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*Pacific Coast Coal Company General Merchandise Store*

# From soup to nuts, the store had everything a miner's family needed

**G**OING TO THE GROCERY STORE. Sounds like a fairly simple task, unless of course you live in Black Diamond—in which case you have to trek to Maple Valley, Covington, or Enumclaw for the nearest Safeway or QFC. This isn't a clean-up-on-aisle-three calamity, though—the Four Corners

Safeway is only a few miles down the Maple Valley-Black Diamond Road—but we take our modern conveniences seriously these days, don't we?

During **Rebecca Olness's** successful campaign for mayor of Black Diamond in 2009, she she said that one of her first priorities, if elected, “would be to work with the city's economic development director on a plan to bring a grocery store to town.” Spending our hard-earned cash in Black Diamond—



what better way to keep money here in town? The concept works the same today as it did years ago.

Which takes us back to isolated, turn-of-the-century company towns served by a company railroad—Black Diamond being one. These towns *had* to have stores within walking distance of the townspeople. And not just for convenience either—it made

*The Black Diamond General Store, circa 1915, shortly after its move from Lawson Hill.*



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# The Bulletin's back

**A MESSAGE**  
*from the*  
**EDITOR**



**KEN**  
**JENSEN**

**W**elcome to the *Black Diamond Bulletin*. After 35 years, the Black Diamond Historical Society newsletter has a name. I scoured through coal mining, logging, and railroad terminology for inspiration before deciding that the *Bulletin*, a name from Black Diamond's distant past, was the best choice.

For those of you unfamiliar with our new namesake, the *Pacific Coast Bulletin* was published off and on—largely dependent on the state of labor relations—by the Pacific Coast Company from the mid-teens into the early 1930s.

The *Bulletin* was an important source of information for the town—in fact it was about the only source for local news.

You could read about what was going on in the mines here and in Burnett and Newcastle (depending, once again, on the year) as well as the briquet plant in Renton, the cement plant in Seattle, or the Pacific Coast Railroad.

The *Bulletin* had a little bit of everything—from stories about who was making news here and elsewhere to box scores from the ever popular inter-camp baseball games. Many of the stories were strictly business; others were on the lighter side, as this 1922 example shows:

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*AS READERS OF THE BULLETIN MAY RECALL, two pigs were installed at the Briquet Plant several months ago to dispose of left-over food. One became the special care of Mr. Gorst, and the other of Mr. Calkins. As it happened both pigs were red in color and about the same size—virtually the only way to tell them apart being the different colored ribbons tied about their necks. On Saturday, Feb. 11, one of the pigs died following a surgical operation. Mr. Gorst declares that when he attempted to console Supt. Calkins over the loss of his pig he was deeply shocked to hear Mr. Calkins declare: "Why, it was your pig that died, not mine." Supt. Calkins and Mr. Gorst each tried to convince the other of his error, but when the Bulletin went to press no decision had been made.*  
.....

The *Bulletin* just seems to fit our publication—a little bit of everything!

I would like to thank **Steve Israel**, our previous editor, for his tireless work in producing the newsletter these last 10 years. The basic structure of the *Bulletin* remains the same as its predecessor—I just took the pieces (most of them,

anyway) and reassembled them into a new format with a few twists along the way.

One change of note is to our editorial process—for future issues, we'd like you to let us know ahead of time if you'd like to write an article for the *Bulletin*. This will allow us to better manage the number of pages of the newsletter. Just send me a note at [BlackDiamondHistory@comcast.net](mailto:BlackDiamondHistory@comcast.net) or to our PO box as soon as possible as planning for the Spring 2011 issue is already in the works.

Also, as you may or may not know, the newsletter has been underfunded for some time now and changing the editorial process is just part of the solution. We've also contracted with Arctic Printing—the printer of the museum's various brochures—to produce the *Bulletin* at a more reasonable price. And yet we still find ourselves in need of additional funds. We're asking you, our members, for donations to the Newsletter Fund to sustain this vital communication tool. Please inquire at [museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org](mailto:museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org) or our PO box for more information.

As with any new design, we know that some changes will receive a warmer reception than others. That's why I encourage you to tell us what you think. President **Keith Watson** says in his Message from the President that we're a society that loves to hear from its membership. I second that.

