



Shirley McClain, Mike Humphrey, Pastor Larry and Heather Harpel, Krista and her son, Dewey, join others in a circle as Pastor Corey Berti offers a blessing during the dedication of Krista Kirby's home.

Our 22nd Home Dedication

On May 12th, Mothers Day, a group of well wishers came to Krista Kirby's home to celebrate its dedication.

After a two year struggle to replace the original trailer with its ruined and leaking roof, the replacement is in place with its snow roof (eliminating the chance of a bear ever sitting on it) and skirting. The roof and skirting needed to be installed before Krista could get insurance.



The weather was nice so the group could gather in front near the rock flower garden landscaped by the Bike Adventures last summer.



During the final event, Krista passed a symbolic hammer to the next home-owner-to-be, Nicholl DeBlasio and her son, Landon.

Krista's Message

I want to thank everyone who has helped me with the rebuild of my home. I for sure would never been able to do this without the Fuller Center! Thanks for jumping in guys and for everything. For sure Darnell without you pushing this whole project wouldn't have started, thank you.

- To the groups of Servant Adventurers kids from Shoshone Mountain Retreat. You kids rock!
- To the Fuller Center Bikers for putting porches on, level the ground, clean up, and make the great flower bed thank you.
- To the Silver Valley Stitchers for the wonderful picture.
- To the Corner Stone Church for the broom, basket of supplies, and goodies.
- To Judy and Verne for everything and all you guys!!!! To Mike, Ellie, and John Boy for helping with the skirting and fixing the rotten boards!
- To Becky Hiatt at Wal-Mart girl thank you for all the inspiration and that shoulder to cry on when I was weighted down!!!!
- To Corey Berti for coming to my dedication and praying a blessing on the home, brother thanks. To Larry and Heather Harpel thank you for sharing the dedication with me and, brother, thanks for your prayers.
- To Ray and Joann Stebbins and Kathy for putting temporary stairs on so we weren't using a step ladder anymore.
- Definitely to John Hopper for taking the time to get this trailer in place and thank you so much for kneeling in snow and getting it down your back to help finish the skirting.
- To all the employees at Building Maintenance you guys are so great and helpful and to Chad for dealing with me during the plumbing!!!!
- To Dave and Chris Rust for the snowload cover it's amazing!
- Thank you to my family and friends who just kept encouraging me and helping when you could.
- To AVISTA for burying my electrical service that was wonderful of you!!!!
- To Zanetti Bros. for the gravel and concrete.
- To Eagle Plumbing who found the hot water tank had no pressure relief valve—that might have been very interesting.
- To any one I may have missed during this long journey thank you to all of you!

God bless one and all and again thank you!!!!

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"

John 8:12

How We Became a Partner With The Rose Lake Quick Response Unit

Rose Lake Quick Response Unit

By Mark Aamodt, Fire Chief, Shoshone County Fire Prot. Dist. # 2

The Rose Lake Quick Response Unit began about 1983. According to the State of Idaho, Articles of Incorporation the Rose Lake Quick Response Unit was formally incorporated May 7, 1985. The board of directors at the time of incorporation consisted of Dan Wadsworth, Helen Chatfield, and Clyde Roose.

The purpose of the organization was to provide volunteer emergency medical services throughout the area between Cataldo and the top of 4th of July pass and down Highway 3 to Indian Springs (near the Harrison Junction). Newspaper clippings from the time period show the first vehicle that the QRU used. It was a 1962 Pontiac station wagon ambulance that was donated to them by Harrison Ambulance. Also pictured in that photo were Jan Meyers, Dustin Howe and Claudia Howe.

The volunteer organization operated as the Rose Lake QRU until November 3, 2017 when the organization formally merged with Shoshone County Fire Protection District # 2. While the organization is under a new name it still operates primarily with volunteer help. One of the reasons for the consolidation was the diminishing number of volunteers to keep the organization an independent group. The same people who volunteered for the QRU were also volunteers for the fire district.

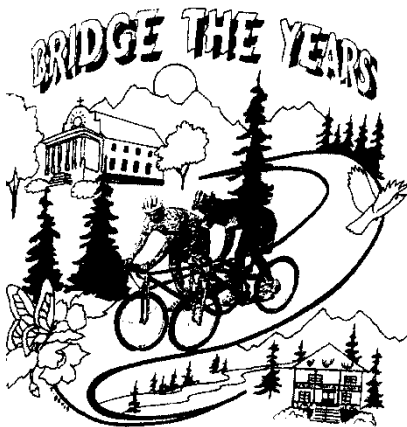
In reading through newspaper articles from the 80's they had the primary challenge that still exists today, that is the lack of volunteer help. Anyone interested in becoming a First Responder or EMT is encouraged to contact Shoshone County Fire District # 2 at 208-784-1188.

