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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, BARNEY!

On Saturday, March 13, the family of Barney Carnino hosted a "drive-by" to celebrate Barney's 100th Birthday of March 16. The Carnino family has a long history in Black Diamond.

Angelo Luigi Carnino was born in Forest, Italy, on December 4, 1887. On March 21, 1909, at the age of 22, he immigrated to the United States aboard the Ship LaSovie, entering his new homeland through Ellis Island. He first lived with a cousin in Renton and soon after settled permanently in Black Diamond. His wife, Tersilla Carola Carnino, born Febraury 8, 1891 in Busselino, Italy came to join him in 1912. They were married on June 1, 1912.

"Louie" and Tersilla had five (5) children: Angelo Bernardino, born June 8, 1914; Mary born February 18, 1918; Bernard John (Barney), born March 16, 1921, John Louis, born May 31, 1924, and Judith born July 27, 1927. The family home was located on 5th Street, formally known as Carnino Street. It is situated on Lawson Hill.

Louis and Tersilla loved Black Diamond and were active in the community and St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Louie worked in the mines and on the side repaired Model T's of residents. It was with their father that the three boys developed their interest to become mechanics. Louie then moved on to his job as bus driver and janitor at the Black Diamond School. He was well known for his love of singing and his beautiful voice.

Angelo met and married Evelyn Weaver. They had four children. During the war, Angelo worked in the shipyard.

Banner Photo: *Barney Carnino Birthday Drive-by*



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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HOURS -

“Operating under COVID rules”

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 11 to 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



July 17, 2021

Black Diamond Miner's Day will be open this year, but scaled down due to Covid Restrictions. Booth applications can be picked up at Black Diamond Antiques, There will still be the Chalk Draw and a Donut Eating contest but no 5k or ILive Performance. Participating local businesses are The Black Diamond Bakery, The Smoke Shop, Black Diamond Grill, and The Antique Store.

LEAVE IT TO THE MINERS

By Opal Warden, Black Diamond, age 13

Down the slope the miner goes with a million-dollar smile,
and a well-filled lunch kit on his arm,

To his work that's well worthwhile.

The bell rings forth from down below;

the cable gives a pull,

and up and down the coal trips move as the

coal cars swiftly fly.

Then like a monster in a rage the whistle loudly blows:
and out from the home the miner comes,

singing as he goes

“My arm may have a little ache,

my back may be quite sore;

but here we work, we never shirk.

We do our share and more.

We may not all be rich with gold,

nor hold the wealth of Fords

but when it comes to digging coal,

we mine it out in hordes.”

Pacific Coast Bulletin, March 8, 1923, VOL 3, No. 10, Page 9,

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



KEITH
WATSON

We are so pleased to have the museum open to visitors! We are open on Thursdays from 9 am to 4 pm, and Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm.

We are under COVID procedures consistent with our reopen plan approved by the City of Black Diamond. Which allows a no-touch visit (including free masks and gloves, automatic hand sanitizer, towel dispensers, faucets, and soap dispensers), six feet distancing, temperature recordings, and completion of pandemic consent and City of Black

Diamond visitor waiver of liability and release of claims agreement forms.

We thank the City and King County 4Culture, who helped us with a grant to accomplish the museum's reopening. I also wish to thank the volunteers for their over the top, help in keeping us going.

Remembering Ronald Heusser

Ron has been a volunteer with us for nearly three years. Unfortunately, he passed away on April xx due to COVID complications. He was such a talented, gifted, and gentleman respected by all. His contributions are numerous.

He was excellent with photography and formulated the idea of photographing the museum at night with all the lights on, in, and around the building. The photos were magnificent works of art. He assisted volunteer Jerry Makosky in building new display cabinets in the lower level of the museum. He used his sophisticated research skills to help others and an avid interest in the mines and geographic areas of Black Diamond and its surroundings. He was a regular Thursday volunteer and also served as a greeter/docent for our visitors.

Both Ron and his wife, Bev, volunteered for our Hometown Christmas event and our Franklin tours. He was one of a kind, and it would be fun to know what kind of new assignment God will

have for him in heaven. His passing has caused many tears; we miss you, and the museum will not be the same without your happy face. RIP, Ron!

