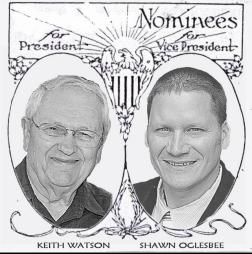
Keith Watson

Candidate

for President, will speak from the rear platform of his special train at the depot, Thursday,

October 22

at 1:00 p.m. He will be here twenty-five minutes. Other speakers will entertain crowd until train arrives.



Shawn Oglesbee

Candidate for
Vice - President, will speak
here Thursday night, Oct. 22,
at 7 p.m. He will be accompanied by Governor Lowden,
Illinois, Governor Morrow,
of Kentucky and Governor
Allen, of Kansas and Jacob
Hedges, of New York.

MRS. CORA WILSON STEWART

CONGRESSMAN J. B. ASWELL

of Louisiana, will speak here Monday, October 18th, at 1:30 at the Court House, in the interest of the Democratic Ticket.

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BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fall 2017



NEWSLETTER



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BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR THE BOARD NOVEMBER 1, 2017 THRU OCTOBER 31, 2019

(ABSENTEE) GENERAL INFO:

If member shows up in person, after sending in an absentee ballot, they cannot vote. (Absentee ballots have already been counted.)

Write-in nominations shall precede election.

EACH MEMBER MAY HAVE ONLY ONE VOTE.

If there are two members of the family that are current members of the Society, they may each cast one vote.

BUSINESS: President/Owner/ etc. may be company representative to vote. If that person is also an individual member he/she may only vote once.

At the bottom of the Ballot, sign your name, print your name, your address your phone number and the date.

MAIL TO:

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P.O. Box 232

Black Diamond, WA 98010

Write BALLOT on lower left corner of envelope.

Counting of all ballots will be done by the Nominating/Election
Chairperson and two other members of the Society on Sunday,
October 22nd, 2017

By Nominating/Election Committee Chair Dee Israel

BALLOT ON LAST PAGE



The mission of the Black Diamond Historical Society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of the history of Black Diamond and environs, as it relates to King County and the State of Washington.

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ARTICLES

Black Diamond Newsletter invites articles for publication. Articles may be edited for style, length, and clarity. Please contact the society if you wish to submit an article, at, museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org by the last Board meeting of the quarter.

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HOURS

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, 12 to 3 p.m. (winter); 12 to 4 p.m. (summer)

SOME LABOR DAY FUN!



Gomer Evans driving the Green River Queen..



Steve Israel & Labor Day Royalty on the Green River Queen.

Share your family photos

And a short story behind it.
Email a PDF or jpeg to leih023@gmail.com

VOTE TODAY!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: FALL 2017

This summer has been very warm with no rain. Miners Day in July attracted many families and individuals for a step back in time when it was the roaring 20's and the Black Diamond Bank was robbed by its manager who got away with all the funds. It was

A MESSAGE from the PRESDIENT



KEITH WATSON

also a time of moonshine and the Miners Day players acted out a play depicting these happenings. The day started out with a 5K Walk/Race from the city gym up Lawson and back to the gym for all ages with winners getting prizes as

well as event shirts.

ive music was featured all ⊿ day at each end of Railroad Avenue which was closed for Miners Day allowing vendors to set up booths on both sides of the street. The museum was open during the event and we had around 300 visitors come into the museum with more folks outside who enjoyed the Miners Honor Garden, Jail, Locomotive, and the new cement board walk. There were many things for families and people of all walks-of-life to do. There was an old fashion clothing show featuring the roaring 20's look and feel. I would guess around 2 to 3 thousand people attended Miners Day.

he Society is very fortunate to have the support of the City of Black Diamond and the 4Culture of King County as well as donations from people from all over the world. We also have memorial funds that help cover the costs of the building and grounds. One of our former board members. Jackie Cedarholm, left the Society enough money to fund the replacement of the museums roof. The board of directors chose Taff Roofing, a Black Diamond company, to do the project and they did a wonderful job.

If you would like to donate to the Society we promise to spend the money wisely in keeping history alive. As you know we are now forty-one years old and still going strong. We think about all the people in the past and now who have made a difference for Black Diamond and salute them and you. Thank you so much for caring.

ne of our top priorities was to completely take away the old wood board walk and replace it

with a look like wood cement boardwalk. A lot of design work went into the project with the idea of the boardwalk bending down to the street level so people could easily walk to see the coal mine feature under the building.

omer Evans was the project manager who did a magnificent job as he coordinated the

design with the city, the contractors, the volunteers, and the public. New wood stairs going into the Locomotive and Caboose were required.