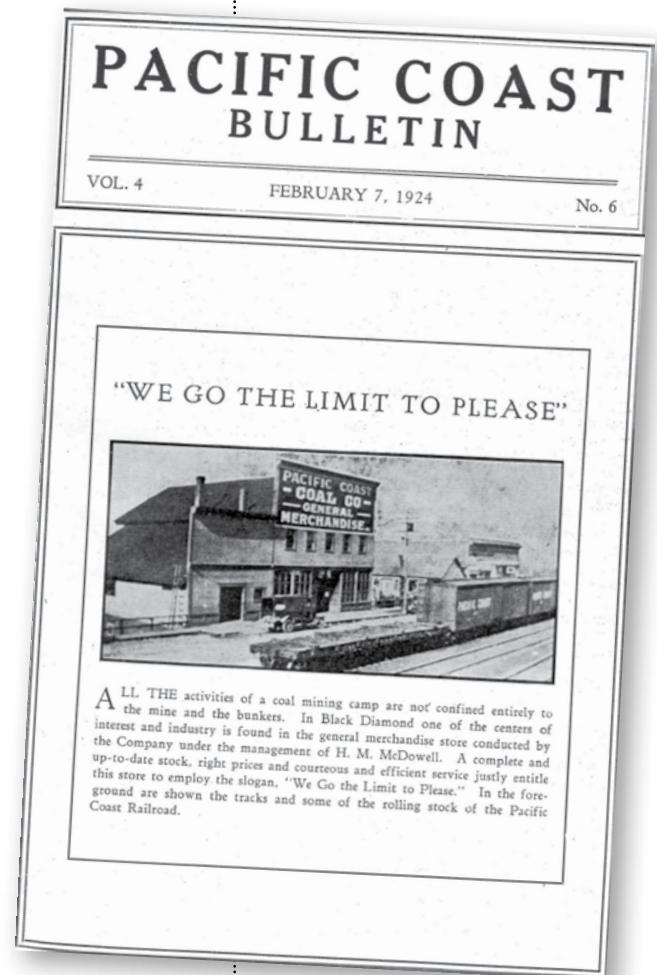
I hope you'll enjoy the new *Black Diamond Bulletin*. This issue, as you've probably already surmised from the cover, features the company store here in Black Diamond, a cornerstone of the community during the company town era. If you have memories of the store—whether it be from the '30s or '40s, up until its closing in the early 1960s, we'd love to hear from you. ❀

— Ken

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## Errata

*Which is a fancy word for Oops. In last issue's Diamond Junction column on the Lawson Mine, I got a couple of dates mixed up. Eugene Lawson sold the Lawson Mine to the Pacific Coast Coal Company in 1898, not during 1903-1904 when Lawson, on behalf of the Pacific Coast Coal Company, brokered a \$1.1 million deal to sell the Black Diamond Coal Company's assets—its mines, land, the entire town—to his employer. Thanks Bill Kombol for keeping me on my toes.*



*As you can see for yourselves, our Winter 2010/2011 cover isn't too different from the February 7, 1924 issue of the Pacific Coast Bulletin—just 87 years or so apart.*



# 2010: A year of great new memories

It's been a year of activity for the Black Diamond Historical Society. The major project we've been working on is the Locomotive Cosmetic Restoration. It's a dream

## A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



**KEITH  
WATSON**

come true for **Coke Roberts** and has been spearheaded by **Gomer Evans**. Endless hours are still required to accomplish this task.

Black Diamond Elementary had a contest

to name the locomotive and to pick its color scheme. The winner is *Black Diamond History Express* and the colors are black and red with yellow stripes on each end. The interior of the cab is a light grey.

The locomotive has been hooked up to the caboose and people will be able to go inside the cab soon. The locomotive and the caboose were decorated with lights for the holiday season and we had a lot of positive comments from people slowly driving by. Eventually you'll be able to blow the locomotive's whistle and ring its bell.

We've been "social networking" on Facebook, Twitter, and on our blog—and you don't have to be a member to visit these web pages. Not only do people communicate with us and each other on our Facebook page, but they can also add their own photos, too.

**Ken Jensen**, who maintains the page,



*Lifetime commitment — Gomer Evans was honored as Black Diamond's Man of the Year during the annual Labor Day Parade.*



*Time Capsule — In July we buried a time capsule with items from Black Diamond's first 50 years of incorporation. The capsule will be opened in 2059.*

has even posted a couple of videos. It's a great way to share history and current events.