The current quick response unit volunteers include Steve Knox EMT, Kathy McPherson EMT, Bob Grigg 1st responder, Mike White, Tyler White, Teresa White EMT, Megan Costa EMT, Jeff Passer EMT, Bernie Wilmarth, John McFaddin. There are currently QRU vehicles stationed at the Doyle Road Station, Medimont Station and Pinehurst Station. The current coverage area consists of the area between Cataldo and the top of the pass and down highway 3 to Willow Creek, which is 1 mile south of Medimont.

There have been many people who have made monumental contributions to this organization, all of them deserve recognition for their contributions but since a list of all persons is not available it cannot be published.

Our Involvement with the QRU

By Judy Blalack



JUNE 21, 1998
THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR

In the spring of 1998, the bike trail was being finished in Kellogg. I called Mike Domy at Excelsior Cycle to get his opinion about organizing a bike fund raiser. He suggested I attend an organizational meeting that evening which Joe Peak was holding at the Snake Pit to include the Old Mission Park Service and the Rose Lake Quick Response Unit (QRU). The idea was to hold a bike ride to raise funds for the QRU.

When I expressed an interest in collaborating with them, they asked what we could do to help. I explained we would provide media exposure (such as this newsletter) and insurance. Thus our partnership began where we share the profits.

For the first 4 years, the ride was called Bridge the Years (Bike the Wall) since it bridged the 2 oldest local buildings, the Mission Inn and the Snake Pit (Enaville Resort). About 60 participants rode from the Mission, across the Dike Road, turned right onto the Canyon Road, then up the CCC Road, crossing the bridge near Alberts, and finally arriving at the Snake Pit where Joe provided a BBQ. That year, we cleared \$400—\$200 for each. Three year later there were 170 riders.

In 2002, the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes was completed so the bikers rode the loop, starting in Enaville, circling back to the Snake Pit as they still do. It is a safer and more efficient ride since the bikes do not need to be transported back to the starting place.



We have a personal appreciation for the QRU and Bobby Monteith. About 20 years ago, when the GPS equipment first came out, Bobby responded to a medical emergency. Fortunately he was a neighbor who knew where we lived since the GPS tried to send him on a road that had been closed for years.

Then in February 2005 during a very dry period, we had a roof fire. Bobby was the first responder followed by the crew from Shoshone Fire District #2.

Our sincerely thanks to all of you. We miss you, Bobby.

Sincerely,
Judy & Verne Blalack

At the Dedication



SVFCH Mike Humphrey welcomes the well wishers to Krista's home dedication.

Shown below are Lois Dahlberg and Nancy Lane from the Cornerstone Church and Susan Shiplett and Shirley McClain from the Silver Valley Stitches.



Above are the basket of household cleaners donated by the Cornerstone Church, including a broom, and the cross stitched sampler created by the Silver Valley Stitches.

HELP! We need donated or inexpensive property that we can buy in Kellogg—which we can renovate for our next homeowner, Nicholl DeBlasio. She and her family need a 3 bedroom home. *Nicholl works at 3 jobs in Kellogg and does not own a car.*
Remember, since we are non-profit, you can deduct your donation, including a discount, on the property.

An Open Letter to Jimmy Carter

By Verne Blalack

In 1999 Silver Valley Habitat for Humanity was invited by Habitat and Jimmy Carter to help provide housing at The Jimmy Carter Work Project in the Philippines.

So Judy and I went to the Philippines and volunteered to work on homes there. Since I was a site supervisor in the Silver Valley, I was asked to supervise construction on 2 of the 130 homes at our location. There were 6 locations throughout the various islands building a total of 293 homes.

Jimmy Carter was so sincere in providing adequate facilities for these homes that he personally came to each house, including the two where I was supervising, to check to see if all the basic features had been installed (such as the water and sewage facilities).

I know I will never again have the honor of working with a greater man than you, Jimmy Carter.

[Editor's note: In 1993, we became an affiliate with Habitat for Humanity. We joined the Fuller Center for Housing in 2009.

Following our trip to the Philippines, I wrote an article for The Silver Bulletin. It is posted on our website, www.svfch.org, under Newsletters dated May 1999. It was a truly fascinating time. Judy]



Barry listens to George explain how to fix the leaking pipe. Photo by Judy

We received an application from Barry & Sue Johnson in Wallace for help finishing a downstairs shower. Barry has chronic back pain that surgery cannot correct, making it difficult to climb stairs..

