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Black Diamond Mayor Rebecca Olness cuts the ribbon dedicating the museum's locomotive.

Black Diamond Miners' Day

Museum's locomotive dedicated to present, future generations

THE DEDICATION OF THE MUSEUM'S LOCOMOTIVE—named the “Black Diamond History Express” by school kids—was one of the top draws of this year's Miners' Day celebration.

The locomotive has been a dream of museum board members for years.



“We're thrilled to see the engine here at the old depot,” said one of the celebrants just before the ribbon cutting ceremony. “I think it will be a big draw for the area and support our vision of retaining our town's historic past.”

The day's events included a street fair which pays respect to the town's mining heritage. The festivities were held for a second year on Railroad Avenue—a “road” that's almost as old as the town itself.

The new locomotive is just part of what's been taking place in the historic district. Last year's Miners' Day also featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the reopening of Railroad Avenue after extensive renovations. That was followed by the burial of a time capsule on the museum's grounds to be opened in 2059 to mark the



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Celebrating the past, looking to the future

A MESSAGE from the EDITOR



**KEN
JENSEN**

Celebrations. Past, present, and future. That's the theme of the *Black Diamond Bulletin* this quarter. Miners' Day pays homage to our coal mining past. Welsh Day celebrates our town's heritage. And the Black Diamond School reunion recalls our youth.

This issue of the *Bulletin* is all about celebrations of a sort—from **Lou Draghi's** article about what he learned while mining in his youth to **JoAnne Matsumura's** article honoring a family that lost its patriarch to a mine explosion. It's also about our historical society—which celebrated its 35th anniversary this year—and its involvement in the community. We continually celebrate our past, but also look to the future.

The Black Diamond History Express is a case in point. It's an example of the vision and foresight of several of our members to bring a locomotive back to the depot. And not just for the current members of our community, but for future generations, too. And we're here to celebrate that.

In the hardscrabble past of many of our coal mining relatives, celebrations were far and few between. The Pacific Coast Coal Company held an annual July 4th celebration that's similar to today's Labor Day festivities. So as I basked—or should I say, *burned*—in the summer weather during this year's Miners' Day, I thought this July 1924 passage from the *Pacific Coast Bulletin* was apropos:

IDEAL WEATHER, combined with a spirit of jollity, which permeated the picnic throng, made the first annual picnic of the employees of the Pacific Coast Coal Company and allied companies a big success.... Basket lunches were soon spread upon the tables in the many shady groves, and the hot dog stands and refreshment booths were also well patronized during the day. Music by the Newcastle and Black Diamond bands kept the air filled with melody, while some of the crowd danced in the pavilion....

Good food, music, friends, and fun! Maybe even a little dancing. Come celebrate with us this quarter in the *Bulletin*.

— Ken

*Errata: The coal supplied by the Palmer Coking Coal Co. for the Draghi coal car is called stoker coal—not stoking coal. Stoker coal was a size of coal used in coal stokers to heat many homes. Thanks **Bill Kombol** for the correction.*

School reunion, Welsh Day highlight recent activities

June was a very busy month for us at the society. First off, on June 1, the Black Diamond Community Center hosted the **Black Diamond School Reunion** for students who attended the high school

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



**KEITH
WATSON**

or elementary school. Our oldest living graduate of Black Diamond High, 104-year-old **Ruby Favro Androsko Keeney**, class of '26, was there, as were

more than 100 former students from as far away as California and Nevada.

As you may know, students began attending high school in Enumclaw in September 1943. At that time, the 1921 brick high school became the elementary school and the old wooden school was torn down. The brick building was then razed in 1963 to make way for the current elementary school. The Black Diamond School District was finally dissolved and annexed to Enumclaw on July 21, 1975.

Former Historical Society Director **Conrad "Coke" Roberts** was the chairman of the reunion committee and relied heavily on addresses and information from the society to keep in touch with former students. When Coke was unable to continue as chairman, I took on the job.



Lou Draghi shares a mining story during the reunion. Be sure to read Lou's article, "Black Diamond Mines," on page 10 of the Bulletin.



Judy Petchnick Warwick shows a 1950 clipping from the Daily Seattle P-I: "Costumed Kiddies Parade at Black Diamond."

There's about a dozen people on the committee, but we're always looking for additional committee members

"When you walk into the building that first hour, the buzz, the laughter ... it's contagious."

who are willing to keep the reunions an on-going reality—please consider volunteering.

