



THE BLUEBILL FLYER

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Here Myron Vogt and Bill Anstiss finish shingling around the newly installed window. Notice the Bluebill sign which has been up for several weeks. We have a number of these signs that we use to identify our group when we work on larger projects.

**BLUEBILL QUILCENE
COMMUNITY CENTER
WORK GOES ON
Continued**

After a break for the holidays and a longer break due to the weather, Work on the Quilcene Community Center is going ahead full speed.

Shingling has been completed on the entry side and front and the beam work on the overhead is nearly done. Four sets of French doors will be installed on the right side and this is now underway. Once the doors are in there is some wall work to do then more shingling. The French doors will open onto a large deck that will be started when the shingling is done.

When this job is done we will have a crew of fully trained and experienced shinglers. (Walls only, please. We don't want to climb on roofs.)

We work every Tuesday and Friday. Start at 9:00. Contact Myron Vogt or Chuck Sherred if you want more information.

BOB ROSEN PHOTOS



In the foreground George Sickel and chuck Sherred lay out another row of shingles. In the background are Ken and Jack.



Jack Hawker, Ken winter, Chuck Sherred and Bill Anstiss work on shingling the front of the Community Center.



Bluebills help with Robotic Competition

The 2009 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics competition is well under way at Chimacum High School where a team of nine students and seven mentors are trying to figure out how to build a robot. Underwritten by a \$6,500 grant from Boeing, \$7,500 grant from FIRST Robotics and a \$3,000 grant from the Bezos Family (Amizon.com), the Chimacum team is building, programming and driving a robot with a ball throwing payload for delivery to Key Arena in Seattle in mid-February, with the Northwest competition to follow in March 2009.

The Boeing Bluebills proudly supports the "FIRST spirit to encourage doing high quality, well informed work in a manner that leaves everyone feeling valued." More pictures and news to follow as the team gets closer to their goal.

The Boeing grant is contingent upon having a Boeing Engineer or retired Boeing Engineer as a mentor on the project.

Dan Holtz and John Miller have been leading the Bluebill participation.

This is the Chimacum High School Robotic Competition Team and some of the mentors.

Photo by Dan Holtz.



February Calendar

Feb 3, Tuesday:
Bluebills show their video to the
Port Townsend Rotary Club.
12:00 at the Tri Area Community
Center
– Jack Randall

Feb 3, Tuesday
Gifts-In-Kind pick up. World Vision
Warehouse in Fife. Myron Vogt

Feb 9, Monday:
BB leadership Team Meeting;
Bay Club 9:00 – 11:00
Open to all members. Ed Berthiaume

Feb 10, Tuesday: Central Leadership
Team Meeting-Seattle:
Ed Berthiaume and Larry Elton

Feb 10, Tuesday: Unload
Tri-Area Food Bank truck.
Chimacum 8:00 Ken Snider

Feb 24, Tuesday: Deliver GIK
to Jefferson County. Valeria Vogt



Happy Birthdays !

Volunteer Hours

We had 28
volunteers report 656
hours for December,
a total of 9,892
hours for the year.

