



HAPPY NEW YEAR



We wish you the very best for new beginnings in this new year of 2013. May love and peace be found in each day and new worthy ideas inspire you to work harmoniously with your family and friends.

changes in our Smelterville ReUse Store. We first put a cedar fence around most of the area back of the store in response to some residents' complaints about being able to see toilets from Main Street. This turned out to be a blessing as we put a narrow roof on the back fence giving us a covered place for all our donated doors. Since then, we have built more fencing with attached shelves and roofed the shelving with older metal roofing generously donated by North Idaho Recycling.

When we first started the ReUse Store, we guessed we'd be open a few days a week. However, the donations came in almost overwhelming amounts and variety. If we refuse them, many will end up going to the Transfer Station and be hauled to Montana landfill sites. The shelved fencing has so far enabled us to accept almost everything except clothing.

In order to keep the ReUse Store afloat, however, we must have volunteers. Without them, we wouldn't be able to financially survive. Fortunately, Beverly Lightner handles the household items for us—the furniture, kitchen ware, etc. Driving down from Wallace, Paulette Ross shows up frequently and gives the place a thorough cleaning as well as helping us with antiques. John Wolston comes daily to get first choice on antiques, to help us load and unload stuff, and to keep our fire warm. R'Gean Lillibridge comes Thursday afternoons giving Bev a needed break. Very rewarding has been the unselfish help from Dale Helbig and his son, John, who are now picking up larger donation from throughout the valley. What a blessed surprise.

There have been many others that help occasionally at the store, but Bev, Paulette, R'Gean and myself are the backbone of the volunteers that have so far made the ReUse Store pay for itself.

In addition to the volunteers, we have three other sources of help. A non-profit organization, "Experience Works", pays for Mick Prendergast's 20 hours of retraining per week. His help is greatly appreciated. Another source of labor is the help we get from community service people (both adult and kids). Some are so good that we would like to hire them if we could.

The last major source of labor is Kevin Hutchings. Because of his experience in so many areas, (and we can finally afford it) we have employed him full time. Without him, I would have had to have continued volunteering full time (usually 7 days a week). Now I only have to work three days a week and can even have a short vacation or two. Not only does he usually put in 40 hours per week, but he also gives us valuable volunteer time and keeps coming up with new ideas.

Lastly, I must mention Linda Hurd (another new blessing) who is an expert in "Quick Books" and accounting. She has become SVFCH Treasurer and is taking over much of the bookkeeping—thus freeing up some time for me to engage in other activities. I thoroughly enjoy working with her. She continually makes me laugh. She'll look at our books and say, "Verne, we have a problem here." I'll reply, "No, we have a challenge here and we're going to learn something." And we do—as we integrate my experience in our building programs, our mortgages, and the way I've handled non-profit accounting into the rigid accounting of "Quick Books".

So in 2012, we strove forth with our dreams, and fate handed us unexpected challenges. We learned many things from those challenges and became stronger because of them. Perhaps more important than what our dreams become is what we become because of our dreams.

S V Fuller Center's 2012

By Verne Blalack

Our individual lives are unpredictable as our latest national tragedy so sadly shows. Still we must look at our options daily (for we only live in the present), and based on insufficient knowledge, make our choices and go forth striving for the best. We all dream and to not strive forward is to place our dreams into the fickle hands of fate.

Homes Builds

In 2012, the Fuller Center's striving put the final touches on Darnell Kriedeman's simple decent home.

Greater Blessings

Our Greater Blessings projects (assisting homeowners with some of their repairs) have helped, Gary Gearhart, Teri & Larry Coak, Silver Valley Assembly of God, Grady & Mona Mathis, and Shannan Souza. These projects allow folks to remain in their own homes.

The ReUse Store

In addition to our home building and Greater Blessings activities, 2012 has brought forth great

Our Annual Christmas Party Paulette's & Judy's candid shots



Haley Gosline prepares a plate for daughter, Abigayle, at the Christmas party. We will miss Haley as Secretary and Board member and wish her well in her new position with the Wallace School District.

In the background, Board President, Mike Humphrey visits with Clint Kunze of the Shoshone Base Camp. Clint discussed their partnership with us for "Greater Blessings" type construction repairs next summer. The 60 volunteers from Wisconsin have definitely committed to being here in June.

Clint's note: "... And thanks again for allowing me to be a part of your F.C. Christmas celebration! What a great evening of fellowship that was."