Leih Mulvihill

Leih serves as our newsletter editor doing an outstanding job of keeping all of us informed. She has also agreed to be our Community Development Coordinator.

In this role, she will act as an ambassador/ liaison between the Historical Society and the community of Black Diamond to bring awareness of the museum's activities and promote them through local newsletters, press releases, and social media. She has already contacted many people, groups, and communities with good results. Leih was recently appointed to the Black Diamond City Council and will use her previous experience as a council member (2008 to 2012) to help guide our City. Congratulations Leih! You continue to serve our community in so many remarkable ways. Thanks!

Dan Dal Santo

(see article on page 5)

Here at the museum, Dan helped us more times than I can count, and he was always supportive of our needs – one great man. Thanks, Dan; we hope you have a wonderful retirement.

Grant from 4Culture

BDHS has a contract with 4Culture for \$7,709 for the 2021 Heritage Sustained Support project. 4Culture is the Cultural Development Authority of King County, and we thank them for being so supportive and helpful. Your representatives are truly wonderful. This grant allows us to maintain our everyday operations, including our newsletters.

Mira Hoke

We are so honored to have the artwork of Mira Hoke displayed on our museum walls. She created multiple historical murals on both floors. Her talent is beyond description! On May 22, 2021, we held a "Mira Hoke" day for

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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guests to view her talent and work here at the museum. She brought her own creations to see as well.

Recently we asked for her assistance in creating a new visitor brochure. The brochure was funded through a 4Culture grant. On May 6, it arrived, and her talent and wisdom produced a winner. Mira spent hours and hours researching the information needed to ensure the historical data was as accurate as possible. The brochure includes photos from Ronald Heusser and the museum's official photographer Robert Dobson. It includes a "Museum Map" and our story: "Gemstones in Black Diamonds History." The theme of the brochure is "Capture Time at the Black Diamond Museum." Next time you stop by, be sure to pick one up.

Chamber Award

The Black Diamond-Maple Valley Chamber of Commerce awarded the Black Diamond Historical Society/Museum with a crystal award, signifying we are the "2020 Non-Profit of The Year". I accepted the award on behalf of the wonderful volunteers that make this possible. Thanks to our members and volunteers and the Chamber - we

are honored!

Deeded Property

Bill Kombol deeded the property located between the museum and antique store to the City of Black Diamond. The City received a grant to survey community members, business owners, and business patrons to understand better the public's preferences for the property's future. The property is small and has been used as an entertainment space during Miners Day and Hometown Christmas events. Mr. Kombol expressed a desire to enhance the historical area where it is located. The ideas from the museum staff are a covered area that could be used all year, a possible Veteran's memorial, an area with picnic tables and benches, a bike parking area, an area for art display, and something that would be people-friendly. Any ideas are welcome!

I want to thank our members for helping us by renewing their membership and continuing to support us as we keep history alive.

*Keith Watson,
President BDHS*



100+ WOMEN NOMINATE BDHS FOR AWARD

By Laurie Evans

We were honored to have been nominated as a quarterly non-profit presenter by the 100+ Women Who Care Foothills (South King County).

This organization is a part of the 100 Who Care Alliance that wants to make a difference in local communities. The group gathers quarterly to listen to three chosen non-profits make a presentation about their organization. The membership then votes and they announce the selected non-profit.

The selected non-profit receives a \$100 donation from each member. This combined donation of \$10,000+ makes a great impact on the community without time-consuming fundraising events and planning.

Also Nominated were the Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services and the VFW Post 1949. We heard that it was a very close vote; only one vote separated us from the chosen recipient – the Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services.

Keith Watson did an outstanding job in presenting to the group, with assistance from Sherrie Evans. The presentation for this meeting is now available on our website. We want to congratulate Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services for their exemplary service to our communities.



"HONORING A BLACK DIAMOND GREAT ONE DAN DAL SANTO!

Mayor Carol Benson message (in the City newsletter April, May, June 2021)



"At the end of February, a major event occurred that needs recognition, honor, and thanks. Operations and Maintenance Superintendent, Dan Dal Santo, retired.

Dan served the citizens of Black Diamond in maintaining the quality of life here for 26

years.