Thanks to this year's committee members for all their hard work: **Joe Androsko, Harry Berry, Howard and Dorothy Botts, Marie**

Freeman, Leslie Johnson, Don and Joan Malgarini, Daryl McCauley, Clayton Mead, Raymond Signani, Suzy Thompson, and Judy Watson.

That first hour of the reunion... everyone's talking and laughing and moving around, chatting with classmates they haven't seen in years. When you walk into the building that first hour, the buzz, the laughter...it's contagious.

After lunch—coal miner's meatloaf prepared by the now-retired Community Center director, **Judith Black**—we have a little program and then what's called the *traveling microphone*. Joe Androsko handles

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Ground broken for Black Diamond Elementary School

Enumclaw Courier-Herald, July 1962 — *Ground breaking ceremonies signalling commencement of construction on Black Diamond's new \$276,000 elementary school were held at 10 o'clock on July 30.*

According to Fred Pettersen, who is in his ninth year as principal of the town's elementary school, the building will feature wood throughout and will contain 18,400 square feet.

Eight classrooms are included in the plan plus administrative offices, library, multipurpose room, kitchen, and space for health units.

Black Diamond District No. 190 will pay approximately \$65,000 of the total cost, the remainder of the aggregate being assumed by the state in matching funds.

Pettersen said that he hopes to have the 1963 commencement exercises in the new building.

The old school building, erected in 1921 and formerly used as a high school, will be demolished after the new structure has been occupied. Black Diamond's students at the high school level now attend the Enumclaw High School.

An interesting sidelight to the first day's construction was the search for bottles that had been buried beneath the roots of trees planted on the site more than 40 years ago.

Several townspeople who now are grandfathers and grandmothers and who were children at the tree planting 40 years ago could find no evidence of the bottles and other containers they had buried messages for posterity.

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the microphone as it goes all over the room and he's really good. The funny stories that come out from people's youth and their time in Black Diamond is really...I wish I had a recording of all of it!

Every year we try to come up with a different theme and 2011 was coal. We even had coal car centerpieces with real coal. Howard Botts cut the wood for the cars while Dorothy Botts, Clayton Mead, **Elsie Parkin,**

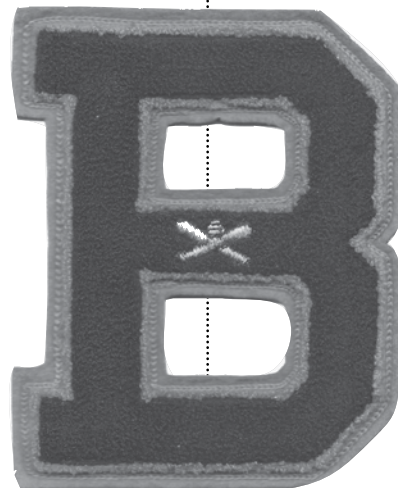
and Judy Watson decorated and painted them. We then raffled the coal cars off. We also had a silent auction, too. Items were donated by the community—mainly local businesses—including a \$250 gift certificate from Druids Glen golf course near Lake Sawyer.

The society provided 8 or 9 display boards with class pictures and photos of the schools. Dorothy Botts, Judy Watson, Joan Malgarini, and Elsie Parkin spent



Above: 104-year-old Ruby Favro Androsko Keeney, class of '26, chats with Judy Watson.

Below: Stan Celigoy points out friends working in the mines in the historical society's photos displays to Mary Celigoy.



hours and hours on the boards last year. And we had a table of mining artifacts for people to look at, too.

A lot of time and material and effort were donated by a lot of people to make the reunion a success. It was fun.



Right on the heels of the school reunion we had our annual **Welsh Heritage Day** at the museum on June 4. Welsh Heritage Day is something that I didn't know a great deal about when I joined the historical society.

It was started in 1999 by **Jackie Cedarholm, Bob Eaton, Lois Zumek Estby, Don Mason, and Carl Steiert**. The first people who founded Black Diamond were Welsh, with a sprinkling of Italians.

Don Mason was fantastic this year as was the chairman of the committee, **Gomer Evans**. Gomer's daughter **Sherri** also pitched in. There were close to 60 people in attendance. And the presentation, "An Introduction to the History and Culture of Wales," by **Brian Parry**, past president of the Puget Sound Welsh Association, was riveting. It was very well done. People were glued to it.

