



AVISTA crewmen, Aaron Stovern and Kevin Robb, remove the dead tree in Nancy Elliott's yard. The tree had encroached on the stairs from her house down to her garage. We appreciate AVISTA's concern since the tree was already leaning, and if the tree had fallen toward the road, it would have hit the power lines.

Photo by Jason Elliott

Greater Blessings

Sorry to say that our projects are currently on hold until the air quality improves. We are so sorry for those being directly affected by all the fires.



Here is a greater blessings project being finished by the family. The Maces are gradually completing their ideal home from the 3 trailer sections placed side by side. Their latest endeavor is this front porch with an extension for barbequing. One thing we noticed about their family is that all are ready to pitch in and have great work ethics.

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:11-13



A Bike and Build team stayed overnight at The Mountain View Congregational Church on their way from Providence, RI, to Seattle, WA. They rode 3923 miles in 77 days.

Bike & Build

For a number of years teams from the Bike and Build organization have come through the Silver Valley staying at various churches. The last several years they have stayed at The Mountain View Congregational Church in Kellogg. The Kellogg School District allowed them access to showers. Our group has provided dessert in past years, but this year we served a full meal. We saved as much as possible from the Pig Roast to use here.

We appreciate the additional food donated by Barney's Sooper Foods, Penny Michael, Patti Houchin, Darnell Kriedeman, and Judy Blalack. A big hit was the beans left from the Pig Roast made with moose burger donated by Allison Blalack Sieverding. (They were hoping to see a moose as they traveled on to Coeur d'Alene taking the scenic route to Heyburn St. Park and Plummer.) They did spend a day working on a Habitat project there before continuing their trip to Seattle.

Following dinner, the individuals introduced themselves telling where they attend or attended college and expressed their hopes for the future. The 10 teams raised \$144,051 which will be used for grants to non-profit homebuilding organizations and to gifts to groups like ours. Each person had to collect at least \$4,500 in cash or pledges before starting. One young man kept scratching his chin since he was not used to *nor* liked the beard he was growing. He had a friend who pledged so much if he would do a push up for every mile he biked and not cut his beard. ☺

Marie Carver was our contact for using the church kitchen that evening. She was extraordinary help since she knew where all the utensils were and even stayed to help with cleanup. Love you, Marie.

UP COMING RAFFLE



Marie Carver, April Muhs and Patti Houchin admire the cute wheelbarrow designed to hold flower pots. The wheelbarrow was donated by Cattails Antiques and Collectables for use with our Christmas raffle. Tickets will be on sale at Under the Freeway Market Sept 5-7 in Wallace and elsewhere later.

Photo by Judy



Bonnie DeRoos of Silver Streak Zipline donated a \$100 certificate to be used either as a prize for our Walk-A-Thon on September 19 or with our Christmas raffle. Prices for the raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. *Photo by Judy*



Emily Mae Johnson of Miss Mae's Muttley Makeovers donates cat and dog treats for our Walk-A-Thon and our Christmas raffle.

Photo by Judy



Jamere Radford of the Pizza Factory holds his pizza coupon that we will use either with the Walk-A-Thon or in our Christmas raffle. We try to ensure every participant in the Walk receives a prize—be sure to participate and claim yours. (Sept. 19)

Photo by Judy

About the Future of the ReUse Store

By Verne Blalack

Although our Board of Directors has, on paper, 14 members, we usually have around six show up at our monthly meetings. Fortunately, to make decisions we need only 5 Directors present. Some Directors would like to see the ReUse Store close as it is only making a small profit, and it takes up a lot of my time, that in the past, I spent on other SVFCH projects as construction supervisor. I could also spend more time teaching someone else to do the bookwork.

Other Directors feel that the community needs the ReUse Store enough that we should keep it open.

So no one knows what will happen with the ReUse Store until at least Sept 8th (the date of the next Board meeting).

[We have explored the idea of hiring an auctioneer. But that was not economically feasible. Another option would be to sell the store with all the merchandise as is or to sell the land and buildings separately. Brad is a good manager and the store now is profitable. I would like to see him stay there & have volunteers take some of the load from Verne before it affects his health.

– Judy]

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We are honored to receive this memorial.

*From Kenneth & Carolyn Kempton
In Memory of Gerald Merlo*

Greater Blessings Fund

Silver Valley Assembly of God Church, Kellogg,
Bob Larson, Judy & Verne Blalack

We have started an escrow fund expressly for building John "Boy" Delaney's home. If you would like your donation to be dedicated for this purpose, please write so on your check.

John "Boy" Delaney's Home Fund

Jo Davis, Verne & Judy Blalack, John Delaney

Penny Michael captures Patti Houchin and Marie Carver joking with Judy at the August's newsletter mailing.



Coming Events
Sept 5-7—Under The Freeway Market, Wallace, 8-6 Sat & Sun; 8-4 Mon
Sept 8—Board & Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church, Kellogg
Sept 19—18th Annual WALK-A-THON, 9 AM, Kellogg Middle School



Dan Acree of Dan's Headhunters Taxidermy and Motorcycle Repair, helps Verne load the windows and other things he donated.
Photo by Judy

We truly need other "gleaners" (people willing to collect donated merchandise) and also make deliveries. It would be great if we had someone to call each day of the week to make collections. Obviously there are many days when no one is needed, but if you could offer to cover just one day a week, that would be great. We can help with gas money for gathering and we do charge for delivery (this \$ would be yours.) You would be expected to be able to lift stuff.



John "Boy" and Verne hold a picture donated at the ReUse Store.
Photos by Judy

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.

I do not wish to be on your mailing list.
 I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

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Five members of the Bike and Build group made a presentation of how their trip has been, how the group started, and their goals.

Photo by Judy



Verne makes a “good neighbor” gesture by donating some donated lumber to be used as stair risers for bleachers being built for the Lions Club’s Smeltonville Frontier Days Demolition Derby on September 12th.

Photo by Judy



Ellie Arguimbau shows Laura Little the informative booklet Ellie made for the Huckleberry Festival. We will be back in Wallace for Under the Freeway Market during the Labor Day weekend. President Mike Humphrey will have our information and raffle tickets there.

Photo by Lisa Hardy



Wish List

“Gleaner”—one who picks up donated items and will make deliveries. We will help with gas costs. Must be able to do some lifting.

Volunteers at the ReUse Store: In addition to the ladies who work behind the counter, clean, price household items and are sales people, we need at least 2 workers every day with strength to move the heavy merchandise.

Volunteers to help with construction for our Greater Blessings projects: both supervisors and other helpers
Please sign up to help a day each week.

PR or Fund Raising or Greater Blessings
Co-Chairs Call Judy at 682-3240

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