

# Bikers ride for habitats

By Karen Krien

Two young ladies were at the St. Francis Library reading and sending e-mails to friends and relatives; another was outside talking on a cell phone; and one was looking for some quiet time to catch up on a book he was reading. (He said if he napped, he couldn't sleep at night.) Inside the Methodist Church dining area, kids were taking advantage of the cool temps, taking a nap on the floor or quietly talking.

It had been a hard, hot day of riding for the 19 Bike and Build riders on the Central Route which started around 5 a.m. on Wednesday. By 2 p.m., they had ridden from Oberlin to St. Francis. The temperatures were in the high 90s by the time they stopped for the day. However, there were smiles and pleasant greetings as they talked about their reasons and dedication for traveling from Virginia Beach to Cannon Beach, Ore., in 65 days. St. Francis was the halfway mark of their trek.

Most were college students or recent graduates. Some had heard about the building of affordable homes which is the main cause of the ride.

"We meet some of the homeowners and it's nice to be able to help someone we actually get to meet," said Kyle Hatten, Potomac, Md., a senior at the University of Virginia.

Laura Bishop and Brandon were both at the library checking their e-mails. Laura had heard about Bike and Build organization through a friend. She then looked it up on the web site and applied. Each rider raises \$4,000 before they can go on the trip. Throughout the trip, members of the group are asked to give presentations about the trip, building homes for Habitat for Humanity and telling why they decided to participate.

Laura said it gives the group the opportunity to teach others about affordable housing for others.

"There are affordable issues in America and we need to tell others about them," she said.

They said that about once a week, the group stops at a Habitat building site and help with the project. They had worked in Manhattan and Garden City earlier and were planning on helping build a home in Greeley, Colo. later in the week.

Brandon had graduated from Duke University two years ago. She had spent two years traveling in Europe and was now a paralegal in Washington, D.C.

"I have seen Europe but I had seen little of the United States. What better way to see a close-up view of the States than on a bike," Brandon said, who agreed with the cause.

As they have traveled, they have enjoyed seeing the arch in St. Louis and the ball of twine in



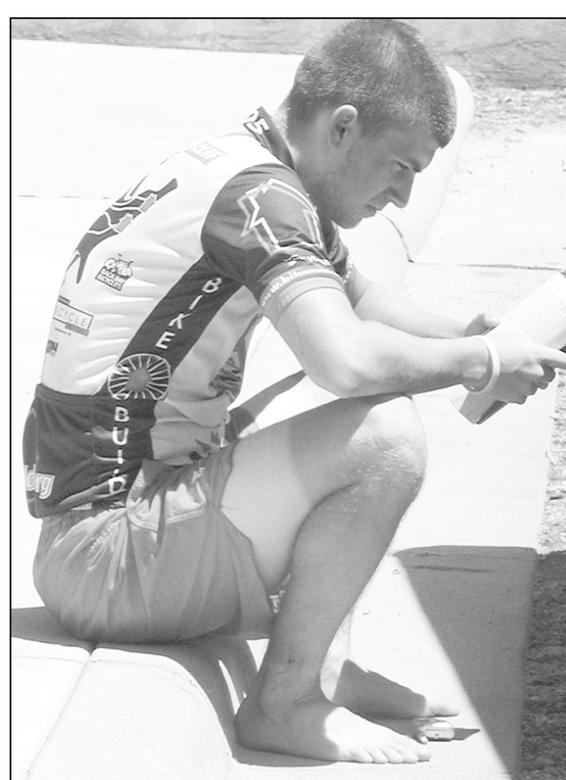
**BIKING FOR A CAUSE**—Kyle Hatten and Daniel Dudap, members of the Bike and Build team, rode through St. Francis Thursday. The group is biking across the country to help build houses for humanity.

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Cawker City. They stop at each state line and have their picture taken. They were looking forward to the following day as they would be traveling into three states, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, as they headed toward Akron, Colo.

The day they went to Akron, weather forecasters were predicting strong storms in the area. The bikers said that rain and storms have been a memorable part of the ride. Also memorable are the flat plains of Kansas and were looking forward to the mountains and the spectacular views as they cross the Rocky Mountains.

Anyone wanting to follow the group as they finish their trip across the United States can log in at [www.bikeandbuild.org](http://www.bikeandbuild.org). Their daily journal entries can be read. There are also photos.



**TAKING A BREAK**—Darryl Richard enjoyed reading his book during his break from the bicycle.

# Alumni classes meet

## Class of 1950

Festivities for the class of 1950 alumni reunion began on the evening of Friday, June 17, at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant in St. Francis.