FROM Jack HAWKER

ED BERTHIAUME FEBRUARY 4

JACK POTTER FEBRAURAY 5

JOHN BRESLIN FEBRUARY 5

EDITH RANDALL FEBRAURY 8

FRED SPANN FEBRUARY 11

JUDY MELLOTT FEBRUARY 12

MIKE MORGAN FEBRUARY 14

GIFFORD ASHER FEBRUARY 18

TED MURALT FEBRUARY 25

KEN MILOVAC FEBRUARY 26

HEATHER GILDEN FEBRUARY 29



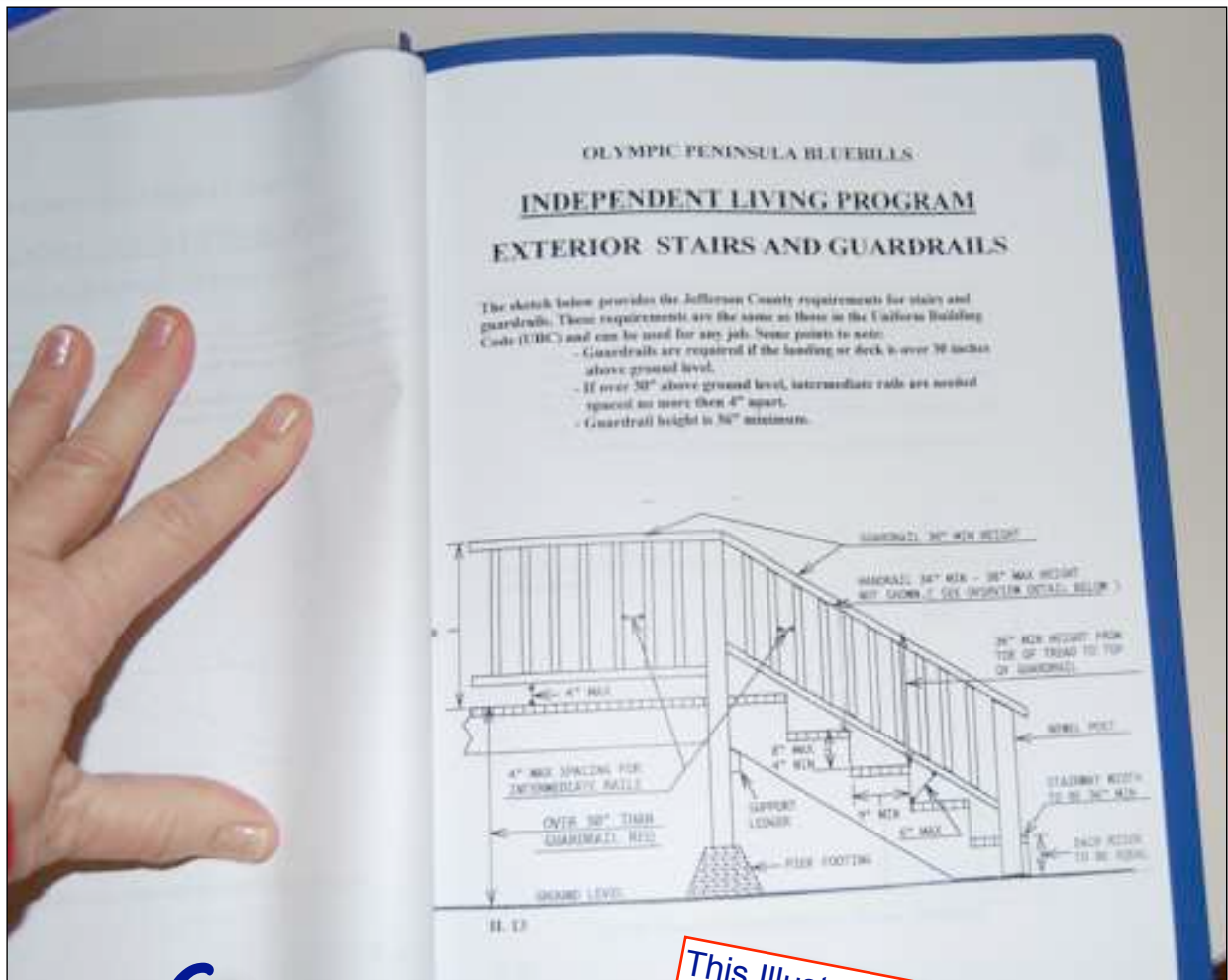


Myron Vogt leads the discussion on how we handle our most common projects: Ramp construction, grab bar installation, guard rail specifications and handrail installation.

Bluebills hold *Independent Living* Seminar

On January 20 Bluebills held an I/L Seminar for the members who are interested in working on this program. The focus of the seminar was on how we manage this program, which requires a lot of coordination with the agencies and clients, and specifications and construction techniques for our most common projects. These are ramp construction and grab bar, guard rails and handrail installation.

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Seminar Objectives were:

This illustration of the requirements for building stairs and guard rails is typical of the information contained in the Independent Living Project Handbook.

Reinforce the standard and approved way of doing things with the more experienced members.

Provide newer members with a review of how things are done through examples and illustrations.

