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Ride the Wall 2025



A group photo of almost everyone involved with the 2025 Ride the Wall wishing for warmer weather.



Former SVFCH Board Secretary, Ellie Arguimbau dog sits Chevy while Judy is busy elsewhere. Ellie did ride the whole loop before she started riding her recumbent bicycle only on the paved trail.



Frank Culhno draws a winning raffle ticket.



Susan Snyder Lee visits with Josh Winters, Frank Bourque, Geri Cochrane, and Tahnee and Winters and Josh and Tahnee's daughter Riley, about her family's history of the Owl Tavern (now Timbers Roadhouse).

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*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

Ephesians 4:32



Ride the Wall Photos, Continued



For more than 20 years, John and Marian Wilson have supported this event. Here they visit with Patrick Stanford who loaned the canopies we used, and rode The Wall.



Two SVFCH Board Members, Frank Culhno and Geri Cochrane are ready to patrol the route.



While Kathy McPeak sells raffle tickets, Linda Amonson checks off registration and hands out meal tickets for the BBQ and our Ride the Wall shirts.



Silver Valley Fire Rescue Crew were ready for any emergency: Belden Lindsey, Carrie Simmons, Travis Costa, and Joe Jeffrey.



Although the event was not a race, we note that the first to return was Joe Buchanan, pictured here being congratulated by his wife, Lindsay, and Silver Valley Fuller Center President, Bob Whitman.

Donations



Jasmine and Kathleen of Barney's Foods in Pinehurst donated two cases of drinking water for Ride The Wall



Melissa and Shawntel from Yokes. Yoke's donated three packs of bottled water for our golf tournament. Thank you, Yokes!

Help Needed: We are looking for a **volunteer to adapt our website** for easier access - please contact Tahnee at 208-512-9869 if you can assist!

Free Medical Resources

Founded by local healthcare providers, SonShine is a nonprofit offering free annual services to Northern Idaho residents who may not otherwise receive care. No income or expense information is required. Services are provided first-come, first-served until volunteer capacity is reached.

Event Details

Location: North Idaho County Fairgrounds
4056 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
Dates: September 5 & 7, 2025
Time: 7:00 AM–1:00 PM

Free Services Offered

Dental: X-rays, fillings, extractions, consultations

Vision: Eye exams, frames, polycarbonate lenses

Medical: Blood pressure and blood sugar tests, family medicine, primary care, sports physicals, pediatrics, naturopathic care

Healthy Living: Diabetes education, healthy choices, nutrition coaching, lifestyle support, mental health services

Therapy: Chiropractic, physical therapy, massage

Other: Childcare, haircuts, legal counsel, professional portraits



Visit <https://idsonshine.org/> for more information or to volunteer!

July Photos



After two neck surgeries left Gary Dodge in a wheelchair, friends pitched in to help. Jim Taylor drew the plans for a ramp. Bill Scales and Mike Heglund provided the carpenter skills and muscle while Jim supervised. April & Drago Duncan stained Gary's newly constructed ramp. We are honored to be able to contribute funding with our Greater Blessings program for the materials.

Jim has been a long-time supporter of our group, working on many projects. He supervised roofing the Winter's home when it was built. SVFCH board member, Duane Little, witnessed Jim Dodge's signature on the Greater Blessing form promising to repay for our help with construction materials.



Our next homeowners, Corie McNearney, Ken Fairchild, and Josh Winters pose with retired lawyer, Lonnie Sparks, after Lonnie made a very interesting presentation about wills. Lonnie explained the need to have a will to designate the distribution of one's assets and child custody. He also gave a history of the law showing how it has evolved since before the Magna Carta, which was signed in 1215.



Also attending the workshop were family sponsors; Bob Whitman with Ken Fairchild; Corie McNearney with Jeff Arthurs; and Tahnee & Josh Winters with Frank Culhno. We appreciate the use of Mountain View Congregational Church's facilities for the Family Partnership meetings.

We thank these businesses for supporting our newsletter.



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**You give us a good start heading
into summer projects.**

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Join Silver Valley CARES for the 3rd annual FREE Mental Health Fair!

The free community event is focused on breaking the stigma around mental health, while also promoting mental wellness and providing support and resources.

August 9 · 11 AM–2 PM, Osburn Gene Day Park

- Info booths on local mental health resources
- Free food (courtesy of Smeltermville Grocery Outlet)
- Games, activities & live music by Johnny McGee
- Free school haircuts & clothes
- Backpacks & supplies for all ages
- Giveaways, raffles, & surveys
- Free transportation via Silver Express

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facebook.com/svcares or svcares.org



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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Upcoming Events

August 9th — Silver Valley CARES Mental Health & Resource Fair 11 AM-1 PM, Gene Day Park, Osburn,

August 12th — Board and Committee meetings, 5:30 PM, Pinehurst Lions Hall, Pinehurst

September 2nd — Newsletter mailing workshop at St. Rita's in Kellogg 9:00 AM.

September 5 & 7th — ID Son-Shine Medical Resources at North Idaho County Fairgrounds

September 20th — Annual Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser, Kellogg Park 9:00 AM.

Wish List

Specific Needs:

- Construction Supervisors – need not do the labor.
- Construction volunteers to work with the Supervisor.
- PR Chair
- And others –

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