. She also recruited Chad Huber, asking him to bring sawdust.

Thanks to her and her crew, the store was opened again on Wednesday. ☺



Shown here are Sherra and her recruits. Raina enjoyed helping by tossing chunks of ice in a bucket.



Chad Huber mixes ice-melt with sawdust to cover the solid ice in front of the ReUse Store. When the ice melted, the sawdust floated and froze on top, giving traction.

Appreciation



Eric Fink and Joe Maly accept a thank you certificate at the Kohal Pharmacy. Nicki Kohal approves an ad in the Silver Bulletin each year as well as a prize for our fund raiser projects.



Judy presents a certificate to Tom Richards at the Snake Pit for the prize we used with our fund raisers. We also thank Tom for hosting the Ride the Wall and offering to do so again this year—more information next month.



Judy and Diana Pierce laugh as they juggle the 3 thank you certificates for 2nd Chances, Soul Restoration Foundation and the Seventh Day Adventist Church. We exchange donated things between the 2nd Chances and the ReUse Store such as clothing they sell and items Dianna cannot fit into their store. Their Soul Restoration Foundation, which provides lodging for women and families in transition, donated leftover materials to the ReUse Store after remodeling. The Seventh Day Adventist Church provided part of the final breakfast for the first Bike Adventurers group.

At right: Darnell Kriedeman presents a certificate to Mari Powers at The Rental Store. The Rental Store donated the use of a snake when Randall Rosson worked on the Rogers' plumbing, one of our Greater Blessings projects. We truly appreciate all the help we get from businesses and individuals for these projects.


We are awaiting for the snow to melt before continuing with the lift project for Barry & Sue Johnson. Hopefully next month all things will come together.



Pastor Mike and Robin Maynard accept a thank you certificate for the building materials they donated to the ReUse Store. Last year, a truck struck the Church of the Nazarene knocking part of it off its foundations. After months of stabilizing the building, significant repairs had to be made and the left over materials were donated to the ReUse Store. Glad to see the church nicely useable again.



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And "Bud" Fulton*

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Coming Events

- Mar 10-11—Board Retreat, Fri, 7 PM & continued 8 AM
on Sat
- Mar 28— Dare to Imagine Community Dinner the night
of March 28, 6 PM, Kellogg Middle School
- Apr 28-29—The Fuller Center Conference and Board
Meeting, Hammond, LA



Verne visits with the mailing crew for the February's newsletters. Shown here are Maria Carver, Diana Sharp, Ellie Arguimbau, Lou Larson, Verne, Iver Larson, Ed Vang, and Jackie Kannegaard.



Linda Amonson mops where water seeps up through the floor in St. Rita's Parish Hall where we do the mailing. Note in the top photo how much snow has slid off the roof next to the window.

ReUse Store Fund

Kathy McPeak, John Delaney



Verne & John “Boy” meet with Jeff Crawford of Systems Design about installing a furnace in the Osburn house.



Jackie Kannegaard invited her son, James, and daughter-in-law, Ellie, to help with the newsletter mailing. We do need more helpers—1st Tuesdays at 9 AM at St Rita’s Parish Hall. Call Judy 682-3240 to volunteer.



Verne hacks at the ice in front of the ReUse Store while it was closed due to the extremely slick glaze of ice. While the store was closed, he cleaned the chimney and replaced the cap with the crumpled trash can lid after it was caught in “old Blue” when Verne spun off I-90. Fortunately nothing was hurt except the new trash can. Our thanks to the Pinehurst Fire Dept. for use of their chimney brush.



WISH LIST

We have the usual needs: Volunteers for construction, both supervisors and helpers; Volunteers for our Board and Committees, especially Chairs or Co-Chairs of PR, Fund Raising, and Greater Blessings; and Volunteers at the ReUse Store.

We are delighted to have John “Boy” back at the ReUse Store after his brief stay at the hospital. He had a viral infection of the sack around his heart and is still under restrictions about lifting, shoveling, etc., and diet—no beef or pork. He can eat buffalo. ☺

We are saddened to learn of R’Gean Lillibridge’s death. She was an integral part of our organization and a valued volunteer. We do miss her.

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