- Encourage more members to take on project leader roles.
- To foster personal relationships between members.
- To provide each member with a reference handbook to use for design, build and installation.

The consensus seemed to be that the session was worthwhile.

Anyone who wants a copy of the Independent Living Program Project Handbook can contact Myron Vogt.

Dear Helpful people...



BLUEBILLS MAKE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DELIVERY

This year we made a special pick up at World Vision in December, intent on getting items for children who are served by our GIK partners. We received Hanna Montana clothes for elementary girls, toys and lots of school supplies. They were delivered in mid-December. The items went to those schools, agencies and churches that our County Coordinators felt served the most children. One of the schools that received a shipment was Dry Creek Elementary in Port Angeles. These are some of the thank-notes written by students at that school.

Myron

Dear
Helpful
People,

Thank you for
donating school
supplies. Everybody
really enjoyed
seeing the brand
new supplies.

Your friend,
Ashley Adamine
We will
use the
tools wisely.
-Dry Creek

thank Yo U
for all the
school supplies
I really
appreciate them



DEAR MR. VOJK

thank you for you're
generosity for the donations.
I like knowing that
we have people donating
supplies to our school

Bergen
Dry Creek
Elementary

Thank
You

Thank
you

Thank You
Boeing
Blue Bills!

Dear helpful people,
Thank you for your
generosity. You have
helped my class
so much.

Thank you,
Maizie R.

THANKS
FOR
your
generosity



HELPING OUT THE GIRL SCOUTS

As a result of the nice article on Bluebills that was in the Leader the head of the Jefferson County Girl Scouts asked if we could make some repairs to the Girl Scout House

in Port Townsend. Fixing a leaking faucet and repairing a table were pretty routine but when

she showed us the chimney we ran into something new. It had a large hole in it!

Although the chimney wasn't being used, the hole let in a draft and it put the structural integrity at risk.

Ken Winter replaced the old faucet with a new one and we fixed the table.

Myron Vogt put his old bricklaying trade to use and repaired the chimney. We were paid in (guess what?)

Girl Scout
Cookies !



This large hole in the side of the Girl Scout House chimney let in a draft and made the integrity of the chimney questionable.



Myron stands by the repaired hole.
Matches pretty good !

Bluebills,



What a great year we had in 2008. Congratulations to all Bluebills for your hard work and accomplishments.

We are looking forward to another tremendous year in 2009. Please see the following overview of our plans.

Wishing everyone Health and Happiness for the New Year .

Ed Berthiaume

Boeing Retiree Volunteers Olympic Chapter

Goals and Objectives and Plans for Awards Events for 2009

Goals and Objectives for the Olympic Chapter's Programs

Gifts In Kind – Increase our program distribution by 20% by establishing a “satellite” pick up and distribution center in Brennon and Quilcene. World Vision supports the idea.

Independent Living – Improve speed and efficiency accomplishing projects through standardized practices and training. An I/L Seminar will be held Jan 20 for all interested members and agency partners.

Working Image – Help establish a “Working Image” program in Kitsap County. Working Image is modeled after “Dress for Success”. These programs provide low-income women suitable clothes for interviewing and the job market. They also teach interviewing skills and on –the –job demeanor.

Program partners are Kitsap Community Services and a Bremerton church. Bluebills helped establish the same program in Jefferson County 8 years ago.

Education:

- **Increase our participation in education. Blubills are currently working with Chemicum School on a Robotic Competition project. The project is partly funded by a \$6000 grant from Boeing. A condition of the grant is that a Boeing engineer or retiree be a mentor.**

We can provide that.

- **Encourage Chemicum School to participate in the "Mission to Mars" program. This program is again partly funded by Boeing with the condition that a Boeing Engineer or retiree be a mentor.**

We can provide that.

- **Participate as mentors and judges in the Jefferson County science fair.**

Continue our other programs at higher levels:

- **Bicycle Repair : Repair and distribute 75 bikes**
- **Life-Line : Install 30 Lifelines in Jefferson and Kitsap Counties.**
- **School Supply Distribution: Again distribute a truck load of school supplies in September to 13 schools in our area who have more than 70% of students on reduced price meals.**
- **Food Truck Unloading: Unload over 100,000 lbs of food.**
- **Christmas Giving: provide gifts for each family member**

in the Domestic Violence and Sexual assault programs in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties.