When Dan took over the Public Works Department in 1995, much of the drainage systems, streets, and parks had fallen into disrepair. Dan and a new hire Ken Blakely dug in with new vigor to restore, maintain and repair the City's infrastructure with a very limited budget.

Amazingly, these two guys managed the water, sewer, stormwater, parks, and cemetery needs for the growing City.

Dan applied for grants and showed the additional effort going door to door to gather signatures for grant qualification. Through Dan's efforts, the City was able to fund a sidewalk extension project for the elementary school and the skateboard park, and he was instrumental in moving forward with a grant funded project from Jennifer Dunn for the replacement of a small Asbestos Concrete springs supply line, which served the entire City. The funding was about to expire, and Dan managed the project and brought it to completion, in-

cluding the federal paperwork needed prior to the expiration date.

So, year after year, the story continued for 26 years of major accomplishments such as: installing the coal car city limit monuments; building trails, changing a 30 acre blackberry patch into a beautiful natural grassy park with drifts of trees which we now know as the Lake Sawyer Regional Park. Upgrading public works facilities, reconstructing the springs collection system with City forces for 10% of engineering estimates. As well as, constantly adjusting the operations to meet new regulations and requirements from the Department of Health and the Department of Ecology and other agencies. Sometimes he would work through the night to keep the City with water or clear the way for people to get to work in the morning.

The impact that Dan has had on this community is truly remarkable.

The Dal Santo family going back to his grandparents have lived here since the early 1900's and Dan has raised his family here and probably will be a Black Diamond resident for life. What a great career! We want to honor and thank Dan who has taken great pride in serving his fellow citizens and the City with great dependability, strong work ethic, honesty, and professionalism."

Carol Benson,
Mayor of Black Diamond

Name	Phone Number	Other
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Karen	360-886-xxxx	1920

People who wish to donate artifacts need to make an appointment with Dave Watson to look at the items.
360-886-2142
swatsondc@gmail.com
Please come on a Thursday after



BASEBALL WAS NOT JUST A PASTIME BUT A MATTER OF PRIDE

Originally published in the Maple Valley Reporter, July 22, 2011 By TJ Martinell

Compared to the other sports in Black Diamond, baseball was in a league of its own.

It was America's pastime, but for the town, it was a matter of pride.

Black Diamond was a part of the Valley League, which included towns such as Franklin, Renton, Kent, Auburn, Sumner, and Issaquah.

It fielded teams, especially in the 1920s, which not only dominated the Valley League but were also able to compete against professional squads from major metropolises, such as the Seattle Indians and the Rainiers.



Men, both teenagers and adults vied for spots on rosters brimming with top-notch stars.

Originally, baseball games were held at a grassy field called the Prairie, where the Black Diamond Cemetery is today. In the early 1900s, the Pacific Coast Coal Company donated a swampy area for the men to play.

Undaunted by the unplayable terrain, the miners took their time after work to transport hundreds of pounds of dirt over to the field, transforming it into a baseball field.

Along with bleachers, they also built a grandstand and a bandstand, all of which were packed full every Sunday. While the band played next to the crowds, kids would get their ice cream, pop, and popsicles as men ran up and down the bleachers taking bets.

"People in them days was all baseball," stated "**Boots**" Pierotti in *Black Diamond: Mining the Memories*. Pieorrti's family migrated from Italy in 1910.

"Everyone had money," he said. "And they were betting their shirts on games."

Games of note during the year were held on holidays such as Independence Day or Labor Day. Those who came went to the game looking for some clean fun did not always get what they desired.

Yet, there appears to have been two very different periods of baseball in Black Diamond. During the "Dead-Ball Era," 1900-19, fights seemed to be more common, recruiting occurred more frequently, and a good player could get an easy job in the mine, even if they had no particular skill.

"A fight was the normal way to end the ball game at the end of the day," said **Dusalina Cavaletto**, who grew up during the Dead-Ball Era. "We kids were all rushed home."

According to **Jack Thompson**, if there was a foul ball, "you'd have 15 damn kids running down onto the street chasing after them because there were 50 cents for every ball returned. Fifty cents would buy you a lot back in those days."

