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A large group of bikers set off from the Enaville Trailhead on the "Ride the Wall" bike event. *Photo by Judy*

Our 13th "Ride the Wall"

Joe was right! The rain quit in time for the 6 PM departure of the bikers for our annual event. As usual, the bikers left in groups depending on ability with the slowest ones leaving first, the experienced ones about 15 minutes later and those just riding to Cataldo on the paved trail and back left last. This gives everyone a chance to arrive at the Enaville Resort ("Snake Pit") about the same time for the BBO.

The hardy group arrived back with a mud strip up their backs but with a smile on their faces.



Some attendees started eating the great BBQ while bikers still finished the loop from the Enaville Trailhead of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, across the river to the gravel CCC Road, up to Wall Ridge Road, and back down to Enaville—about a 13 mile ride.

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you will receive them, and you will have them.

Mark 11:24



In addition to riding the Hiawatha Trail and digging for garnets, the Holy Family Catholic School in Coeur d'Alene brought their graduating 8th graders to help with our home rehab in Mullan.

Photo by Ed Vang

Busy, Busy June

June kicked off with a very welcomed group of youths and teachers from the Holy Family Catholic School in Cd'A. This is the second year they spent a day serving with our housing ministry.

Next was our 13th Annual "*Ride the Wall*" family bike event where about 125 of the 142 registrants participated in a stormy atmosphere on the longest day of the year. The event actually starts at 6 PM allowing folks to get there after work.

On June 13, we welcomed four couples traveling around the US in their RV's and working on Fuller Center and/or Habitat builds. They spent 2 weeks helping renovate the Pelham home in Mullan. Another couple came to help during the second week. Five of these lovely folks stayed to help with our Pig Roast fund raiser.

On the 14th, the first group of youths and chaperones from the Shoshone Base Camp arrived to help. They spent 2 days finishing the yard work at the Lake home and then joined the RVers working at the Pelham site. A different group came the next week to also work in Mullan.

Finally, on the last Saturday in June we held our 18th Annual Pig Roast in the West Shoshone Park in Pinehurst.



Mike Humphrey & Bob Larson worked with the first youth group from the Shoshone Base Camp. Since they were moving dirt in the rain at the Lake home, they donned the hats donated by Silver Mountain.

Photo by Judy



RV Builders attended a welcoming potluck dinner at the Mountain View Congregational Church. From left are Lew & Barb Young, Bernie & Audrey Ussery, Diane & George Gravlee, and Dee & Milo Johnson. Another couple, Marv & Maria Edelstein, joined them for the second week of work.

Photo by Judy

RV Builders Couples

By Barb Fisher

Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing greeted four RV Builder couples with a hearty welcome and delicious potluck on June 12th.

While the last minute preparations were being made, I had the chance to have a brief visit with the four couples and learn more about them.

Dee and Milo Johnson are from Ferndale, California. This is their first time building here, but they have participated in 19-20 "builds" all over the world!

The Johnsons enjoy meeting people and sharing their talents with others. Dee and Milo are retired and say taking part in "builds" is a way to "give back." "Building is rewarding to us", the couple stated.

Lew and Barbara Young came from New York state. The Youngs have not been here before, but they have helped with "builds" in Louisiana and Florida. Lew and Barbara enjoy meeting new people and have made great friends taking part in "builds." The Youngs also feel that helping with "builds" is "a way to give back."

Diane and George Gravlee are from Greenwood, South Carolina and have not been in the area before. They have

Bernie Ussery, Kevin Hutchings, Lew Young and Milo Johnson work to level a wall at the Pelham home.

been working on "builds" for 14 years and have helped on 41 "builds", so they are experts.

"Working on 'builds' gives us an excuse to travel and taking part in building gives purpose to our lives." Diane and George enjoy meeting people, and "building is the most rewarding thing we can do. The only downside for us is <u>not</u> being able to see the completed home."

Audrey and Bernie Ussery are from Lompoc, California. This is their second year here—and their 45th "build." They enjoy working with the partner families and are involved in 6-10 "builds" a year.

Helping is their way of "giving back." The Ussery family has helped with "Fuller builds" for 13 years. They have become experts because of their many builds.

One other couple, the "M and M's", will be arriving on Sunday, June $20^{\rm th}$. Marv & Maria Edelstein are returning for a second year.