George Blalack came from his home in Hawaii to stay with his dad, Verne, while mom, Judy attended the Fuller Center International board meeting in Georgia.

George met with Barry to assess the leaky pipe situation. Since he was flying home the next day he did not have time to fix it but did outline how to repair it. Volunteer, Kim Short, is in the process of tiling the shower walls as part of this Greater Blessings project. Another project will be accomplished by the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers when they come in June.

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We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Josephine Davis
 In memory of Burt Roberts*

*From Verne & Judy Blalack
 In memory of Larry Gilliam
 And of Carol Cannaday*

The Greater Blessings Fund

Verne & Judy Blalack, Debra Bornitz, Diana Burbridge, Andrew Dawson, Pat Holzhauer, Barry and Sue Johnson, Josh & Christina Mace, Kathy McPeak, and Silver Valley Assembly of God Church

I am so pleased with the response to my request for help with the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers' stay. Churches providing food: The Cornerstone Church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Kellogg Baptist Church, Real Life Ministries, American Lutheran Church, The Catholic Daughters of St. Rita's Catholic Church. Mountain View Congregational planned to serve a breakfast, however, they had to cancel when a wedding was scheduled; The Kellogg Baptist Church had called offering to help and were delighted to invite the bikers for that breakfast. Transportation is provided by Silver Valley Worship Center as and the Fort Sherman Academy. Lodging is provided by the City of Kellogg at the Scout House and by the Kellogg Baptist Church. ☺ ☺ ☺

Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

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- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ _____ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ _____.
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- ❖ 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.
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Please return to Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing, Inc. P.O. Box 338, Smelterville, ID 83868 ☐ 208-682-3240

Coming Events

- June 11—Board & Committee Meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church
- June 14-17—Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers stay and work
- June 16—Father's Day [invite some bikers to your church]
- June 21—22nd Ride the Wall, Family Bike Event, 6 PM, The Snake Pit, Kingston (Enaville)**



We were rather shorthanded for the May newsletter mailing. Shown here are Linda Amonson, John Boy Delaney, Susan Bourne, Janet DeVoe, and Ellie Arguimbau. Verne and I had planned to help, but Verne became quite ill so I took him home. Fortunately, when I arrived home, I was able to recruit Norma Seaton, Jill Jackson, and Maggie Beeler to help. Otherwise they would probably not have finished until mid afternoon. Things go much more quickly if we have about 15 volunteers for a couple hours. Please join us on the 1st Tuesdays of the month at 9 AM in St. Rita's Parish Hall in Kellogg. Call me, Judy, if you can come at 208-682-3240.

At this time we have 7-8 Greater Blessings projects scheduled for the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers to work on Saturday, June 15th. Two are in Wallace, 1 in Kellogg, and the others in Osburn. With so many different projects at the same time, we need help with supervision. Please volunteer to supervise one of these projects. We do not expect you to do the labor, the bikers will do that, but the knowledge of how it should be done is important—if you can teach others. Two projects will be staining or painting eaves. We just need someone responsible to be on site. Please call Judy at 208-682-3240 to help.



During the Kirby home dedication, Pastor Corey Berti presents a children's Bible to Krista's son, Dewey.



We need: Board Members from Wallace & Mullan; Committee Members; Committee Chairmen for PR, and Partnership, and an assistant newsletter editor to help with layout. I am willing to mentor anyone taking any of these roles. Doing one thing is not that onerous but doing all is too much for us. Please call me at 208-682-3240 Judy



Here is 2019 Ride the Wall shirt logo designed by Brittany Rhodes. Please join us on June 21st for our 22nd ride and support the Rose Lake Quick Response Unit as well as the Fuller Center. (See the history of the QRU on page 2.) We are all your neighbors trying to help each other.

Early registration must be made by June 7th at \$40. Late registration from that date until the start of the race is \$50. Since this is a fund raiser, if you cannot afford to pay for yourself, ask others to help. Bring the list of those helping you together with their \$, and we will give you a receipt to give back to them. They can use it as a donation toward their taxes.

Register on line at https://tin_yurl.com/y9rt5sbm. Written registration can be downloaded at www.svfch.org or found at Wallace Inn in Wallace, Excelsior Cycle in Kellogg, US Bank in Pinehurst and the Snake Pit in Kingston (Enaville).

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