Emilio "Meg" Pierotti, "Boots" Pierotti's brother, played initially as an infielder for Black Diamond in the 1920s but was recruited by Carbonado in 1930. At first, he wasn't paid to play, but during the Great Depression, a man appreciated any work he could get.

"There must have been 50 men looking for a job the day that I went in," he said.

For a freshman in high school, making the team alone was a remarkable accomplishment. But then, he managed to get in three hits in his first game, which impressed the team manager, **Dr. Wake**.

"Old Doc came up to me after the game and said, 'You are just as good as so and so, and he is getting \$7,'" Pierrotti said.

From there on out, Pierotti was paid \$7 a game, which is the equivalent of \$90 in 2010 when adjusted for inflation.

In search of a championship



Bill Cushing, long-time manager of the Pacific Coast Company Baseball Team

In 1919, the same year the Black Sox would fix the World Series, Black Diamond would bend the rules of the game to give themselves a chance at the championship title.

After a string of losses, all but three of the players were replaced by Seattle-recruited men, who gradually improved their record. At the end of the season, Sumner had the best record, albeit Black Diamond trailed behind by one

game. Sumner faced a final game against Auburn. If they lost, they would be tied with Black Diamond for first. Thus, the only way for Black Diamond to still have a shot at the pennant was for Sumner to lose.

Acting cunningly, **Pete Fredrickson**, Black Diamond's manager, hired a pitcher from the semi-professional Pacific Coast League to play that one game for Auburn which, at the time, was legal to do.

With his help, Auburn won.

Now tied, Black Diamond and Sumner met at neutral-Auburn, where people took whatever means of transportation they could to get there. Above the hollering and unruly throngs of fans betting on the sidelines, Black Diamond managed to slug it out to victory thanks to a final hit by **Bozel**, one of the Seattle-recruited players. "Soon as he made the run," Pierotti said, "all these fellows that were betting threw \$5, \$10 bills in a hat and gave it to him."

Baseball in the post-war era

The second period of baseball came in around 1938. By then, oil was replacing coal as a source of fuel. As a result, the Pacific Coast Coal Company put less and less money and effort into the town, which also included the baseball league. This meant less recruitment and no pay for the players.

But the most significant influence, according to **Gomer Evans Jr.**, the former mayor of Black Diamond, was World War II. Before the war, traveling was seldom done, and the primary employment in the town was the Pacific. This kept the

community closely knit. When the war came, many of the residents worked outside of Black Diamond for the first time in their life. After the war ended, many of those people chose not to come back to town.

"It was a different time after the war," Evans said. Evans, who played on the team as an outfielder and pitcher during the 1940s, described the game as more settled than it had been. There was no fighting. Players were lucky to get a beer after from the home team if they were away, and though their competitive edge made them the 1949 Valley League Champions, he said the game wasn't as serious as it might have been in the past.

Also, there were no more perks for playing on the team.

"We had regular jobs during the day," he said. "We played baseball after we were done working."

Today, all that remains of the original baseball field structures is the concession stand. The remnants of the baseball team, its posters, trophies, uniforms, and photos, are found in the Black Diamond Historical Museum. Among them is a signed photograph of **Edo Vanni**, a Black Diamond native who played for the Rainiers and became known as the "dean of Seattle baseball."

(EDITORS NOTE: To preserve the character and essence of the original publication, this has been reprinted exactly as the original.)



Edo Vanni, from Black Diamond, played for the Seattle Rainiers



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, BARNEY!

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John entered the Army in 1942. While in boot camp, the sergeant asked if anyone had mining experience. Black Diamond boys, John Carnino, Joe Zumek, and John Niemczyk all did and were sent to Stehekin to mine copper for about a year!