**Steve Israel** has been our newsletter editor for the past 10 years as well as our web master. He did a wonderful job and has now turned over these responsibilities to Ken Jensen. Ken will have his own style and methods and we look forward to your comments about what you like or dislike. We're a society that loves to hear from its membership. Feel free to communicate. We're always learning new facts and are open to your suggestions.

**Don Mason** hosted tours of the ghost town of Franklin on the first Saturday of February and March. We had 200+ attendees in February and more than 100 in March. Just recently we had 160 students from Tahoma Junior High tour Franklin—great kids, full of interest. The total number of people who joined our tours of Franklin is 711 adults and children.

In April we were treated to a tour by the new Pacific Coast Coal Company of the John Henry open pit coal mine, which is located between Lake Twelve and Mud Lake. We had our General Membership



*Locomotive Cosmetic Restoration –  
The Black Diamond History Express is red  
and black with yellow stripes on each end.*

Meeting at the end of April with guest speaker **Gomer Evans**, who had a lot to say about his time as a city council member and mayor of Black Diamond.

The first part of June was the annual Black Diamond School reunion, which was very well attended. That was followed a few days later by our Welsh Heritage Day celebration, with a presentation by the Evans family.

The first part of the year had disruptions due to the closure and repair of the Green River Bridge and the re-construction of Railroad

Avenue. The city did a wonderful job with the street project. We now have a fully paved street with sidewalks on both sides and LED light posts with hanging flower plants.

**The 100-year anniversary  
of the Lawson Mine  
disaster was marked  
in November by laying  
wreaths at the mine portal  
and at the location where  
five miners are entombed.**

In July we featured Miners Day on Railroad Avenue and we also buried a very large time capsule with items from the city's first 50 years of incorporation. It's buried in the

bank opposite the front door of the museum and will feature a bronze plaque indicating that the capsule will be unearthed in the year 2059 during the 100-year anniversary of incorporation.

August was the traditional Family Resources Night at Black Diamond Elementary. In September we had our annual Labor Day events with the parade, car show, dog show, kids' games, and all-around fun. Gomer Evans was named Lifetime Commitment Man of the Year. The museum had over 200 visitors during Labor Day.

October's events included the Model Train Show in Ravensdale, the YarrowBay Community Event and food bank drive for the community center, Make a Difference

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Day (the Lake Sawyer Christian Church inserted a storm water drain and built up our railroad tie wall). The October General Membership Meeting featured author **Gregg Olsen**, who detailed the events of the Sunshine Mine disaster.

What a great presentation. During the general meeting we had the drawing for the vintage quilt and **Mike Malgarini** was the winner.

On November 6 we had a Veterans Day presentation featuring **Lynne Black**, who spoke about his time in the Top Secret War during the Vietnam War. It was a spellbinding presentation. He's truly a hero. The next day we had three memorials for the 100-year anniversary of the Lawson Mine disaster. We laid wreaths at the mine portal and at the location where the five miners are entombed, and had a wonderful memorial at the Black Diamond Cemetery where 11 of the miners are buried. Steve Israel sang and the rain did not start until after the memorial was over.

In December we had our Holiday Open House with decorations inside and outside the museum. Railroad Avenue had lighted decorations on each light standard. Group singing and real good goodies were featured at the museum. We had a white elephant gift exchange, which was a lot of fun.



Tours — The Model T group arrived at the museum right on time, which takes some doing when top speed is about 35 miles per hour.

All through the year the museum hosts tours for all ages. We have visitors from all over the world; locally we host groups from public schools, clubs, senior centers, home schools—the list goes on.

This year we hosted a tour of 26 Model T owners as well as a

**Ahead: A new oral history project. Contact the museum if you would like to share a story.**

motorcycle group. Our volunteers gear up for all these events and visitors. The board of directors pitches in and does much of the work as they support the activities of the society. Thank you volunteers and board members for making my job fun instead of a chore.

We're starting a new Oral History Project similar to the project that was done more than 20 years ago, resulting in *Black Diamond: Mining the Memories*. We have teamed up

with the University of Washington for the first phase of this project. We finished interviewing and recording stories from residents of Black Diamond in November. If you would like to be a candidate to be interviewed in the next phase, please give me a call. If you would like to share a written story or information, give me a call.

We're looking for volunteers to be greeters, docents, handy persons, painters, storytellers, gardeners, and many other tasks for the society. It could be a spot that you would enjoy filling. It could be as little as 3 hours a month or much more. The fun of being a volunteer is to associate with others of the same giving spirit. Everybody has a need to associate with others and our volunteers are the very best; give us a thought and step up and volunteer. The pay is horrible—zero—but the satisfaction is what it's all about!