Two long table rows graced the fellowship hall at the Mountain View Congregational Church.



Rick Gilbert & Kevin Hutchings



Verne Blalack & Duane Little

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

Galatians 5:22, 23

Paulette's Antique Corner

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Lowery Organ with a bench for \$60. At this price, it is the perfect learning tool.

In addition, we have received a large quantity of books. Some are very old hardbacks and others are paperbacks. All are only 50 to 25 cents each. Finally, when cleaning after the holidays, we will pick up those large unwanted items, giving you one less thing to do! Please come and visit us at the **Reuse Store** at 709 Main St. in Smeltonville, ID. The **store** carries cabinets, doors, tools, windows, shades, nut & bolts, appliances, house wares, and much more. Inventory changes daily so visit us often. We wish you the very best in the New Year.



Covered shelving protects and organizes a wide variety of merchandise in the backyard area. Above, Kevin Hutchings and Rick Souther construct more shelving using old roofing sheets donated by North Idaho Recycle.



John Helbig lifts a chair brought from the Norma McGatlin estate by John & his dad, Dale, our much appreciated gleaners.

Memories of Joe Peak



Joe Peak serves a “Snake Pit” BBQ to the bikers at the end of the “Bridge the Years—Ride the Wall” hike ride in 1998

Photo by Judy

After the “Rails to Trails” was completed through Kellogg in 1998, I called Mike Domy at Excelsior Cycle to ask for his advice about organizing a biking fund-raiser. He said a group was meeting at the Snake Pit that night to organize a fund-raiser for the Rose Lake Quick Response Unit (QRU) and suggested I attend. That evening, Mike, Joe, & I met with representatives from the Rose Lake QRU and the Old Mission State Park.

The date and time were decided—June 21, the longest day of the year, at 6 PM—which allowed folks to come during daylight after work. The Old Mission’s involvement was with the start of the event, the QRU saw to safety along the route, The Snake Pit would provide a BBQ, and our responsibility was for insurance and publicity. Profits would be split between the QRU and us.

Since the ride was from the Mission to the Snake Pit, the two oldest buildings in the area, via the Wall Peak Road, the event was named “Bridge the Years—Ride the Wall”.



With his arm raised to point the way, Joe gives his orientation at the Mission parking lot in 2002. The “Trail of the Coeur’d Alenes” was completed in time to use it for the first leg of our 2003 event. This eliminated the need to ferry folks, cars, and equipment between the “Pit” and the Mission.

When reviewing my photos over the years, my first 2 above were photographed in black & white using Shaunna Hillman’s film and developed by her at Indelible Tidbits.



Grandpa Joe beams as Joe’s 4-year-old grandson, Anthony Haler, rides toward him at the end of the 2012 event.



Over the years, the whole Peak family has been very supportive. Andy and Jacquie helped with the BBQ set up, & although the bike event is not a race, Andy frequently finished first. ☺ Wearing her lovely smile, Rose Mary was always helping there in the background as she is in the 2010 photo at left—raising the awning over the site where the “Pit” BBQed the meat for our annual Pig Roast. (As they did for many years.)

We know of no folks more civic minded or generous than the Peaks.

We miss them both.

Sincerely, SVFCH Board

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Judy & Verne Blalack, Rich & Vera Pringle, Ardis Marmon, Shannan Souza, Gary Gearhart, R'Gean Lillibridge, Marilyn & Tom Patton

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Coming Events

Jan 8—Committee meetings, 6:30 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church

Jan 8—Board, 7 PM Mountain View Congregational Church

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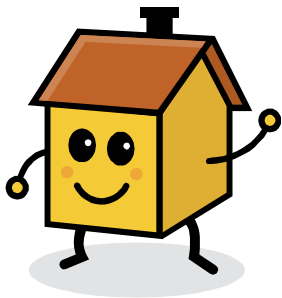
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Janice DeVoe helps Margaret Eggart find the Christmas Carols that Margaret played for us at our party.



Stacey Douglas shows where to park the 1981 Mercury Grand Marquis donated from the Norma McGatlin Estate. Kellogg Moving & Storage is donating storage space over the winter until we begin the raffle process next spring.



Our homeowner-to-be family, the Harshmans, have chosen the site at Sunny Slopes for their home. Construction will begin next spring. We would

like to invite RVers to come to help the last 2 weeks of June.

Please call Judy at 208-682-3240 or email judyblalack@gmail.com for more information.

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