The RV Couples are staying at the lovely Blue Anchor RV Park in Osburn.



Maria Edelstein & Barb Young install siding.

Photo by Diane Gravlee

Photo by Judy

Haiti Update

Excerpts from Fuller Center President David Snell's 6-21-10 letter

"Haiti is a place of special challenges Things that are simple to us here—establishing clear title to land, accessing building materials, moving people and products around—become significant issues in Haiti. Corruption, too, affects the people and the economy of that country and make it easy for organizations like ours to be taken advantage of. Our goal from the beginning has been to assure that every dollar raised for Haiti would be used efficiently for house building.

... work has now started on the first four Fuller Center houses in a place called Saintard, which is about an hour northwest of Port-au-Prince. We are working there with an organization called Sundouloi Ministries, which has a long history in Haiti. Along the way we've learned that the Lazarian insulated blocks are prohibitively expensive to transport from the States. The Lazarian folks are working on a production facility in Haiti or the Dominican Republic. In the meantime we will use the concrete block system that was developed by our team in El Salvador. It is a system that has been engineered to withstand the earthquakes that are common in El Salvador and should work well for us in Haiti.

We are excited to be underway with our construction efforts in Haiti. We know this work wouldn't be possible without friends like you and we are truly grateful for your continuing partnership."

Ride the Wall Help



Members of the Bear Creek Bunch, Casey McKinney, Mike Thornhill, Jim Clark, and Ed Anderson travel the CCC and Wall Ridge Roads to assist any in need. Not shown were Candy Anderson, John and Gail Nearing, and Sue Thornhill.

Photos by Judy



SVFCH coordinator, Kathy McPherson, and Jr. Red Cross members, Ryan Richie, and Josi Miller, smile as Bonnie England holds up a biker's tee-shirt with the clever design by Gordon Turner.



KHS ROTC volunteers help with setup.

The Pelham Site



A Holy Family School volunteer adds his blessing to the Pelham home.

Photos by Kevin & Adam Hutchings



Diane Gravlee & Barb Young work on siding.

Swede Little shows how dirt is moved under the house so new supports can be installed.

Special thanks go to the church groups who provided lunches for the RVers & sometimes SBC kids: St. Alphonsus Alter Society, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Rita's Catholic Daughters, Bethany Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mountain View Congregational Church and personal lunch from Penny Michael.

Our RV build is featured online at http://www.fullercenter.org/node/1516

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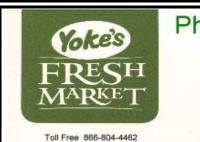


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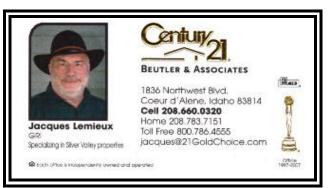


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We are delighted to receive a gift honoring the wedding of
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rice
from Elizabeth McReynolds

Note the <u>new date</u> for Board & Committee Meetings on the 2nd Tuesdays



Coming Events

July 13—Partnership/Construction/PR & Fund Raising Committees, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church

July 13—Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church

July21-27—Dena Mora Rest Stop Fund Raiser

Aug 6-8—All Class Reunion

Aug 20-22—Pinehurst Days



Verne helps Steve Bristow load an electrical range he donated.



Gerry Brantz helped load a vanity donated by Shoshone Medical Center. These donations were taken to the ReStore in Hayden where we receive half their selling price.

Photos by Judy

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Keith Sims, of KASCO of Idaho, sent Stan Darliss & T. J. Trecker with track hoes to excavate the foundation for the Kriedeman home at Sunny Slopes. *Photos by Judy*



While the Lake City Harmonizers entertain the diners at the 18th Annual Pig Roast, RV Builders—Maria Edelstein and Barb Young—sell "Little Shop" raffle tickets. *Verne Blalack has offered to buy the building for \$1000 if the winner does not want to keep the "Shop"*.



Joe Peak, Enaville Resort (Snake Pit) owner visits with the bikers as they gather at the Enaville Trailhead for the *Ride the Wall* event. Despite the weather, a congenial crowd participated and returned to the "Pit" for a great BBQ.



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Dena Mora Rest Stop:

Cookies to hand out to the travelers—starting July 20th can be left at the Real Life Ministries Café in Pinehurst, at Josie's Full of Beans in Kellogg, and at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Wallace

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