Parry talked about heritage of the Welsh, who moved back and forth

from Ireland to England to Wales to Scotland and then back again. But Wales was a separate community and had its own language and traditions. And the Welsh also had their own customs for how they named their families. You didn't necessarily use your last name for your children. So if you're trying to track down your ancestors, you may be in for a heap of confusion!

The presentation concluded with the Welsh National Anthem, *Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau*, Land of My Fathers. We then enjoyed Welsh cookies and scones and other treats from the Welsh recipe books at the gathering afterwards in the kitchen.


One person who unfortunately missed Welsh Day was **Richard Lewis** from Wales. Lewis got his time zones mixed up and arrived Saturday evening. But Archivist **JoAnne Matsumura** and Don



Clockwise:

Brian Parry explains Welsh heritage. Bill Jensen, from San Francisco; Don Mason; and Ray Kravagna. The museum adorned with Welsh flags as Mount Rainier makes an appearance.

Mason arranged for a special tour of the museum for Lewis and Palmer Coking Coal Co. Manager **Bill Kombol** showed him around town. Thanks all.

Of course July 9 was **Black Diamond Miners' Day**—be sure to check out **Ken Jensen's** article on the event. And don't forget, the Black Diamond Labor Day festivities are coming up before you know it, September 3-5. The museum will be open all weekend, including Monday. Hope to see you there. 

— Keith



Rees T. Reese dies in Mine 11 explosion

Welshman held in high esteem

It was Friday, April 26, 1907, at 6:50 a.m., when an explosion occurred at the sixth level at the Morgan Slope of Mine 11. The

A PIONEER *family* ALBUM



**JOANNE
MATSUMURA**

Castell Craig Y Nos Braconshire, South Wales. He came to America in April 1884 at about the age of 25. He soon married **Rachel Walters**, the

explosion took the lives of seven miners—one of them **Rees Reese**.

Reese was the son of **Thomas** and **Mary Reese**, who resided near

daughter of William and Ann Walters of Hirwaun, Aberdare, South Wales, on December 6, 1885, in Cleveland, Iowa. The two settled there and began their family.

Reese, along with his wife and 2-year-old daughter, **Mary Ann**, relocated to Franklin, W.T., in 1888. Entertainment options in the early days were sparse. The Welsh, however, are well known for their singing, poetry, and storytelling. He began singing for choirs, gatherings, and parties, and was soon included in the Franklin choir. His ability to



*The photograph of Rees T. Reese and eulogy were loaned to the society in 2001 by his granddaughter, **Rachael Frederickson Fagnan**, now deceased.*

Below: The Pacific Coast Coal Co. power house and bunkers at Mine 11, historically known as the Morgan Slope during the mine's first two decades of production.



recite poetic verse in the Cambrian tongue was another one of his many talents.

In the 1890 Welsh *Eisteddfod*, held in Seattle on Christmas Day, Reese sang as tenor for the winning Franklin choir. The choir, conducted by **William Richards**, performed for a large gathering of Welsh society.

Another child, **Beatrice**, was born January 1889. A son, **Thomas**, was born in 1891. Brothers **William** and **Arthur** would later join the family. By 1900 the family was living in Black Diamond on 2nd Avenue, where Reese was working in Mine 11 at the Morgan Slope.

Then the Mine 11 whistle blew on an early Friday morning, April 26, 1907, signaling an accident in the mine....

The explosion at the sixth level was later classified as an “unavoidable accident,” as no gas had been reported prior to the time of the accident. Several men had left the area without reporting a cave from compressed air during their shift. The cave liberated a small body of gas. Reese, **Mitchell**, and **Troyo** entered the level with their open lights, causing the gas to ignite.

Reese was found alive, but died 16 hours later from severe burns. Seven men died and six more men were seriously injured. From this point on, “all employees of this mine are forbidden to use open lights,” announced State Mine Inspector **D.C. Botting**, but the damage was done.

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A prayer meeting attended by neighbors and friends was held at the Reese home, conducted both in

English and Welsh. Reese was 48.

On April 28, church services were once again conducted in English and Welsh. **Rev. Bushell** preached from the text, “Watch ye therefore,” while **W. Prossor** spoke from *Psalms 102:24*. Songs were sung in Welsh and in English under the leadership of **Evan W. Davis**.