Feel free to phone me at any time on my home number at 360-886-0778.

Thanks for your support!



— Keith

# GENERAL STORE

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good sense economically for a company then, just as it does for a city now, to keep the money churning in town. But that wasn't the only reason.

"The 'company store' is almost as necessary from an operating standpoint as the mechanical equipment required for the production of coal," claimed *Coal Age* in 1912. "A mining company without a store is often without men to work the mines." As such, Black Diamond, Lawson, and Franklin—each a Pacific Coast Company town at one time or another—had a company store. But a company store, especially where competition from neighboring stores is discouraged, is not without its monopolistic pitfalls.

## I owe my soul to the company store

"The words 'company town' evoke images of control," said **Linda Carlson** in her book, *Company Towns of the Pacific Northwest*. "Often control is equated with exploitation: dawn-to-dusk labor; tar-papered shanties; trainloads of strikebreakers imported at any hint of labor unrest; wages paid in scrip good only at a monopolistic company store..." And did any of that happen here? You bet. African-American strikebreakers from Missouri were transported to Franklin in 1891; scrip was used in Roslyn in



THE  
**Pacific Coast  
Coal Co.**  
General Merchandise

BLACK DIAMOND

Will Sell You High Grade  
Goods as Cheap as Can  
Be Purchased in Seattle.

*Clockwise from top: This early day Black Diamond photo was possibly taken in front of Black Diamond's first company store, which burned in 1907. A 1913 ad promises high grade goods cheap! The independent Black Diamond Store—now Baker Street Books—was also known as The People's Store.*

nearby Kittitas County where an "S" on your pay slip—called "getting snaked"—meant that you were so deep in debt to the company store that you could forget about getting paid.

The coal companies here and elsewhere were in the business of making money, plain and simple. But as Carlson points out, these towns also had to attract and retain families despite work that was dangerous, so the companies invested in the school, church, and store. But these

companies had a social responsibility that sometimes conflicted with their business needs.

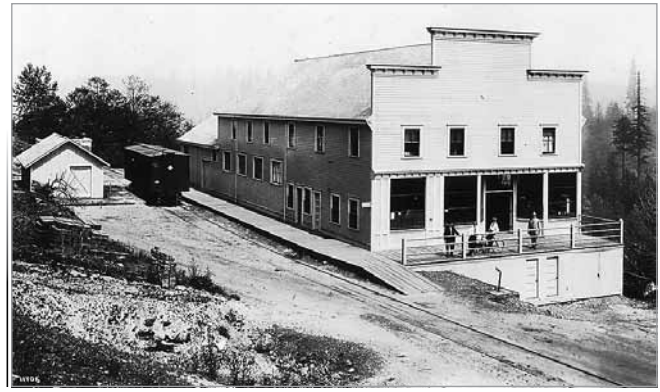
"There's no question that employers often saw the company-founded town as a profit center and as a means of recovering most of the wages paid out," wrote Carlson. "Especially in Northwest coal towns, bosses wanted to control all possible sources of income: housing, hotel, store, and tavern." The store's policy here, as it was in other Pacific Coast Company

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*The original company store, circa 1885, was a log cabin. When the cabin became too small, the owners built a new store around it, cutting and burning pieces of the building for fuel.*



*The Franklin Store, circa 1912, served as the place to buy train tickets, the payroll department, home rental management, the post office, and where miners would order coal to be delivered to their homes.*

## GENERAL STORE

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towns like Issaquah and Newcastle, was “to sell its customers good quality merchandise at the lowest prices consistent with good business methods, all the time, and to give courteous, attentive and accurate service.” And the general consensus around these parts is that Black Diamond’s company store lived up to its end of the bargain.

In many mining communities, however, the company overtly pressured employees to trade with the company store exclusively. The Pacific Coast Company was a bit more subtle: “The more trade you give (the more volume of business we do), the closer we will be able to make the prices to you,” it reported in the *Pacific Coast Bulletin*. “Withholding your trade, or dividing it with other merchants, affects the company store’s purchasing power and consequently its selling prices.”



What better way to keep your employees’ wages in the company coffers than by making sure that the only place you could spend your wages was at your company-owned businesses?

### **How was the company store in Black Diamond?**

“I don’t think it was that bad,” said BDHS co-founder **Carl Steiert** in *Black Diamond: Mining the Memories*.