Prian Mead was asked to design and build the stairs and Steve Israel was selected to make sure the stairs would meet city code and he did so with his modifications. Thanks to all who helped with this project; it is a great addition to the museum grounds and a total win for safety.

we have been able to replace the florescent light fixtures on the museums lower level with new LED light fixtures saving electricity, maintenance and insuring safety for our volunteers who no longer will have to climb ladders to replace tubes and ballasts. Thank you 4Culture King County for this wonderful grant and for the Sustaining Support grants that helps us keep going keeping history alive.



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NEW BLACK DIAMOND ELEMENTARY OPENS!

By KEITH WATSON



lack Diamond has always been interested in educating our kids. The first schooling started out in miner's homes, then to the Masonic Hall, to the first wood 3 level school, beside it the brick school, which was replaced about 50 years ago with a smaller one level school. That school year and a new 2 level school was built to hold about 450 students and staff. The Elementary School it replaced held almost 300 students with 40 percent of the student's housed in portables.

he Enumclaw

School District decided that this new school would be needed because of growth from the Master Plan Development. The school design was influenced by the buildings in the Historic District of our City. The Historical Society was

was taken down last asked to provide historic photos of the town, the schools, trains, and people. We worked with the school district and principle and they provided three large areas to display our photos. It worked well and I thank them and our volunteers who worked hard to make this a reality.

> he dedication of the school building was spectacular and the photo display was a real hit. The Historical Society was asked to change out the displays with new historic photos periodically which we will be very happy to do. Thanks to the Enumclaw District and the Black Diamond Elementary School Staff for helping us to keep history alive. The kids deserve the very best!



This beautiful vignette sits next to the office.



Dee Israel, Tony Moss, Lisa Leonard, Steve Israel, David Luke, Shawn Oglesbee, Keith Watson & Susie Thompson. Photo by: Bob Dobson

ach July the town of Black Diamond hosts Miner's Day....a celebration of it's coal mining history. Along with a street full of booths and music they feature a skit about town history.

his years' theme was "The Roaring 20's" and bootlegging in Black Diamond. Writing and producing this skit is the acting ensemble known as the "Black Diamond Hysterical Society." Consisting of actors Steve Israel, Lisa Leonard, David Luke, Tony Moss, Shawn Oglesbee, Susie Thompson and Keith Watson along with "extras" Dee Israel, Melissa Oglesbee, Patricia Moss, and Tori Hall Ammons, they put on a fun skit full of historical fact and tomfoolery.

LABOR DAY AWARDS HONOR MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

BY KEITH WATSON

Labor Day was another successful City event that was chaired by Melissa Oglesbee who is super organized and knows how to work with a great group of volunteers. Our own Dee Israel was named "Citizen of the Year", Judy Watson was given a "Lifetime Commitment Award", Gina Vaughn & Dan Ellis

of the "Smoke House & More" store was Awarded "Business of the Year". Those above are all volunteers and members of the Black Diamond Historical Society. Our favorite elementary school principal Gerrie Garten was named "Civil the parade and on the play field. Servant of the Year". Johna Thompson was given an award for

"Individual Community Service", and Black Diamond Trails Coalition was given a "Community Service Group" award. Gomer Evans refurbished and drove the city float and Steve Israel played his music in





Judy Watson, Lifetime Commitment award winner!



The Smoke House & More, Business of the year!



Dee Israel, Citizen of the Year

COAL FIELDS OF WASHINGTON

Originally published in the Pacific Coast Bulletin, March 8, 1922

By GEO. WATKIN EVANS

Reprinted March 6, 2016 by Black Diamond History

We are now ready to take up the Black Diamond area of the coal fields of the State of Washington. The Black Diamond area was opened at a much earlier date than the Rayensdale area.

he old Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad, now the Pacific Coast Railway, which has played such an important part in the early development of Seattle and vicinity, was extended from Renton up the Cedar River Valley, thence across the gravel plains in the neighborhood of Lake Wilderness to what is now Black Diamond.

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This hand drawn map from the article, "Black Diamond-area mines," was published in the August 1987 issue of the BDHS newsletter.

ine No. 14, Black Dia-

mond, was opened in 1884 by the Black Diamond Coal Company, which was originally incorporated in California, and operated a mine at Mount Diablo. This company was composed of such well-known persons as Alvinza Hayward, P.B. Cornwall, and Morgan Morgans.

organs was a man of great character, and the community in which he directed operations always knew he was on the job. He was a first-class mining man and knew how to handle men. He left an enviable record as a leader of coal mining, and his former employees, many of whom are now living in King County, honor his memory.

