

Black Diamond Historical Society



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Saturday & Sunday --- Noon to 3:00
Thursday---- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
For special arrangements or tours,
call: 360-886-1168 or 886-2327
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In Memorium

Denny DiJulio... husband of Charlotte

Jesse Landis... long time Black Diamond resident.

Evelyn Hart... sister of Verna Thompson & Merle Romedo.



Memorials

Denny DiJulio... Ann Ditmar, Carl & Ann Steiert

Jesse Landis... Phoenix Landis, Lynda Maks, Carl & Ann Steiert, Janice Ranton

Annie & Clarence Jones... Ann Nordhause



Donations

Monetary donations have been received for use in operating and maintaining the Museum from... Mr. & Mrs. Phil Werle, Charles & Betty Falk, Clara Hudson (Metzler), and Cheryl Hill.

Gene Fredericksen brought in a beautiful small table. It has a built-in measuring stick. It also folds. We are not sure what it's original use was but we are researching it. The table is a lovely addition for us.

Many thanks to all who have donated. This is what keeps our Museum so attractive to so many people.

Ann again reports record numbers are passing thru the Museum eachweek. It keeps the volunteer hosts and hostesses busy.

Thank You



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Speaking of volunteers... One lady I have forgotten to mention is someone who I rely on each time I put out a newsletter... perhaps she is so close that I have overlooked her. Roberta Falk.

Roberta is the treasurer for the Society but she also prints the mailing labels for us. All I have to do is to let her know when they are needed.

This month she even came in from medical leave to do them. My most sincere thanks to you, Roberta. May you have a speedy recovery.

The Thursday crew has been working each week with a variety of projects. One look around shows that they keep everything in good repair. It does take a lot of time and effort to keep this place looking good and safe.
Thanks guys!!!!!!!

And the Thursday crew is especially thankful to the ladies who do the lunches for them. Since January they have been treated by :
Rosemary Konoske, Evelyn DalSanto, Lynda Maks, Vonda Snope, Jill Sena, Rose Guidetti, Beth VanBuskirk, Had Rossi, Nancy Mead, Ann Steiert, Nadia Grigoruk, Marlene Bortleson, Eileen Zumek, Ethel Duncan, and Donna Gouchenaur. That's quite a list. Thanks to each of you.

I was wondering why the list of cooks does not include any men's names. There are many men out there who love to cook and are very good at it. Why not volunteer for some Thursday? Rose Guidetti is the co-ordinator for the lunches. Give her a call. 886-2858

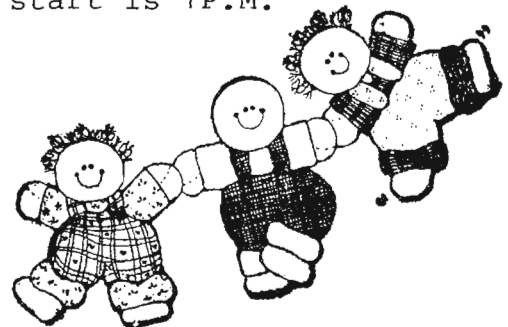
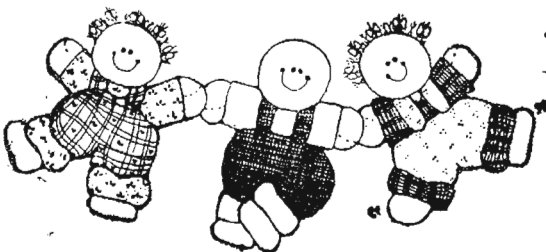
Intentions want to be what actions are.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Open house will be held on Sunday June 9th at the Museum to celebrate the 114th birthday of Black Diamond. Time to start is 1P.M.



Roslyn-Ronald Heritage Club

This club was established to preserve, memorialize, and communicate the local history of the CleElum-Roslyn-Ronald area. Now they have a project started which may be of interest to many in our area too. There has always been a kinship between Black Diamond and that area.

They are constructing a Miner's Memorial, consisting of a statue and surrounding memorial wall. The wall will be made up of inscriptive tiles. These tiles are being sold for \$50.00 each. If you are interested please contact: Frank Elenich 3818 57th SW Seattle, WA 98116 or the information is also available at the Roslyn Museum.



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What You Don't Have, You don't Miss

C.M. (Rip) Johnson

As a child growing up during the depression in the town of Black Diamond, I found it to be both an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

It showed how people in a small community with meager means could work and pull together and still provide their children with various types of entertainment plus teaching responsibility. We had values as guidelines and were taught respect by our parents and other adults.

