



Chanse Watson of the Shoshone News Press interviews Judy and Verne Blalack about the \$10,000 living memorial donation they received. Here they are meeting outside of the next Fuller Center home in Osburn.

An Incredible Donation

Verne and I are still in awe after learning of the \$10,000 living memorial donation from Rich & Vera Pringle in our honor.

The original letter was made attention to President Mike Humphrey. So I delivered it to Mike at his home and then returned to my van to leave. Mike came flying out the door, down the stairs, and across the driveway in his bare feet waving the letter and check. He said he did a double take when he realized there was another zero on the check.

After stopping at the ReUse Store to show Verne, I immediately deposited the money. I sent an email thank you message to the Pringles and asked if we could publish the amount or the gift.

Vera replied, "Yes, you may print the amount. It was our pleasure to share our "life's good fortunes" with Silver Valley which will always have a place in our hearts, in large part due to the two of you."

The funds will be used where needed most after we send in the 10% tithe to The Fuller Center for Housing to help with the 3rd world housing. (We are very impressed with how the Fuller houses withstood the hurricane in Haiti and the earthquake in Nepal.)

Thank you, Rich & Vera. You have placed a warm glow in our hearts.

☺ Judy & Verne

See the Pringle's letter on page 2.

Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause. Yes, let them say continually, "The Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servant!" My tongue shall talk about your righteousness and about your praise all day long.

Psalm 35:27-28

Sad Diagnosis

Recently, after an MRI brain scan, Verne was diagnosed with "chronic small vessel ischemic gliosis." This means the small blood vessels in his brain are closing off and he is becoming more forgetful. He has started taking medication in hopes of arresting the advancement of this condition. Our doctor said to notify our Board of Directors that Verne will have to resign his responsibilities.

Thus, we are reaching out to you and anyone you can enlist to help. Since the first home was dedicated in 1994, we have made a good start helping move 19 families from inadequate housing into simple decent homes in the Silver Valley (John Boy's will be # 20). That is about one a year. We also have helped 23 homeowners with repairs in our Greater Blessings program.

Needed immediately are those with pickups willing to gather donations to bring to the ReUse Store and also to make deliveries. If you could schedule an evening or part of a day a week, then that would really help. Currently Verne and John Boy are doing this after work at the store or Sundays or whenever they can squeeze it in—sometimes not getting home for dinner until between 7-8 PM. We can help with gas money.

We also need volunteers to help with the ReUse Store handling the donations, keeping the store clean, pricing, and selling the merchandise.

We are interested in selling the ReUse Store. It is definitely a benefit for our community to have it since it keeps much of the useable stuff from ending up in the trash where our taxes pay to have it hauled off. Plus, these items are then sold at a very reasonable price. It is always amazing to see the variety of things for sale from specialty screws, paint, tools, windows & doors, plumbing & light fixtures, and larger appliance & parts to kitchen appliances & dishes, furniture, books and tapes.

So if possible, we would like to have a church or organization buy it to continue its function.

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Need a Christmas gift for a little girl and/or a Barbie collector?

We have a Barbie doll collection donated by Elsie West.

Come get them at the ReUse Store—709 Main Street, Smelterville.

Photos by John Boy



Rich & Vera
2004 Care-A-Vanners

Pringle's Letter

It is with a profound sense of admiration, appreciation and love that we make this donation to the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing as a living memorial to Verne and Judy Blalack – in recognition of their nearly 25 years of voluntary service on behalf of their fellow citizens.

We met Verne and Judy in summer 1998 on our first Habitat build up on Sunny Slopes. They both were immediately welcoming, helpful and instructive on how to build a house. Being “newbies” we very much appreciated that. Beginning on day one Verne was on site guiding our efforts and those of the other volunteers. His very first vital instruction (which we still live by and practice regularly) was this: When you pick up a nail and the head is facing you, pound it in. If the pointy end is facing you, throw it over to the folks working across from you since it obviously belongs on their side of the house.

In addition to learning how to build a house, we all learned how to work as a team, how to help each other and how to share our knowledge and skills so that we could go on to future builds and contribute in a positive way. But, perhaps most importantly, we learned thru observing Verne and Judy what it really means to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. We saw them day after day, on that and subsequent builds, giving of themselves so that others may live a better life. And they did it and continue to do it, cheerfully, tirelessly, without complaint and with no expectation of reward other than the satisfaction of knowing that they are truly doing God's work.

Well done, Verne and Judy. We are proud to call you our friends and to make this donation in your honor.

Rich & Vera Pringle

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35th Annual Silver Valley Arts & Crafts Fall Fair

**Saturday & Sunday November 5th & 6th
9:30 am to 4:30 pm (3 pm Sunday)**

Silver Hills Elementary School ~ Osburn Idaho

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Coming Events

Nov 5-6—Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair, Silver Hills Elementary School, Osburn
Nov 9—Board & Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
Nov 12—Fund Raiser, Historic Kingston Schoolhouse, 10 AM – noon (see back page)
Nov 24—Thanksgiving
Dec 13—Annual Christmas potluck & party

ReUse Store Operating Fund

John Delaney, Kathy McPeak



Living Memorial – Honorarium

From Rich & Vera Pringle
Honoring Verne & Judy Blalack

We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Pat and Ray Sales
In memory of Birney Powell*

*From Judy and Verne Blalack
In memory of Birney Powell*

Greater Blessings Fund

Debra Bornitz, Nancy Elliott, Christina & Jason Mace, Paulette Ross, Shannon Souza



Verne celebrates his 78th birthday with our mailing crew. Here he is helping Linda Amonson sort newsletters.

Photo by Judy



Verne points to the load of paint donated by Barney's True Value Hardware.

Photo by John Boy



There is a sad little boy looking for this puppet he made and accidentally left at the ReUse Store. If you know him, tell him it is here.

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.

I do not wish to be on your mailing list.
 I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

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Please return to Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing, Inc.P.O. Box 338, Smelterville, ID 83868 ☐ 786-6013



Plumber Randall Rosson installs the on demand inline water heater at the Osburn house. This water heater will qualify for the AVISTA rebate and save on John Boy's utility bills. Several leaking pipes needed to be replaced.

Photo by John Boy



Sam Wiget fixes the roof where the new inline gas water heater is vented.

Photo by Judy



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See page 3 for more details about this event and our booth in it.

Special Fund Raising Event
Held at the newly remodeled
Historic Kingston School

The environmentally friendly Melaleuca Company will donate 5% of their sales to The Fuller Center for Housing for those participating in the program.

Please come to see what they offer.
10 to Noon, Saturday, November 12.
Please let Judy know if you can come so we will have enough refreshments.

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