

Red River Community House News May, 2011



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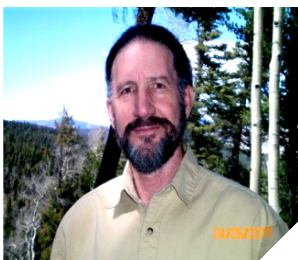
Greetings from the Red River Community House, Red River, NM. We have a great summer of music, line dancing, boat building, crafts, movies, smores and more planned for your enjoyment. Over 400 summer activities, mostly free of charge. We look forward to seeing you during your next visit to Red River.

Introductions: Each month we will introduce members of our Summer 2011, staff to you through our newsletter so when you visit the RRCH this summer you will be familiar with the new faces.



Mattie Harris, Community House Dog – Mattie was recruited as a new staff member at RRCH. Her duties include being the official greeter and getting all the attention she can from each child. She is a seasoned mountain dog and specializes in keeping the bears away from her home. She looks forward to greeting each of you this summer when you visit Red River and

come by the Community House.



David Harris, Community House Director – David and his wife, Sharron, are blessed to be a part of the Enchanted Circle Community. After working for six years building their home in Lakeview Pines, between Eagle Nest and Angel Fire, they became permanent residents in May, 2010. His involvement with the RRCH stems from his parents, Roy and Alice,

becoming the RRCH Hosts a couple of summers ago. David's background is in education as a college instructor in Speech Communication, and has served in several churches as Youth Director and/or Worship Director. The opportunity to

serve as RRCH Director is very exciting and he is looking forward to a great summer with all of our staff and visitors. As one of his duties this summer he will be assisting with line dancing.



Kay Wendell, Assistant Director – Kay and her husband, Don, are going to be very active helping at RRCH this summer. Some of her responsibilities include recruiting and training 100+ volunteers, teaching Family Scrapbooking, and The Kids Nature class. She retired after 36 years in education, serving as a teacher and principal. She is an avid outdoors woman and enjoys scrapbooking, knitting, and spending as much time as possible at their cabin in the Upper Valley.



Kathy Pekrul, Board President – Kathy and her husband, Ron, have been Red Riverites for 15 years. They have 3 children and five grandchildren and are happy to show pictures on the spur of the moment. Kathy's love of children has inspired her to work in scouting and Special Olympics. She has served on the RRCH Board of Directors for the past two years, currently as President.



Eddie Dry, Operation Director – Eddie and his wife, Barbara, fell in love with Red River on their first visit in 1975. A few months later their dream of living here was realized when they purchased the Golden Eagle Lodge. As a Professor, Eddie has been an educator at several universities including the University of New Mexico where he established a new department. As world travelers he and Barbara have visited 32 countries and are always excited to return to Red River. Ask him about his hiking trip in South America. In 2006 Eddie took over as Operations Director, a volunteer position, for the RRCH and the rich tradition and fun activities available at the Community House today are largely due to Eddie's passion and devotion.

Community House Face Lift: Many projects geared toward having the RRCH winterized were completed in the past few months including a new heating system. This moves us forward in our goal to offer many activities to our visitors year around. Other completed projects, including structural repairs and remodeling, will improve the comfort and convenience of our facility.

Special Activities:

Square Dancing - May 19 – 21, Bob Nolen,

Community Hospitality Showcase - Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

RRCH Workday - Wednesday, June 8, bringing back a Red River tradition where visitors and residents come together for a day of fixing, painting, organizing, and arranging...to get the Community House ready for all the summer family and children's activities.

First Aid classes, schedule to be announced. Please check our website for the schedule and details

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Summer Activities: In addition to our fun regular activities we are adding some exciting new events to our summer schedule. You are going to love these additions.

Geocaching – One of the fastest growing recreational activities in the US. Using GPSs, participants will find “hidden treasures” throughout Red River.

Children's Nature Hour

Women's Bible Study

Leave No Trace Hike – to help us learn to minimize our impact in our great outdoors.

Internet for Seniors – one-hour, easy classes. Laptops provided.

Plus many more. We are including an attachment listing all of the programs offered at RRCH this summer. Please see our website for more information.

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Staffing: We are seeking three interns and two junior-staffers for this summer. (June – August) For more information see Employment on our website www.redrivercommunityhouse.org or contact David Harris at 806/341-0990 or david.harris2011@gmail.com

Special Thanks:

To Eddie Dry for volunteering hundreds of hours recruiting staff, writing grant applications, fund raising, serving on the Board of Directors, working on event schedules, overseeing operation of the RRCH, and many other labors of love. (Too many to mention here.) Thank you, Eddie.

To Don Wendell for taking on the job of RRCH webmaster and doing a great job. Also for volunteering as a leader for many of our new programs this summer including: teaching first aid classes, leading Geocaching, Leave No Trace hikes and Orienteering. Thank you, Don.