Through our parents community club the kids were offered two free movies a week, a big Christmas celebration with children up to the age of 14 receiving gifts plus a sack containing peanuts, a box of candy plus an apple and orange. The older teens hung around until the end of the program to pick up a sack of goodies.

During the summer months we had a large 4th of July and Labor Day celebration which offered every kind of entertainment imaginable.

We also had a huge summer picnic at one of our local lake resorts

Black Diamond had community baseball and soccer teams who provided great entertainment.

Kids had to be resourceful in what they did. They didn't sit around complaining life was boring and they didn't have anything to do. What the community didn't provide, kids provided themselves.

In one major project, we cleared off a lot that was full of raspberry bushes and leveled the ground with shovels, hoes, and pick-axes. We went into the woods, cut down two alder trees and used them for posts to support the back boards, which we made. We used barrel staves for our hoops. We were able to get an old leather basketball from our local school district which served the purpose.

Another major project was to develop a miniature nine hole putting golf course. We made our golf clubs from branches and took pride in whittling them to perfection. We were constantly manicuring the course as well as trying to make it more difficult, but yet more playable. We were very competitive and were always striving to set new course records.

The center for most of our activities was the ball park which was located in the middle of town. We didn't have a structured program of athletics like kids today, we organized our own games.

We also learned to play horse-shoes from the men of our community. There were two horse shoe pits located behind the ball park grandstand which were kept under constant maintenance. The men were kind enough to allow teen-agers to play with them and to learn the game.

Other activities we were involved in were school sports and school activities, birthday parties, the boy scouts, bike rides, hiking, etc.

During the evenings many of the boys would congregate at "Davies" confectionary store where we enjoyed the camaraderie of one another.

During the summer months we worked in the Green River valley near Auburn picking peas or beans or we would hoe vegetables. We also picked little wild blackberries for our homes and to sell for spending money. We did a lot of swimming at our local Lake 12 Resort. Most summer evenings were spent on our miniature golf course or we walked around town talking to the gals or to one another. Saturday evenings were show nights for the kids.

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Smoking, drinking, and the use of drugs was not a practice of the high school kids I associated with. It is amazing the fun you can have without the use of artificial stimulants. The one thing I missed as a child was not having a father which my friends did have. My mother, Mrs. Whipple, did a tremendous job in raising my sister, Ruth, and me. But as a boy there is nothing like having a father image to follow and to support you.

I have nothing but gratitude for the parents and adults of my generation and I can only say thank you in guiding us through a very difficult period of life.

Sincere appreciation for the letter from C.M. (Rip) Johnson. Again another view of our past from some one who was there. It's great to hear how it was.

BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

DATE: April 14, 1996

INCOME

Sales	Books, Wholesale	\$.00
	Books, Retail	\$.00
	Candy	\$.00
	Coal Plants	\$.00
	T Shirts	\$.00
	Misc.	\$.00

TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE SALES figures not net compiled

Other Income	Donation Jar	\$523.00
	Memorials	\$980.00
	Ads	\$75.00
	Dues	\$313.00
	Grants	\$00.00
	Other	\$293.00
	Audio Visual	\$1000.00

TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE OTHER INCOME \$3,184.00

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(PLUS SALES OF GOODS)

EXPENSES

Ordinary Expenses		
	Lunches	\$120.00
	Administration	\$65.00
	Grant Writing	\$617.82
	Audit Expense	\$225.00
	Maintenance	\$80.00
	Utilities	\$95.71
	Displays	\$171.84
	Printing	\$199.35
	Postage	\$47.82
	Misc.	\$138.09

TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSE (year to date) \$1,760.33

Audio Visual (year to date) \$00.00
(total to date: \$1,012.27)

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CURRENT BANK BALANCE: \$9,603.26

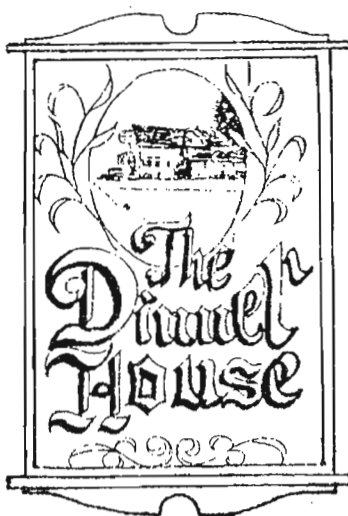
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