The Welsh of Seattle, Renton, Ravensdale, and elsewhere attended in great numbers. It was the largest funeral ever witnessed in Black Diamond. The procession extended about half a mile from town to the Black Diamond Cemetery. ☒

— JoAnne

In the museum



*This diploma is one of many that hang on the wall of what's called the High School Room. **Ralph Koerner**, who earned his Black Diamond High School diploma in 1923, was the brother of **Walt Koerner**. Walt owned and operated Koerner's Drug & Confectionary Store across the street from the museum from 1922 until about 1930. The building is currently the home of Black Diamond Pizza and Deli.*



Lots of booths—Horizon Pet Supply, the City of Black Diamond, Housewife Hotdogs, and YarrowBay, just to name a few—plus beautiful 75° weather contributed to the success of this year’s Miners’ Days.



This is just one of the booths that entered the Flaming Geyser Chili Cook-off. The rules: Make two gallons of chili on site—after that, anything goes!

MINERS’ DAY

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100th anniversary of the city’s incorporation.

This year it was all about the Express. The old engine was cosmetically restored by **Gomer Evans** and a cadre of volunteers with thousands of dollars of donated materials from numerous individuals and companies.

The significance of the locomotive to Black Diamond is obvious.

“This town wouldn’t be here were it not for coal, and the coal couldn’t be moved without the locomotives,” said Historical Society President **Keith Watson**. “Without the train there wouldn’t have been a town.”

The train, which was known by volunteers as the “rust bucket,” was purchased from the Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie Valley for \$10.

The yellow, red, and black color



scheme was selected by students of Black Diamond Elementary School as was the 25-ton locomotive’s name.

For those unable to attend the festivities, there was a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Lodge from 7–10 a.m., followed by a community garage sale; a 5K on- and off-road course winding through the beautiful

Black Diamond wetlands from 9:30–10:30 a.m.; the booths, businesses, museum, and beer garden were open from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; and the ribbon-cutting of the locomotive with Black Diamond Mayor **Rebecca Olness** was at noon.



— Ken Jensen



The inaugural Coal Miners' Classic 5K Run was for all ages and all fitness levels. And you got a T-shirt, too!



There were three bands to keep the crowds entertained. Here pictured are the Fabulous Murphtones.



Left: The crowd listens to Gomer Evans, the project manager of the locomotive's restoration, acknowledge the people who donated labor and materials to the project.

Above: Booths lined both sides of Railroad Avenue.



Right: Mount Rainier was in full view behind the Black Diamond Bakery.

Bottom right: Donors of labor and materials for the Black Diamond History Express locomotive project. From left to right, Steve Berg, Sam's Hot Rods; Mike Sebree, Mike's Auto Body; Gomer Evans, project manager; Bob Duncan, Tacoma Steel Supply; Fred Weston, Beawest Fasteners; Keith Watson, president, Black Diamond Historical Society; and Bill Kombol, Palmer Coking Coal Company. (Not pictured, Brian Ross, YarrowBay).



Black Diamond Mines

Memories from Lou Draghi

Black Diamond has been noted for over a century for its abundance and quality of coal. Thousands and thousands of tons of coal have been mined in and around Black Diamond and are rich in coal mining history.

My father, **Louis Draghi, Sr.**, had three coal mines in what is now inside the city limits of Black Diamond. He had more than 42 years of mining experience, 20 of those years operating his own coal mines. Although the mines would be considered small operations—about four men—they proved to be successful and provided excellent income.

My experience in mining began when I was just 14 years old. One of my first jobs was to remove the bark from the mine timbers with a draw knife. The timbers were about 6 feet long and 8 to 10 inches through. The timbers were used to support the mine roof after the coal was removed. I earned 10 cents for each timber completed and could do about twenty a day.

Periodically my job was to load five-gallon gas cans in the coal truck and drive to the Shell station at the foot of Lawson Hill. At first I didn't know how to shift the gears in the big truck so I just kept it in second gear. I would fill the cans and return the fuel to run the hoist. I soon learned how to shift



Lou Draghi and his father, Lou Draghi, Sr., in one of the three coals mines Draghi operated during the 1950s.

by practicing on the road leading to the mine.