Ten alumni and four spouses were present for a "Dutch Treat" meal and lots of reminiscing.

A group of 15 met again Saturday afternoon at the St. Francis Library for finger food and fellowship. A display of pictures, a freshman "beanie", a letter sweater, popular sheet music, records and copies of the Cheyenne Indian News were enjoyed. A list of departed classmates was also on display.

Nine class members were present for pictures before the banquet, seven graduates and five spouses attended the banquet, enjoying the wonderful food and more visiting, not only with classmates of 1950 but many other acquaintances that came back to St.

Francis Community High School for the annual event.

Sunday morning breakfast at Captain Hook's Cafe in Wheeler was also attended by nine alumni and five spouses. Although it was apparent that those present were "just a little" exhausted from the fun-filled weekend, an enjoyable time was had by all with hopes that everyone will be able to attend the reunion again in 2010.

Those present for the weekend activities were: Charles and Dixie Curry, Pete and Wanda (Burr) Gienger, Josephine (Holliman) Ford, Kenneth Malone, Bill and Tommie Peter, Willard Peter, Bob and Judy Rueb, Valjea (Zimbleman) Schultz, Marjorie (Sass) Carlson, Charles and Margaret (Schroeder) Songster, Merlyn and Ruth Ann Yonkey and Idell (Weeden) Zuege.

## Class of 1965

Nineteen members of the class of 1965, plus spouses and friends enjoyed a weekend of visiting and reminiscing. Those attending were: Lyle Cook, Jr., Williston, N.D.; Donna (Henderson) and Jerry Scoby, Greeley, Colo.; Clarence Hill, Denver; Karen (Moore) Hewett, Topeka; Ron O'Leary, Topeka; Ron and Anita Popp, Albany, Ore.; Erviena (Rogers) Bigwood, Toronto, Canada; Steve and Judy Sherlock, Lamar, Colo.; Jim and Lee Ann Worley, Jamestown, N.D.; Sylvia (Zuege) Bliss, Cabool, Mo.; and Keith and Cinda Dankenbring, Bill Dungan, Steve and Lynette Nolan, Sherry (Peter) and Eddy Schultz, Cliff Raile, Bruce and Susan Roelfs, Dave and Bonnie Straub, Carol (Touslee) and

Gordon Ross and Dave and Jenny Wright, all of St. Francis.

They got together at the Cheyenne County Wildlife club house south of town on Friday evening and again on Saturday night after the banquet. On Saturday afternoon, part of the group went on a bus tour of the Breaks and three-corners area with Tobe Zwegardt. All on the tour agreed that it was very enjoyable and interesting! They also stopped at the home of Jerry and Sherry Carmichael north of Haigler and were treated to a tour of their beautiful weekend retreat.

Others stopping by to visit included Dan Worley, Tom and Lea Keller, Sondra (Rogers) Pershall, Rick and Linda Rogers and Vic Dankenbring.

## Class of 1935

Five members of the 1935 graduating class, Vinta "Moody" Keller, Helen "Morehouse" Howk, Peggy "Dunn" Anderson, Jim Cram and Carl Hendricks, had an enjoyable reunion weekend. Jim, Jo and family, Helen and Carl met at Parkhill Friday evening.

Class members want to "thank" Shirley (Zwegardt) and squad for the "good job."

Sunday at 9 a.m., a breakfast was held at the Windmill, where they said their adieu until next time. Oh yes, Vinta said to hang in there and they could have another party at her house in five years.

There are six living members of the graduating class of '35 that could not be with them for various reasons. There are 11 living members of the class.

Class members gathered at Vinta's Saturday at 3:30 for punch, tidbits and some chatter. They agreed stories 70 years old have a tendency to get bigger and better.

Later the group moved to the high school for pictures and the banquet.

## Class of 1955

Twenty-seven members of the 1955 graduating class and five former classmates along with spouses and friends enjoyed a fun-filled time during the alumni weekend at the Burnham's garage.

day morning, the group toured the "Breaks" following the tour with a lunch of sandwiches and salads.

Everyone enjoyed the banquet on Saturday evening.

Sunday morning they gathered for a brunch to say "good-byes."

A barbecue meal set the tone for reminiscing on Friday evening.

After donuts and coffee on Saturday morning, the group toured the "Breaks" following the tour with a lunch of sandwiches and salads.

All are looking forward to the 55th reunion in 2010.

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