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IDAHO GROUND WATER INDUSTRY HELPS WITH PROJECT

“Live Large...GIVE LARGE.” That was the motto for the Extreme Makeover Home Edition’s building of a home for the Stockdale family in the Middleton Area in July of this summer. When Cory Barton Homes (CBH Homes) contacted Board members of the Idaho Ground Water Association to help participate in a project for this needy family of six for the Extreme Makeover Home Edition, members of the Industry went to work right away.

The Idaho Ground Water Association Board of Directors met directly after the phone call with Cory Barton to discuss planning. The Board put together a Task Force Committee to find a Well Driller to construct a new well, find members of the Ground Water Industry to abandon the existing well (dated in the 1940’s) and to donate items such as pumps, screens, casing, cash, etc.

It took only a few phone calls (very few) to have a Driller by the name of Dave Adamson (Adamson Drilling & Pump) volunteer his time and services and the same of his team to drill the new well. It took only one phone call to Terry Daugherty of Riverside Drilling to volunteer their time and services to installing a new pump. And it took about as short of a time to have donations of raw materials made towards the Project due to the diligent work of Jon Kersten with 2M Company. Earl Skinner, Gary Duspiva, Rob Whitney (IDWR) and Roger Batt helped abandon the existing well built in the 1940’s.



The “Well Abandonment” Team at Work

Well is Biggest Job in Home Makeover Project

On Friday, July 13, 2007, the Idaho Statesman quoted Ronda Conger (Vice President with Cory Barton Homes) stating that, “Digging a new well will be one of the biggest challenges this week, as the ABC Extreme Makeover: Home Edition crew rebuilds the Stockdale home outside Middleton.” “Digging a well normally takes close to a week, but the

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entire project – building a home to suit a family of six with particular medical needs – has to be done in seven days.”

After taking nearly one day to abandon the existing well, about 24 hours to drill 321 feet and a few hours to install a pump, the Project that was calculated to take a long time to accomplish was completed in just over two days. The Project’s estimated total donation value was approximately \$30,000.

“I am very impressed at the volunteers who have represented the Idaho Ground Water Industry,” said Cory Barton, president of CBH Homes. “These members are professional, precise and efficient at what they do. Maybe I should start drilling wells for a living as it seems this kind of work is very interesting and rewarding.”

“It is an honor to serve as President of an Organization that has so many valuable members that are willing to lend a hand in times of need,” said Gary Duspiva, IGWA President. “These members of Idaho’s Ground Water Industry should be commended not only at the excellent work they do, but the time and effort they selflessly donate for family’s such as this one.”



Earl Skinner, Gary Duspiva and Rob Whitney (IDWR) helping to abandon the existing well for the Extreme Makeover Project

What is Extreme Makeover: Home Edition?

Shown on ABC Sunday evenings, each episode features one deserving family in a rundown home. During the course of seven days, an entire house is rebuilt – each interior nook and cranny, plus the exterior and landscaping. Episodes culminate with an emotional reveal of the new house. In the past four years, the show’s cast, crew and volunteers have made over 100 homes.

Why Was the Stockdale Family Chosen?

“Idaho said this was the most deserving family, “ said Diane Korman, an Extreme Makeover: Home Edition senior producer. She said the show received more than 1,000 e-mails, phone calls and letters from Idahoans’ rooting for the Stockdales. “They are good parents, doing everything they can, “ Brett Hart, an employee with CBH Homes, said. “We have the opportunity to change their lives.”

The Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Project for the Stockdale family will air sometime during the first two weeks of October. The Idaho Ground Water Association would like to give their sincere thanks and appreciation to the following for donating their time, energy and resources to the Stockdale family to make their dreams become a reality:

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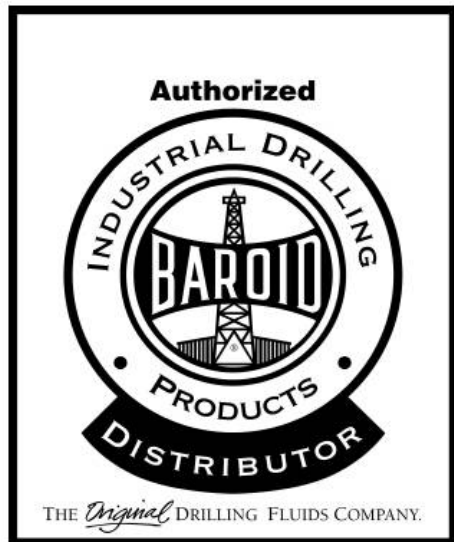


