



Attorney Mike Peacock (second from right) meets with Linda & Larry Yergler and Verne Blalack in the initial process of selling Larry's Saw Shop to Verne.  
*Photo by Judy*

### Our Own ReUse Store: Coming Soon

By Verne Blalack

Years ago, Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho (HfH of NI) in the Cd'A area used to have a monthly sale of donated items that they stored in a small donated barn. When their construction supervisor and I found out that they were making a thousand dollars or so in this informal way every month, we immediately realized that they needed a regular business location. We even offered to help fund a startup as we figured this re-selling of residential construction materials was too good of an opportunity to pass up. After a lot of thought and planning, the affiliate leased a site in Post Falls and made a profit the very first month. Very soon, it was obvious that they could use a larger outlet and ended up with a lease-to-buy option on one of Ziggy's buildings in Hayden. The funds they

generate help them build affordable homes for low income households in their area.

Eula Hickman, President of HfH of NI, was one of the founding members of HfH of Idaho (the state support organization) and instrumental in starting the first Habitat ReStore<sup>®</sup> in Idaho. For years at every state meeting, she enthusiastically encouraged other affiliates to start their own ReStore<sup>®</sup>. Now most Habitat affiliates in Idaho have successful ReStores<sup>®</sup>.

Spokane had the first ReStore<sup>®</sup> in the area and Idaho affiliates could take items there and get 50% of their sold value in credit to purchase other items. Unfortunately, many of the items available at Spokane were not needed by the affiliates. So when the ReStore<sup>®</sup> started in the Cd'A area, nearby Idaho affiliates asked to take the credit for their donated items in cash rather than merchandise. This worked fine for both the Cd'A affiliate and our Silver Valley organization until the cost of gas got so high that it made the general agreement unaffordable for us.

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### FULLER CENTER FOR ADVENTURE

By R'Gean Lillibridge



Matt Coleman, Wallace High Principal, is ready to welcome the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers.  
*Photo by Judy*

The group will be working on a HUD house in Smelternville on Saturday the 18th. Dave Dose is donating the gas and use of the Fort Sherman bus and John Tallman is donating his service as their driver to take them from the Wallace High School to Smelternville and back.

During their stay they are invited to enjoy a free tour at the Northern Pacific Railroad Museum and the Sierra Silver Mine Tour at discount rates.

Local Silver Valley riders are invited to join for a day. A dollar a mile donation for SVFCH is requested. If you are interested or have questions, you can visit their web site at [www.Fullercenter.org/bike](http://www.Fullercenter.org/bike)—or you can contact them at [bike@fullercenter.org](mailto:bike@fullercenter.org) or 229.924.2900.

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On the weekend of June 17 – 20, thirty-two cyclists (ages ranging from 19 - 68) will be visiting the Silver Valley. They are riding a distance of 3,600 miles from Seattle, Washington to Washington D.C. In addition to biking, they will also put their hands to work on Fuller Center projects across the country. Biking, speaking and building -- a new kind of triathlon. The group will be staying at the Wallace High School. We do appreciate the Wallace School District's approval for the use of their facility.

Meals will be prepared by different groups in the valley – Churches: St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Silver Valley Worship Center, Our Savior Lutheran Church, and Osburn Seventh Day Adventist Church; Businesses: McDonalds of Kellogg and the Wallace Inn; and the Fuller Center for Housing Board.

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**R**EMEMBER - OUR RIDE THE WALL is also this month on June 21. Registration forms are available at the Enaville Resort, Excelsior Cycle, the Wallace Inn or can be downloaded at [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org)

*... I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

**1 Corinthians 3:1**

## ReUse Store (continued from page 1)

[I must mention here, though, that Pat Elfsten of Furniture Exchange has generously offered to take stuff over for us. Unfortunately, time & transportation costs of picking up donated items, storing them until you have a load, then reloading them and taking them to Hayden is prohibitively unprofitable.]

However, as I hate to see so many useful items go to the dump, we've been storing them in a storage building in Osburn, generously donated by Don Berger; in my garage; in my carport; in little sheds on a site in Osburn; and lately in the garage and on the lawn at our present building site in Smelternville.

For years I have been looking for a good donated building where we could try offering used donated items for sale once a month or so and test the idea here. Finally, when I found that Larry & Linda Yergler were closing Larry's Saw Shop, I offered to buy the property at the appraised value. They have taken me up on the offer and Attorney Mike Peacock and Shelly Hodgdon of Alliance Title, are drawing up the papers pro-bono for us. Many thanks go to you good citizens.

[Charlie Cox served cheerfully and skillfully as our pro-bono attorney for 19 years, but he has to retire from practice due to health reasons.]

Anyway, there I was with a deal already made for a used materials store (which we'll call a ReUse Store) building and no input from my Board, although we had considered having one for years. I was ready to make almost any kind of a deal with them as I just had to get this ReUse Store idea out of my head one way or the other. I hate to see useful things thrown away!