“The company was giving you credit and not charging you any interest. When you made money, then you paid them back.”

The problem, of course, was making money. “You generally got in debt in the summer time when the mine was only operating part time and then in the winter you would catch up,” said Black Diamond pioneer **Paul Botts**. Of greater concern, however, was the danger





*The company store building was originally located on Lawson Hill on a railroad spur that served the Lawson Mine. The store was moved to Railroad Avenue around 1911 or 1912 using horses and a windlass.*



*Zumek's Store—formerly the company store—circa 1953. Harry McDowell purchased the store from the Pacific Coast Company in the early 1940s. The Zumek's acquired it in 1947.*



*Above: Inside the company store at Black Diamond. Left: The Zumek brothers—Tom, Joe, and Frank—operated the old company store from the late 1940s until 1963. Right: Gattavara's Store in Morganville—now Mama Passarelli's—was built in 1922 by the Victor Gattavara family.*



inherit in the job: If you didn't work, you didn't eat.

In the beginning each customer had his or her own charge book, said **Mary Minaglia** in *Mining the Memories*. "They [the company] never lost anything, because, you see, they had your paycheck." Eventually the company transitioned to coupons, whereby you'd receive books worth \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$25—deducted directly from your paycheck. The

coupons themselves were in 5¢, 10¢, 50¢, and \$1 increments, which you'd give to the clerk at the time of purchase.

It was the credit the store provided, though, that was a salvation for many in tough times. But it also kept one indentured to the company. "I think if you paid on a cash basis, you probably

didn't get any extra work or you'd be first in line for a layoff," said Botts. "If you always had a balance in the store, why you had a job unless you sneaked out in the middle of the night."

### **Dominating force in town**

The big company store here in **GENERAL STORE**, *continued next page*

## Thieves ransack company store

**Pacific Coast Bulletin, April 3, 1924** — *Gaining entrance to the building through the garage in the rear, and thence through a window into the basement, thieves sometime last Thursday night or early Friday morning broke into the Company store at Black Diamond and successfully escaped with money and merchandise estimated to be worth \$2,000. No clue, aside from well-defined fingerprints, was left by which the identity of the culprits might be established.*

*The burglars apparently were familiar with the premises and they worked with the precision of experts. They skillfully picked the lock on the safe in the office by knocking the combination off and after dumping the contents on the floor, helped themselves to \$1,100 which had been deposited in the safe. They also carried off a quantity of jewelry which had been locked up with the money.*

*Merchandise in the store, consisting of shoes and various articles of clothing, was also carried off; the total value of which was approximately \$900. Banana peels strewn about the floor indicated that the yeggs had a failing for the fruit made famous in song and that they were in no hurry. The total loss is estimated at approximately \$2,000, partially covered by insurance.*



*A delivery wagon outside the front of the Pacific Coal Company Store, circa 1915.*

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Black Diamond literally dominated Railroad Avenue. You can still see where its foundation was—it's that giant hole next to Baker Street Books (which, by the way, was once the home of the independent Black Diamond Store, also known as The People's Store). And what's even more amazing was that the store was moved to this location from Lawson Hill.

Following the 1910 Lawson Mine explosion, the Pacific Coast Company decided to not reopen the mine. So in 1911 or 1912, men using rollers and a windlass with a horse or two moved the store down Lawson Street—a primitive road at the time that used to intersect with Railroad Avenue. The move was necessitated by a fire that destroyed the original two-

story company store next to the Black Diamond Bakery in 1907.

The building had three floors with general merchandise, dry goods, clothing, shoes, nails, hardware, and the bookkeeper's office on the main floor. From the bookkeeper you could get coupons, cash your paycheck, and pay your rent and your charge accounts.

If you needed a place to live, no problem—just go to the store. “Employees desiring to move into houses at Old Lawson, New Lawson, or No. 12, Black Diamond, can be accommodated in the order of applications received,” advertised the *Bulletin*. There wasn't much you couldn't get at the store.

Much of the merchandise was purchased from Schwabacher Hardware in Seattle, which advertised that it “sold everything from a needle to an anchor.” In fact, you can still find its 1906 warehouse building in Pioneer Square today. Popular brands on the shelves were S&W, Happy



Home, Royal coffee, Calumet baking powder, Fels-Naptha laundry soap, and Gold Shield coffee. The store also had yard goods, oil cloth, and shoes that could be reached from a sliding ladder. In the drug and sundries department, you could purchase Lydia Pinkham's Tonic, castor oil, Cuticura soap, and Castoria, a laxative.