The writer will be pardoned for injecting personalities into this series of articles of articles from time to time, for after all the success or failure of any enterprise, including the coal mining industry, de-

pends very largely upon the men directing it.

he slope of No. 14 Mine was sunk on the McKay Coal Seam, and levels were driven westward and to the north, toward what is now No. 11 Mine. Later, by the aid of diamond drilling, the McKay coal was discovered at what is now No. 11 mine and a new slope was sunk at that point. Gangways were driven from this slope connecting with those driven from No. 14 mine, so that in time these two mines were

connected.

oday the slope on the McKay coal at No. 11 mine has been driven a total distance of more than a mile, and the lower levels of this mine are reported to be next to the lowest coal mining operation below sea level in the United States.

In addition to No. 14 and No. 11 mines there was also the No. 2 slope sunk on an underlying seam known as the No. 12 or Fulton Seam. After operating this mine for several years it was abandoned, because of the poor quality of the coal.

The Lawson Mine might also be considered part of the Black Dia-

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mond district. This slope was sunk on the McKay coal seam on an easterly dip, which is on the opposite side of an anticline from that of the workings of the No. 14 me. Also the No. 12 mine might be considered a part of the Black Diamond district.

his mine was also sunk on the McKay seam at a point about one and one-half miles northeasterly from Black Diamond. The No. 14 mine was closed several years ago. The Lawson mine has not been reopened since a disastrous explosion occurred in 1910. A fire broke out in No. 12 mine about 1894, and it has not reopened.

o. 11 mine is the only one now operating in Black Diamond district. The McKay coal is worked at this mine, both the lower and upper bench. The coal from each of these benches, however, is brought out through the one opening or main slope.

t present a very large modern electric hoist is be-Ing installed with the view of hauling the coal from the bottom of the slope in one continuous handling, instead of by two hoists as is now being done, wherein an inside hoist lands the coal at the third level and the surface hoist brings the coal to the tipple.

he method of mining at No. 11 mine is that of ■ Breast and Pillar. The size of the room or breast, and the size of the pillar, is largely determined by the cover. Care is exercised by the management to see that sufficient pillars are left at all times to take care of the overburden.

cleaning plant is provided, with revolving dump, screens, picking table and jigs. The McKay seam is one of the very cleanest coal seams in the state of Washington, so that it does not require as much cleaning on the surface as the product of most of our coal beds.

he town of Black Diamond is located on a sloping hillside with a southern front. There is good soil in most places, suitable to the cultivation of all kinds of hardy vegetables, and all types of berries grown in the Puget Sound district are raised in abundance at this place. On a clear day the residents of Black Diamond have an unobstructed view of Mount Rainier, which in itself is a wonderful asset to this community.

In all, Black Diamond is a very desirable place in which to live.

100 YEARS AGO FINAL CHAPTER

(A FICTIONAL ACCOUNT BASED ON HISTORICAL FACTS)

BY KEITH WATSON

mond where the company has closed mine 14 and I'm going to be let go from my job because others with more experience and time with the company will take my place.

have met some of the nicest people from all over the world with all types of skills. There are probably more than 2 dozen languages spoken in Black Diamond and the men learn English very

ike Miller here in Black Dia-quickly. If you work for a coal min-vices to help win this war in ing company you expect to hear about the business of mining in the shafts and I have. But, most of the people I associated with are people who work on the surface such as engineers, water pump specialist, tool makers, boiler makers, carpenters, etc. which I will miss and I will miss the town.

> adly, I've decided to go back to England and find my girl friend; possibly join the armed ser-

Europe. It's a good thing I've put some money aside for just this move. Back to New York by train and then a steam ship to England. Let's hope the ship will not be sunk by a submarine. Who knows, after the war is over, maybe I might be back to Black Diamond as a tourist.