Much to my surprise, the Board offered to take a risk, too, and will be leasing the building with an option-to-buy. So, when we get the paperwork all done, the community will have a ReUse Store which will accept useful donated items—the profits of which will be invested in building affordable homes with:

1. Families who have enough reliable income to pay off a non-interest loan and can't afford a home otherwise;
2. Families who can put up with the publicity involved;
3. Families who are willing to learn how to maintain a home, understand their finances, and are willing to have all family members 13 years and older invest 6 hours per week, if possible, in "sweat equity".

We now need another family. Applications can be obtained by calling Marilyn White, Family Selection Chair, at 753-4131 or download from our website at [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org).

We soon will need more useful donated items to sell, so if you are a contractor with left over materials, a business owner with outdated or slow moving items, or have a garage full of items that are too good to throw away but taking up space you could better otherwise use, bring them to us when we open our ReUse Store. Appliances must be in working order.

[*Psst*: Only about 30 "Little Shop" Tickets left. Hurry & get yours. Call Judy to find out where-682-3240.]

## ADVENTURERS (continued from page 1)

The group has a goal of raising \$500,000 for the Fuller Center for Housing. If you are interested in donating, make your check to: The Fuller Center for Housing

Attn: Bike Adventure  
P.O. Box 523  
Americus, GA 31709

If you would like to have some riders visit your church on Sunday, June 19, to tell about their journey, please call R'Gean Lillibridge at 682-3682. You will have to make arrangements for their transportation.



Don Ashcraft bends down to help Bob Larson thread an electric cord through conduit in the basement of the Kriedeman home. The whole house had to be rewired to fit code.



Bob Larson and Verne Blalack pour a new rear sidewalk after Don Ashcraft installed the forms at the Kriedeman home.

*Photos by Judy*

## Fuller Center Update

*Working in the US with 60 Covenant Partners (like Silver Valley FCH) and in 16 nations around the world.*

*Haiti—finished 22 homes and going for more; see [www.fullercenter.org/2011-Haiti-update](http://www.fullercenter.org/2011-Haiti-update) information*

## ReUse Store Help Wanted

*We will need help:* a gleaner to pick up donated items (needs own pickup); helpers to organize the merchandise; and sales people once we have things organized. Please call Verne or Judy at 682-3240.

*We thank these businesses for supporting our newsletter.*

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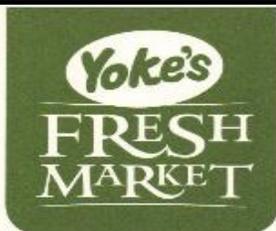
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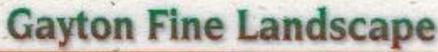
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Judy & Verne Blalack  
Josephine Davis



**Help Needed With:**

**Grant Writing  
Bookkeeping  
Fund-Raising**

**Pig Roast serving  
Digital Photographer in Smelterville**

**Great News**

We have another RV Builders couple returning. Richard & Shirley Harvey will be joining Bernie & Audrey Ussery and George & Diane Gravlee at the work site.

**Here's Help for SVFCH . . .**

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ I have a house and/or land to donate.
- ❖ I can make a no-interest loan for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please call about working out the details.
- ❖ 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.

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 I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

**Coming Events**

- June 12—Welcoming dinner for the RV Builders, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg
- June 13—Committee Meetings and Board Meeting, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church**
- June 17-19—Fuller Center Bike Adventurers stay to work on the Smelterville site.
- June 21—14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride the Wall (Family Bike Event), Registration 4-6 PM, Enaville Resort, Kingston**
- June 25—19<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast, 4-7 PM, West Shoshone Park, Pinehurst**



Judy Blalack holds a fire extinguisher presented by Fire Chief, Dale Costa. The extinguisher is a gift from the Volunteer Fire Fighter Association. *Photo by Verne*



Josh Haralson of Crown Electric checks the wiring with Verne at the Kriedeman house before an official inspection is called. *Photo by Judy*



R'Gean Lillibridge, Bike Adventure Coordinator, meets with Rick Shaffer of Wallace Inn who will be providing a breakfast for the bikers.

*Photos by Judy*



SVFCH Board listens intently to Verne as he explains his vision of using the Larry's Saw Shop building as a Fuller - Center ReUse Store.



Darnell Kriedeman shows how a new insulated outer wall will help make her home "green" by conserving heat energy. Our visiting work groups, the RV Builders, Fuller Center Bike Adventurers, and kids from Shoshone Base Camp will help finish insulating and siding these walls.

**Note: the next Board & Committee Meetings will be Monday, June 13, at 6 PM**



**Ride the Wall, - June 21  
Annual Pig Roast – June 25**

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**George, Tallis & Dawn invite you to a "Party in the Park" to celebrate their folks, Verne & Judy Blalack's, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**When: 2-4 PM, Sunday, July 3**

**Where: West Shoshone Park, Pinehurst (or, if it's raining, Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pinehurst)**

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