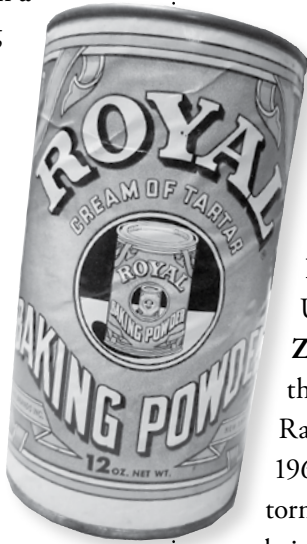
The basement, which was added after the store's move from Lawson, was where

**In the drug and sundries department, you could purchase Lydia Pinkham's Tonic, castor oil, Cuticura soap, and Castoria.**

the hay, oats, and chicken feed were stored. The top floor contained furniture and the living quarters for the payroll guard, **Bill Cushing**. While Cushing was sleeping, however, kids would sneak inside. "They would be walking around in the store and make their selections with Old Bill sleeping away. They would have regular lists of what they were going to get," said Steiert. "They would take orders. Hell, that store lost thousands of dollars. They never knew until the end."

### **The end of the company town concept**

By the late 1930s, coal mining was on the demise; the Pacific Coast Company's last mine in Black Diamond, Mine 11, closed in 1927.



Most of the miners residing in Black Diamond were either commuting to surrounding operations near the Green River, Ravensdale, or to the New Black Diamond Mine between Renton and Maple Valley.

The company started selling all the homes in town—finally selling the store and its inventory to **Harry McDowell** in 1942. Upon McDowell's death, the **Zumek brothers** purchased the store and operated it on Railroad Avenue until around 1963, when the building was torn down. The Zumeks opened their "new" Black Diamond store on 3rd Avenue, working there until

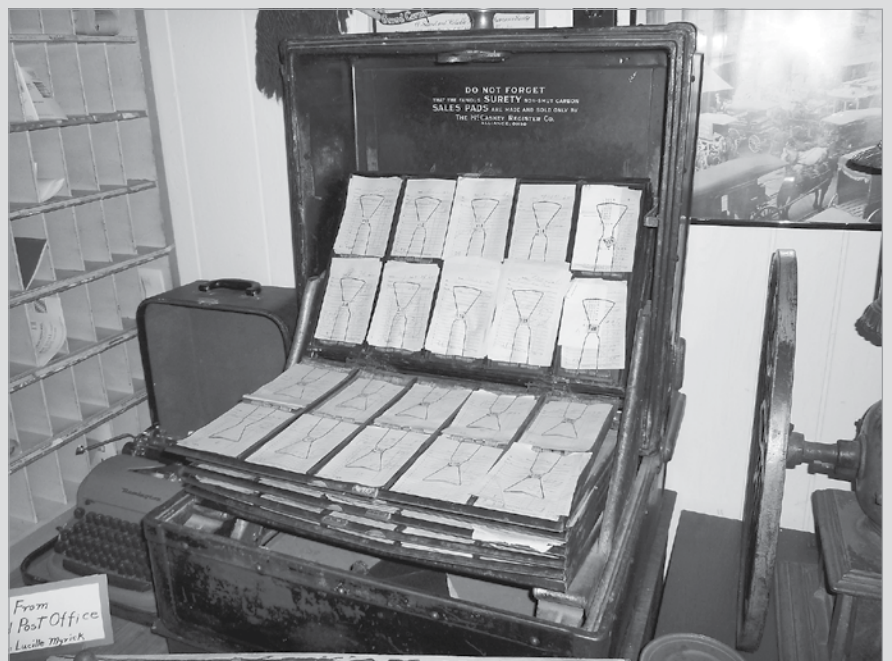
1987. The store, under new owners, stayed in business until 2006. Today it's home to a mini-mart, gas station, pawn shop, and teriyaki restaurant.

### **And then there were none**

Which brings us to our current situation. Excluding, of course, the two local convenience stores and the Lake Sawyer Grocery, it's into the car and off to somewhere else to complete your shopping list. But it's more than just the inconvenience—those tax dollars are going to someone else's town rather than enriching our own community. But with development on the way, it's only a matter of time until we can keep our money from scurrying out of town.