After receiving instructions for the day, I would load the mine timbers, lagging, dynamite, various tools, and

“I only had to work four hours and would come out at 11:30 a.m. and leave for the day. I earned \$1.25 an hour and saved all I could for my car at 16.”

anything else needed to perform the work inside the mine into the coal car, which was positioned at the mouth

of the slope, or mine opening. I had a mine battery on my belt and headlamp on a hardhat that was very bright.

Upon entering the mine every morning at 7:30, I was less than enthusiastic. Me and another miner would get into the coal car at the entrance and ride down the slope of about 40 degrees pitch until we came to a stop. There was a constant reminder to keep my head down. Others would walk down to the work area.

It was usually a sunny summer morning and I can still remembering seeing the sunlight fade, overcome by the darkness. I could feel the cool air of the deep shaft on my face. I would turn on my head lamp and feel better. I was

often chastised for shinning my light in other miner's eyes while I talked. I overcame that fast. I only had to work four hours and would come out at 11:30 a.m. and leave for the day. I earned \$1.25 an hour and saved all I could for my car at 16.

Nearly every Saturday I would accompany my father into the mine where we would prepare to blast. The drill bit was 6 feet long and my father would place the bit in a prepared spot in the gangway face. The electric drill would start out easy as my dad pushed it forward in the coal face. You couldn't push too hard or the drill would jam.

It took skill to make progress and a succession of holes were drilled in a pattern. I would fill dummy bags with the fine coal from the drilling process. These bags were used to plug the holes after the dynamite was placed in the holes. Electric caps were inserted into the dynamite and wired in a delay sequence for the best effect.

When all holes were wired together, a connection was made to a long electric cord and we backed out to a safe position to explode the charge. The load was touched off by making contact with a battery. A strong stream of air blew by us and smoke filled the area. A large fan was turned on outside and canvas tubing directed the air down through an air shaft.

This work was done on Saturday so when the men started on Monday morning, the area would be clear of smoke which would give a person a bad headache if inhaled.

Safety lights were always carried to



detect "black damp," or methane gas. The lamps were carbide and wouldn't cause an explosion from the flame. The flame would go out if gas was present. These lamps took the place of the canary in a cage. Every morning inside the mine the area would be tested and the lamps were observed throughout the day.

The positive things I learned in the mines are incalculable and never grievous. I learned to never dilly-dally or be rambunctious and make mistakes. I did know I never wanted to be a coal miner, but did consider the Colorado School of Mines as a course of study. It was a suggestion by my father.

I have reverence for my father and the other miners, but mining was something I didn't want to do. My dad worked forty-two years in the mines and died young.

I went to school and entered an apprenticeship to become a lineman. I found I would rather climb up than climb down. I was fascinated with electricity when installing wires in

Lou earned enough money to buy this car—a 1956 Chevrolet—from his father for \$700 in 1959.

the mine for lighting and operating a dragline. I have worked for contractors building high tension power lines on Bonneville Power Administration's grid. I later worked as a lineman and supervisor for Puget Sound Energy and accumulated 35 years in the trade. I also have all my fingers and toes with no electrical burns. That's an accomplishment.

Coal helped build this great country, but continues to be in and out of favor, getting blamed for numerous controversies and calamities. There remains conflicting views and quibbling about coal's future. It's estimated that there are over 400 years of coal reserves remaining in the United States. Other nations have a voracious appetite for coal in their need for energy. Maybe Black Diamond will once again rise to prominence from coal. ❖

Lou Draghi and his wife Rosa live in Redmond, Oregon.

Guidetti Garden gets gussied up

The remodel of Railroad Avenue and the addition of the Black Diamond History Express locomotive have changed the garden area in front of the museum a great deal. We've built up the wall with more railroad ties and added topsoil and bark, compliments of **Palmer Coking Coal Co.**, so that the slope is not so steep.



Local landscaper **Jim Kuzaro** has been busy planting roses, hosta, dwarf barberry, daylily, black-eyed Susan, wall flower, and sedums while **Gomer Evans** and **John Nadeau** have added a new irrigation system. A special note of thanks to all the work done by the museum's facilities chairman, Director **Don Malgarini**—the garden looks quite nice and we've received lots of comments.

We also added a brick walkway into the jail and will soon add one to the fire station. And finally, many thanks to **Tom** and **Kathryn Daniels** and **Jeanne Riggs** who donated their time, soil, and the flowers they planted around the jail and the Selleck School bell.

The garden is named in memory of **Frank Guidetti**, a member of the historical society who took care of the area before his passing in 1985.

