

## Liberty Sertoma Club fixes up area residence

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PLEASANT VALLEY — For the first time in 17 years, the Rebuilding Together Clay County annual work day was rained out in early October. To remedy the problem, several nonprofits sent out crews to handle renovations.

While a little later than other volunteer groups, in October, the Liberty Sertoma Club made repairs to a residence in Pleasant Valley, trimming trees, getting rid of overgrown brush, painting and making roof repairs.

About a dozen workers came to help.

"This is a group that gives their time. People often ask for money and manpower work, which homeowners don't have. However, we can step in and fill that gap. I believe the Sertoma Club has been helping out since the creation of the Rebuilding days, at least 20 years," said Brad Schmidt, Sertoma Club past president.

Current President Cory Kruse, said the club enjoys hands-on projects.

"We have some members who like to do and not just raise funds," he said. "Some members like to get dirty. We get to see the real impact with our work here."

Homeowner Cynthia Hixson said she was moved by the club's work on

her house. She baked cookies for the volunteers.

Rebuilding Together Kansas City's Executive Director Clay McQuerry said this year's event, although scattered, served 20 families with about 350 volunteers involved.

"We are deeply grateful for the way the volunteer crews have persevered and completed their projects in spite of the change in plans," McQuerry said.

"None of these projects are possible without a supportive and compassionate community that provides funding to help with the project expenses."

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Liberty Sertoma Club's Alan Rohlfing and Brad Schmidt cut wood for roof repairs at a Pleasant Valley residence as part of the Rebuilding Together Clay County delayed event.