— Ken Jensen

## **In the museum**



*This traveling salesman case from the Meat Market was used to record customers' charge account purchases. The market, which was next to the General Store, had several owners including **Pete Frederickson** and **Johnny Marcus**. **Frank Zumek** purchased it in about 1939. The case is located on the lower level of the museum in the General Store Exhibit.*

# The Cosgroves

*Work as an electrician  
brings family West*

**L**ike so many young men at the turn of the century, **William George Cosgrove**, at the age of 19, left his homeland with his 12-year-old brother. The two

## A PIONEER *family* ALBUM



**JOANNE  
MATSUMURA**

hopped aboard a tramp steamer, unbeknownst to the vessel's crew, and crossed the pond to Canada.

William was born on December 25, 1887, to William and Harriet Cosgrove

in Stepney, an inner-city area in the East End of London. He joined sisters Harriet and Catherine and brothers Fred and John.

Some time before August 1912, we find William in Minnesota, where he married **Florence M. McPherson** and the two began their family. Of their six children, the first four—Stanley, Frank, Harriet, and Fred—were born in Minnesota. William is believed to have been born in Washington state and Dorothy, in Black Diamond.

From Minnesota the family moved to the Seattle neighborhood of Ballard in late 1919 or early in 1920. By the



summer of 1924, they were living in Black Diamond in company house #395 on Lawson Street.

An electrician by trade, William was hired by the Pacific Coast Coal Company on August 4, 1924. Mine 11 had just installed a new electric hoist the year before and the company had recently begun work on the Indian Mine between Renton and Maple Valley, so there was plenty to do. William did not work in the underground mines.

Florence was pregnant with Dorothy when they arrived in Black Diamond, and it was soon time to enter the children—Stanley, Frank, and Harriet—in the Black Diamond

Elementary School on September 1, 1924. They were all just getting started in their new home when William suddenly took ill and died in a Seattle hospital from natural causes on December 28, 1924, at the age of 37.

Family lore states that the employees of the Pacific Coast Coal Company took up a collection of over \$600 to help Florence and her children move back to St. Paul, Minnesota, which she did after withdrawing the three children from school on February 16, 1925. ❀

*We thank William's grandson, Steven Cosgrove, for his contribution of information. William and Florence's son William and daughter Harriet are still living at the time of this writing.*





## Quilt raffle raises \$1,385 for archive preservation

*This historic hand-crafted quilt by Miss Berl Baxter was created using fabric from the 1930s-1950s. It was raffled by the society at the October General Membership Meeting. The quilt was won by Mike Malgarini, here represented by his children: Mia, Don and Marissa. Thanks for your donations.*

## The board needs your help

**Dee Israel**, the society's volunteer secretary for more than a decade, has decided to retire in November 2011. We're looking to fill her position with someone who can attend board meetings every third Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. You'd also be required to attend the two General Membership meetings the fourth Sundays of April and October. Duties would include recording minutes of the meetings and transcribing them into written form in Microsoft Word. If you would like to join our team in this capacity, please contact me or Dee at 360-886-2142.

— Keith Watson

**1,132**

**Number of guests visiting the museum in the last quarter of 2010.**

## Be our guest

**D**uring the months of September through November, the museum had 1,132 guests: 426 in September, 383 in October, and 323 in November. Visitors hailed from 17 states—Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin, and, of course, Washington—as well as from British Columbia, Canada; Hungary, Philippines; Scotland; and the United Kingdom.

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

“

Awesome museum.

Glad to visit.

A lot of interesting things.

Good ol' history.

Beautiful museum.

It was cool.

Awesome collection.

Nostalgic.

Always nice.

Thank you for keeping history alive.

Very interesting.

Great memories of years gone by.

Thank you for reminding us of a different time.

Very nice collection.

Wonderful place and very good job. Keep it that way!

# In memoriam

*Gone but not forgotten*

**Susie Riccetti Morganti**, a long-time friend and supporter of the historical society, passed away on September 21, 2010, at the age of 97. She was born December 1, 1912 in Black Diamond to **Matteo** and **Octavia Riccetti**, and lived in Seattle from the age of 2. She married **John Morganti** on February 10, 1934, and shared 73 years together—66 of those in their home on Beacon Hill. They had no children and showered their attention on the many nephews and nieces of their families. The society will miss this lovely lady.

**Walter Douglas Clark**, a lifetime society member since 1977, passed away on Sunday, December 12, 2010. Walter was born on February 8, 1924, and graduated from Black Diamond High School in 1942. He is survived by his wife **Joan**.