— Keith Watson

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In the community



*In early June, BDHS Director **Don Mason** took 49 children—third-graders from Black Diamond Elementary—and 24 adults up to the old mining ghost town of Franklin. According to Photographer **Bob Dobson**, “The grass was 5 feet high in places and blocked most of the good views, but I think everybody had a great time.... I sure did. I saw some really good bear prints in the mud alongside the trail, too!”*

Thanks 'Coke' and Gomer

The Black Diamond History Express was the brainchild of former BDHS Director Conrad "Coke" Roberts (right). It was his vision to have a locomotive here at the museum for us and future generations to enjoy. He headed up the committee to acquire the locomotive in September 2009.

Gomer Evans, along with many, *many* volunteers, worked hard on the cosmetic restoration of the 1943 Plymouth locomotive. The paint scheme and the locomotive's name were decided by a contest at Black Diamond Elementary School.



865

Number of guests visiting the museum during the second quarter of 2011.

Be our guest

During the months of March through May, the museum had 865 guests. Visitors hailed from 14 states—Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and here in Washington. There were also people visiting from other places, such as Brazil and British Columbia.

Here are a few of the nice comments that were in our guest book this quarter:

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Beautiful and educational.

Very nice—great presentation of the mine.

Awesome! Brings back memories.

I've been here before and it's still amazing!

A step back in time.

Very interesting; enjoyed the displays.

Great to see family photos.

Thanks to you volunteers.

Lovely and remarkable.

First class!

Very awesome! Just loved it.

Love it—especially the train.

Staff very friendly and helpful.

Interesting photos.

A mini Smithsonian Museum.

In memoriam

Gone but not forgotten

Helen Shimmel Bremmeyer, a lovely and gracious lady passed away June 12, 2011, in Enumclaw.

Helen was born to **Joseph** and **Anna Rogers Shimmel** August 6, 1914, in Ravensdale. She lived unassisted in her Black Diamond home until age 95.

A lifetime member of the society, a frequent donor, and a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star, Laurel Chapter, this gracious lady will be missed.

Helen enjoyed gardening and she loved to cook, especially treats for the sweet tooth. The wood stove was always kept burning

Helen is survived by two sons, **Brian** of Black Diamond and **Bill** of Ravensdale; a daughter, **Lilyne Davis (Jack)** of Enumclaw; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Lyle Bremmeyer**; brothers Ed, Pete, Joseph, and Bill; and two sisters, Ann and Mary.

Grave side services were held at Enumclaw Evergreen Memorial Park and Mausoleum Friday, June 17. A gathering followed at the Bremmeyer Logging Co.'s Ravensdale office.

Thanks for the memories

Gerald Ash
July 13, 1931 – June 11, 2011
Father of Leih Mulvihill

Betty King
December 21, 1925 – May 1, 2011
Wife of Bud King, owners of King Logging, King's Tavern, Harold's Restaurant and Hotel in Enumclaw

Stanley Brian Konoske
September 17, 1951 – June 25, 2011
Son of Rosemary Konoske-Bigelow

Virginia A. Logar
September 7, 1928 – May 13, 2011
Mother of Peter Logar & family

Lauretta L. Bertagni Natucci
December 5, 1912 – Dec. 13, 2010
Born in Black Diamond to Lorenzo & Pasquina Bertagni

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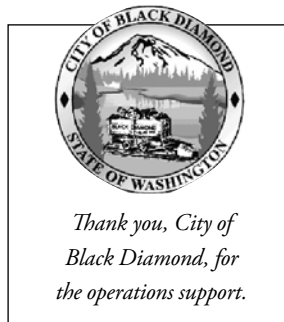
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The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 310 members. We are pleased to welcome our newest members this quarter:


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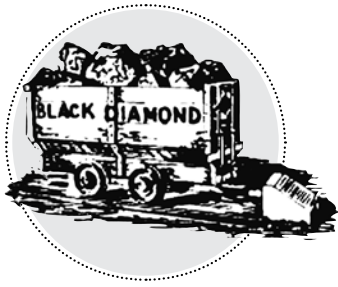
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This photo is from the Labor Day celebration in 1949. On the left is Roy Darby, team manager. The bat boy on the right is Tom Hawthorne. Black Diamond's festive celebration was originally held on July 4th until it was changed to Labor Day in 1947.