

Young Cyclists Roll Through Vernonia

"Bike and Build" Rides to Assist with Nationwide Affordable Housing Efforts

On August 7, thirty young adults with Bike & Build Inc., a national non-profit committed to affordable housing, are bicycling into Vernonia on their journey across the United States. The cyclists travel from Virginia Beach, VA to Cannon Beach, OR in order to raise money and awareness for affordable housing causes.

"We are deeply proud that Bike & Build has 265 riders this year who are so committed to the affordable housing cause that they are willing to raise much-needed funds and spend two months of their summer biking across this amazing country," said Bike & Build Program Coordinator Brendan Newman. "Bike & Build provides the opportunity; it is the riders who make the impact on housing issues through our cycling trips."

During their overnight stay in Vernonia the group stayed at the Vernonia Community Church.

The group will be traveling for more than 10 weeks and will help to build affordable housing in nine

locations, including Charlottesville, VA, Jackson, WY, and Boise, ID. In order to participate in the trip, each rider raised at least \$4,000 to help fund the trip costs and affordable housing efforts nationwide.

Bike & Build offers eight cross-country biking trips each summer. The 18 to 25 year old riders see and experience first-hand the affordable housing need in this country. They stop in towns along their route and participate in construction efforts at affordable housing sites that are in progress. The riders also meet with local officials and community members to discuss affordable housing issues.

Based in Philadelphia, Bike & Build is a non-profit organization that encourages young adults to address the country's affordable housing crisis through organizing bicycle trips. Trip participants support the affordable housing cause by fundraising and building efforts. Since 2003, Bike & Build

has motivated over 1250 young adult volunteers and contributed over \$2.8 million and 80,000 volunteer hours to housing groups such as Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together to fund projects in the United States. For more information, visit www.bikeandbuild.org or call (267) 331-8488.



Bull Stories: Pack in Hunt at Murderers Creek

By Don Webb

I had been retired for several years, when a friend, Jim Johns, and I were doing some packing in the Cascades with our horses in the summer and packing deer in the fall. We had been hunting deer for over forty years in the Murderers Creek area and had been seeing some nice bulls the last few years, so decided to pack in this fall to hunt elk. In October during the deer hunt we packed in some hay and cached it high in a tree, cut some wood, cleared a camp spot for the tent, had a water hole for the horses and were all set for the November hunt.

We arrived three days before the elk season in four inches of snow. We put chains on to get to a friend's camp where we were going to leave the pickup and trailer, spent the night in their tent and packed in the next morning. We only had a couple of miles to go so it wasn't much of a pack; we saw a small bull and lots of tracks on the way in and there were elk tracks in the snow where we

put up the tent. We scouted the next day, saw a few cows and a couple of bulls, so it looked good for opening morning.

The next morning, opening day, I slipped out on a rim rock that overlooked a clearing about two hundred yards long and around one hundred wide. Just as I moved out where I could see one end of the clearing I saw a bull moving into the timber. I couldn't get a clear shot so I didn't try. I stayed put for a while just in case more elk were moving in the area and after about an hour I worked my way to where I saw the bull earlier, figuring he may bed down close because I was sure he hadn't seen me. It looked like he was headed into some heavy cover that would make it a little hard to slip up on him and I didn't want to move him too far out of the area because there were a few hunters below us and a few above. I figured if I didn't move him out he may be back feeding in that clearing the next morning so I moved around to the other side of that heavy cover and didn't see much for

tracks coming out of that area so I hoped I would find him in the morning. When I got back to camp I saw where a few elk had passed with in a hundred feet of our tent. Jim came in and he had seen a bull or two but didn't get a shot.

The next morning I left camp a little before daylight and moved out on that same rim rock that overlooked that clearing where I saw the bull yesterday. I had to wait a little while for it to get light enough to see and shoot. I saw a movement at the upper end of the clearing and there was a bull moving along at a good trot and was going to pass within a hundred feet of me heading for that same heavy cover. I just held still until he was just below me; he stopped at a juniper tree and I could see him but couldn't shoot because of the limbs. I froze and waited; it seemed like a half hour before he moved but it was probably only a minute or two. He came up the hill and didn't head for the heavy cover, he must have winded me and thought I was below him. He was broad side to me and

about a hundred feet away; I aimed just behind the shoulder and was just about to squeeze the trigger when he turned towards me and stopped just a little quartered to me. I aimed for the chest area and fired; the bullet hit the left shoulder ball joint and the bull turned up the hill wind milling the left leg. The next shot was in the lung area; the bull turned back down the hill at a run and stopped again behind that juniper. This time I moved and shot the bull in the head. It was a fair six by six.

I dressed him out and went back to camp to get the ax and some bags, quartered and hung the meat in that juniper tree, packed the horns to camp and left the meat hang there for several days before we packed it out to the camp where our pickup was. Jim didn't get a bull and we packed our camp out the next day after the season was over, by then there was about a foot of snow on the ground at the pickup. We chained up all four wheels to get out.

Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, September 26 at the Clatskanie Senior Center

Connie's Fabulous Breakfasts: Fabulous breakfasts are available to the public on Fridays for a cost of only \$3.50. The event happens at the Senior Center (446 Bridge Street) from 7:30 to 9:00 AM each Friday. Meal price includes a beverage, too. Enter through the side, parking lot door. What a deal!

Week Day Lunches: The Vernonia Senior Center offers nutritious and tasty lunches each weekday for only \$4. These are available to the public, not just Senior Citizens. (Mealtime is noon; late arrivals may not be served.) You can reserve your lunch by calling by 11:15 AM, or further in advance if possible, to assist the cooks as they prepare the day's meals.

Maple Bars available locally! Connie King, the cook at the Senior Center, is making maple bars each day. The maple bars are available to the public, too, and only cost \$1 each. Availability is subject to quantity on hand. You can assure yourself of a good supply by pre-ordering them directly from Connie by calling the Senior Center (503-429-3912) any week day, from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please allow one day lead time for larger orders. The Center's front door opens at 9:00, but the side parking lot door opens at 7:00. Ah, sweet treats!

Thrift Store: Bargain prices can be found in Vernonia's Senior Center in their Thrift Store. The retail store is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Thrift Store provides funds for the Senior Center's facility and its many activities. Donations can also be dropped off during those same hours, and

donated clothes need to be clean and in good condition so they are "sales ready". We are offering half off during the first week of each month. Buy locally and support your local Senior Center.

For after hours drop-offs please contact Pauline 503-429-5810.

Special Days: On the last Wednesday of the month Wau-na Credit Union will be serving ice cream. On the last Friday of the month we will serve birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate that month's birthdays.

Membership Dues: Another way to support Vernonia's Senior Center is to pay the \$15 annual membership dues. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the Senior Center. Anyone 50 and older may join.

Questions? Call: (503) 429-3912



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