Additional Goals and Objectives:

- **Continue to recognize member accomplishments and the importance of our agency partners by quarterly recognition and awards luncheons.**
- **Continue to communicate with members and partners through Quarterly award lunches, our newsletter “The Flyer”, the Bluebill web site, weekly email of the next week’s events, personal emails and phone calls.**

Plans for Awards Events

These are recognition events for our members and partners

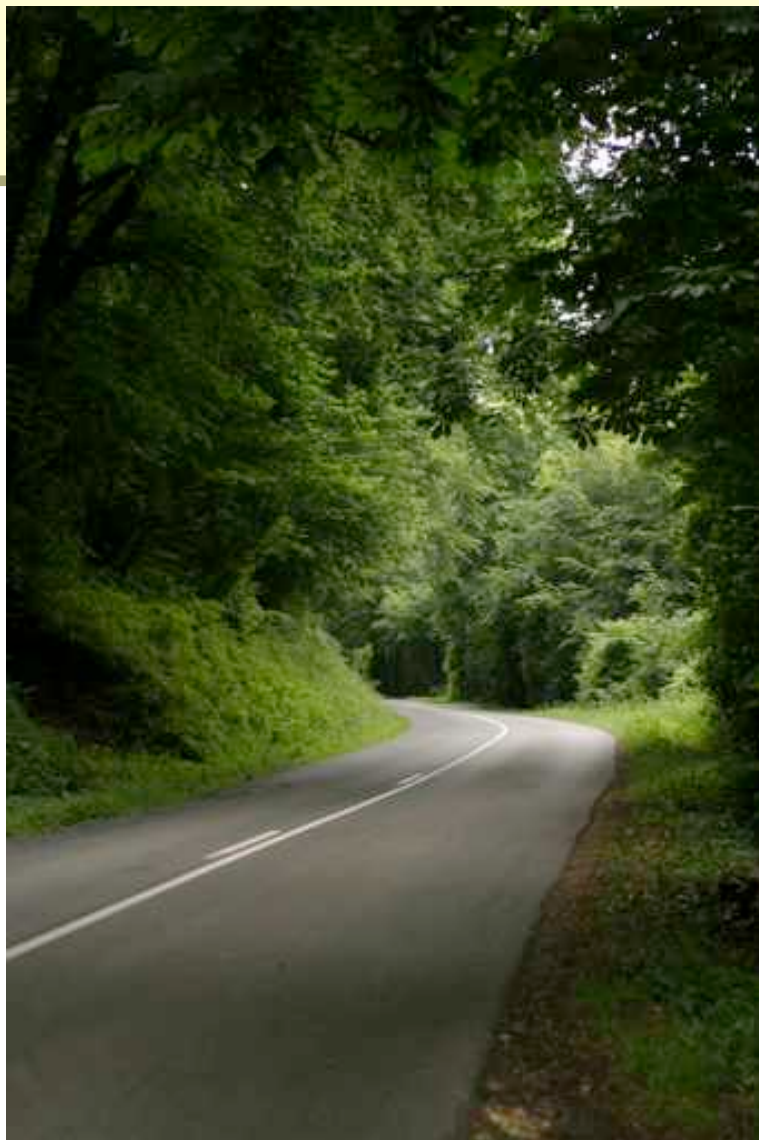
March Event: Recognize the Independent Living and Community Project volunteers (about 30 members). Lunch event.

July Event: Recognize our Community Partners (about 30 people). Golf (no host) and lunch event.

October Event: Recognize our support groups, bike repair members, food tuck unloading, and hospital repair. Lunch event.

December Event: Members contribute for the Domestic Violence and sexual assault families in three counties.

**Also Recognition event for Bluebill of the Year.
Lunch event.**



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LEADERSHIP
TEAM



TWO OF THE GREATEST ASSETS TO
HAVE IN LIFE ARE PATIENCE AND
WISDOM.