Dbituaries



Muriel Edris (Laine) Waldo December 13, 1918 - July 07, 2016

C ociety Member Muriel Edris (Laine) Waldo died July 7th 2016 in Enumclaw, Wash. She was 97 years old. Muriel was born December 13, 1918 in Caldwell, Idaho to

Alton and Maude Botts. She graduated from Black Diamond High School in 1937. She married Frans Edwin Laine June 26th, 1937 until his death in 1969. Muriel married again, to Joe E. Waldo, on December 15th, 1977, until he passed on.

uriel lived in Issaquah for over 60 years. She worked as a medical assistant to Dr. Dana Hillary for 20 years. Her other work life included time at Virginia Mason Hospital, Grange Grocery Store and the Issaquah Laundry. Muriel was a consistent volunteer and active in the Issaquah Children's Hospital Guild where she served as president for ten+

years, Issaquah Grange, Rebecca's, Children's Hospital Bargain Boutique, Issaquah and Black Diamond Historical Societies. Muriel and her sister, Beth Botts VanBuskirk, served up countless Thursday lunches at the museum for many years. They organized the Thursday cooks schedule which was much appreciated.

uriel's surviving family includes, sister Beth (Botts) VanBuskirk, brother Don Botts, daughter Julia (Judy) Young, son Frank Laine; grandchildren Don Laine Jr., Laurie Clark, Dan Young and Angie Tripp. She also has 13 great-grandchildren, two

great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces & nephews. Muriel was preceded in death by her brother Paul Botts, sisters Ellamae Jamison and Ardis Lessard, son Don Laine Sr., and husbands Ed Laine and Joe Waldo.



Presidents Message cont. from page 3

ortions of Roberts Drive from Highway 169 to the Rock Creek bridge is being repaved with new street lights and sidewalks that will go from the rock creek bridge to the City Hall. This road has been one of the roughest roads in Black Diamond and we look forward to this change which will allow people to walk on the sidewalk from the bridge to City Hall, the museum, the library, the school and on to the City Gym and Police Department. This is made possible by a Washington State Transportation grant. Thanks! A wonderful new improvement.

he annual Membership Meet-22 in the museum from 1pm to 3pm will arrive at the Bakery on the mu-

where we will have entertainment. some homemade goodies, coffee, punch, and good fellowship.

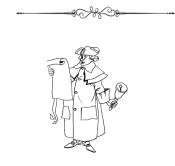
embers will have an oppor-VI tunity to vote for officers and board members of the Black Diamond Historical Society. Please see more about the voting opportunities on page 12 in the newsletter. ometown Christmas will be held on Saturday December

9 from 10 to 4 along Railroad Avenue and inside the museum, Deli, Antique Store, Eagles, and the Bakery. There will be hay rides, live reindeer, frosty the snowman, with kids decorating cookies at the Bakery, decorating wreaths & learning to paint led by the Black Diamond L ing will be on Sunday October Arts Alliance at the Eagles, Santa

seum fire truck, kids will be told stories in the museum by the King County Library folks, and there will be free cookies etc. at the local businesses.

hanks for all your support and have a wonderful Autumn.

> Keith Watson, BDHS President



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We wish to thank the following for their generous donations during the 4th qtr 2016 to the Black Diamond Historical Society.



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Correction for Memorial section from the last Newsletter - For Keith Timm Jr memorial it should have read Paul & Bev Goldsberry.



Thank you, City of Black Diamond for the Operations support!



These donations are greatly appreciated. The Black Diamond Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the Law.

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

BY ALLISON STERN, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

New members

Darrell Palmer Sandra Oviedo Carol Eades

Members:

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 276 members.

We would like to thank the following members for renewing their memberships this quarter.

DUES ARE DUE!!

If you do not see your name on the list below, we have not received your Dues. Please send in ASAP or follow up with the Membership Chairman and/or Treasurer. Thank you!

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BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY/ MUSEUM CALENDAR 2017

October 22, Sun 1-3pm General Membership Meeting ELECTION TIME!



Dec 9, Sat 10-3 Home Town Christmas Museum Dec 16, Sat through Jan 4th Wed Museum Closed



Thanks for the support of 4Culture and the City of Black Diamond

BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Number of guests visiting the museum during 3rd Quarter of

2017

Be Our Guest

by Allison Stern

There were visitors from 13 States: Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia as well as Washington. There were also people visiting from other Countries: Australia, China, New Zealand and Sweden.

Comments

- Love this place
- Love the history
- Very enjoyable
- ♦ Ah memories

- Awesome collections
- Unique and fun
- ♦ Fascinating
- ♦ Impressive

- Many new items
- Thanks for the trip down memory lane
- Wonderful to be back in Wales

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ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR 2017-2019

| Cont from page 1 | Directors: Vote for 8 names by checking the box |
|--|---|
| The following members have been nominated: | NOTE: (There are 9 people running for these posi- |
| Officers (Vote for 1 in each position by checking the box after the name.) | tions.) * Howard Botts * Gomer Evans |
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