## Thanks for the memories

### **Eva Casper**

July 11, 1916 – Nov. 14, 2010  
*Owner of "The Chatterbox"*  
*Mother of Steve Casper*

### **Tom Evans**

Nov. 19, 1934 – Dec. 1, 2010  
*Brother of Gomer Evans, Jr.*

### **Eugene Gallinatti**

Feb. 26, 1936 – Oct. 2010  
*Locomotive restoration volunteer*

### **William (Bill) C. Harp**

Nov. 4, 1945 – Sept. 5, 2010  
*Lifetime resident of Black Diamond*

### **Tony Minerich**

Jan. 18, 1918 – Sept. 8, 2010

# 4Culture awards society \$1,000

*By JoAnne Matsumura*

The society completed a Heritage Sustained Support grant application to 4Culture for operating support for the Black Diamond Museum for 2010.

We are pleased to announce that 4Culture awarded the society \$1,000 from hotel-motel tax revenues.

These funds may be used towards general annual operating expenses and making educational programs and services accessible to King County residents, visitors, and students. It also includes:

- Purchasing supplies.
- Extending our open days and hours.
- Providing services to governmental agencies, such as the City of Black Diamond councils.
- Distributing resources, like our brochures and documents, to other museums, libraries, web sites, and other agencies.

We can also use these funds to develop and improve our professional standards and to extend our outreach to the community in a variety of ways, including the care of archive collections and historic landmark properties.

The society thanks 4Culture for its generous support.



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## Donations

We wish to thank the following for their generous donations to the Black Diamond Historical Society.

### In memory of:

**John B. & John L. Carnino**,  
*by Mary S. Carnino*

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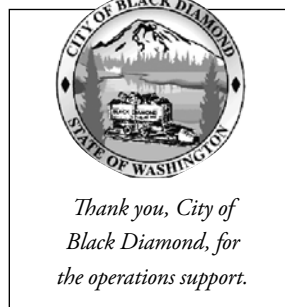
*R. Marie Theilken*

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### Archive Preservation:

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# Welcome new and renewing members

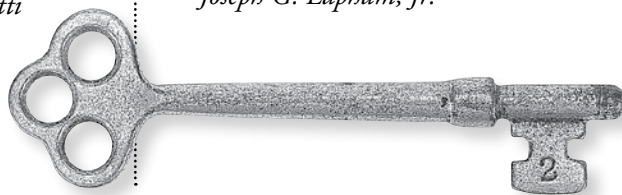
The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 305 members. We are pleased to welcome our newest members this quarter:

- Richard F. Allen*
- Dr. Beverly Anne Bancroft*
- Rick Darby*
- Steve Fontana*
- William & Floy Hotarek*
- Jeanne Maier*
- Dr. Richard & Shari Mariotti*
- Ron & Rebecca Olness*

We would like to thank the following members for renewing their membership this quarter:

- Beverly Braden*
- Bob & Jodine Burke*
- Mary Byron*
- Don & Carmel Camerini*
- James D. Carey*
- Mary Jo Erath Carlson*
- Richard Cecchi*
- Carl & Georgia Falk*
- David & Amy George & family*
- Jerrine Hope*
- Jean M. Kelly*
- Steve & Diane Kitz*
- Joseph G. Lapham, Jr.*

- H. Marc Lewis*
- Pete & Dahni Logar & family*
- Josephine Long*
- Don & Joan Malgarini*
- George & Martha McPherson*
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Individual	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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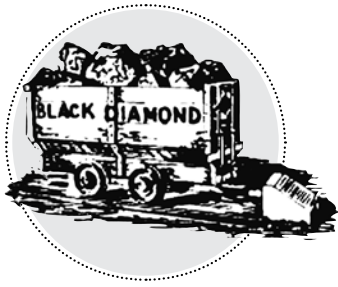
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## Take a field trip to historic downtown Franklin

*Saturdays –*

*February 5, 2011 &*

*March 5, 2011*

We'll be leaving the museum  
at 1 p.m. for Franklin  
(about 3 miles).

Check the web site for details.

[www.blackdiamondmuseum.org](http://www.blackdiamondmuseum.org)



*This photo of Franklin in 1910 looks along a row of coal miners' cottages toward the company store. The main shaft of the old Franklin mine was entered on the hillside behind the houses. A number of houses across the track from those in the picture were burned in a disastrous fire that swept Franklin a few years later. The railroad track connected Franklin with Black Diamond and Seattle.*