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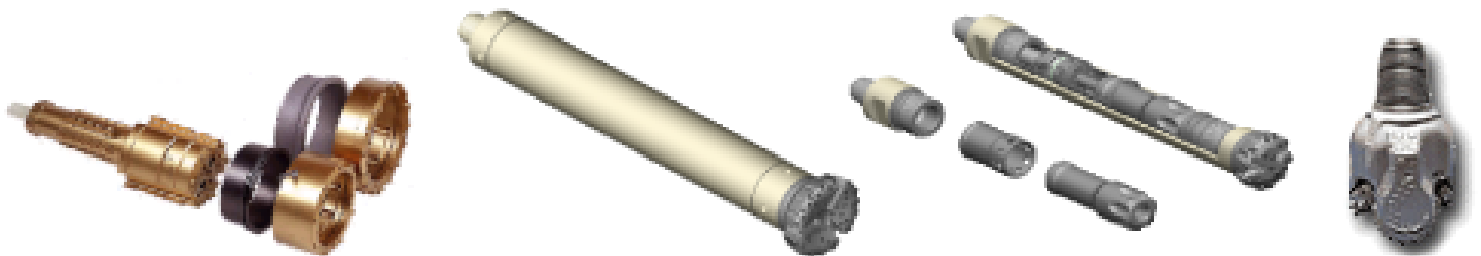
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Whether it's a recent project done by this Association that you will read about in this Bulletin, a fishing job on a well you are drilling or maybe you wish to learn a new method or approach or have a technical question – it's a phone call away.

This is a great Association to be a part of, especially as President. Sometimes we get ourselves into something that might seem not important and for a second it is hard to ask for help. But don't feel bad because we all have been there at least once in our lives and the answer to your questions is just a phone call away.

This is why Conventions, Workshops and Seminars are important. A class might answer your questions or present a different approach to the problem. If anything, members can learn about other members and get acquainted with members of the Industry. Then this contact may make it easier to make the call when you need their help.

I would like to personally thank everyone that has helped me along the way. I hope this offering of help from members to other members will continue to be a part of the Association for many years to come. If you are not a current member of the Association, this networking and synergy within the IGWA is a very good reason to become a member of it.

It has been a busy year and a lot of accomplishments have been made. Serving as President adds to the load, but it is important that we keep on track and move forward for the benefit of the membership. And although business is moving steadily over this summer, isn't it nice to know that help is just a phone call away?

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The annual IGWA Summer Retreat held on August 21-23, 2007 was a successful event. The overall statistics of the event showed 67 attendees, 6 sponsors, 5 walk-ons and 4 no-shows. On August 23rd, we held the annual IGWA Golf Scramble and had 41 participants for the golf, followed by a Barbecue at Jackpot Golf Course.

Our numbers have continued to increase over the last two summers, so I am anticipating even more in attendance in 2008. I want to thank everyone who attended this year's event and hope to see you and many more next year. Thank you also to the following that sponsored the IGWA Summer Retreat:

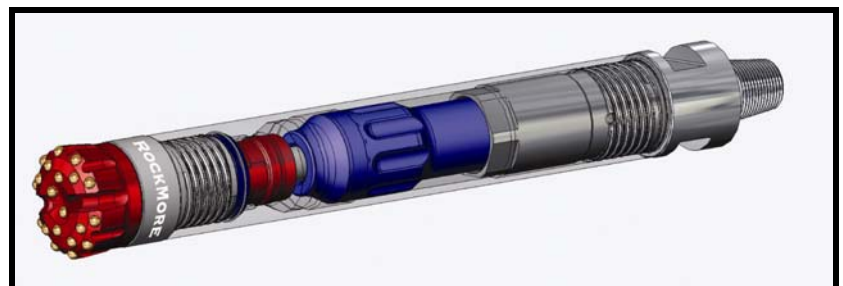
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