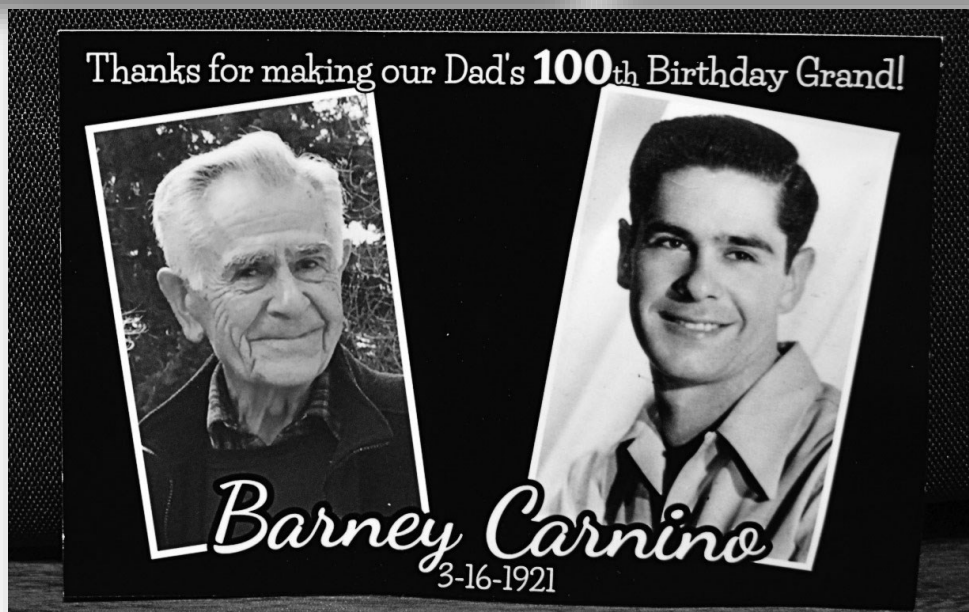
Barney married Kathryn Czczok, and they had five children. They resided in Auburn.

In June 1947, the three brothers opened the Carnino Brothers Garage in Black Diamond. It soon became a favorite place for locals to stop by and chat. They were legendary in building and racing cars at nearby No-Bar, Sea-Tac, and Aurora race tracks. Barney and John both worked at the garage until 1968 when John left to work for King County. Barney remained as the

mechanic until 1981, when the business was closed. Many generations of Black Diamond residents fondly remember time spent at the Carino's Garage, or as Barney's wife called it: The Black Diamond Recreation Hall! Barney went on to work for the Auburn School District as a bus mechanic.

A group of members from the museum were delighted to participate in Barney's 100th birthday celebration. We hope you enjoy these photos. HAPPY 100TH, BARNEY!

If you have memories of Barney or the Carnino family, we would appreciate hearing from you. Email to museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org, or mail to P.O. Box 1, Black Diamond, WA 98010. Thanks!



THE HOME ON HANSON POINT

By Bill Kombol

One of the oldest homes on Lake Sawyer was built by the pioneering Hanson family on a peninsula of land that was part of their original homestead claim. The patriarch, Carl M. Hanson owned a sawmill in his native Sweden before immigrating to the U.S. in 1883, after hearing of Washington's vast timber tracts. For a year he cleared land in Seattle before moving to Lake Sawyer where he filed for ownership of 160 acres under the 1862 Homestead Act. Carl built a log cabin, proved up his claim, and in 1891 was is-



Hanson family Lake Sawyer cabin, circa 1887

sued a deed personally signed by President Benjamin Harrison.

For several years, Carl and members of the extended family worked at the coal mines in Black Diamond and Franklin before building sawmills, first at Summit (Four Corners) and later Lake Wilderness. Both were operated in association with his three sons, Axel, Charles, and Frank. The Wilderness mill was owned until 1897 when the family moved operations to Enumclaw following purchase of the White River Mill. That enterprise was renamed White River Lumber Company and thrived under Hanson family management. Within a decade the firm employed over 500 men, by far the biggest employer in Enumclaw. The company increased its land holding to

50,000 acres and later initiated a cooperative agreement with Weyerhaeuser. In 1900, Frederick Weyerhaeuser purchased 900,000 acres of timber from railway magnate, James J. Hill. The two companies, White River Lumber and Weyerhaeuser fully merged operations in 1949.

The Hanson family built this summer home on Lake Sawyer in 1926 and next to it a caretaker's cottage. In 1939, Rufus Smith and L.G. Olson, grandsons of Carl Hanson filed a plat named the North Shore of Lake Sawyer. The lake front portion of the family's 160-acre homestead was platted into 139 lots and included dedication of the two-acre park now owned by Black Diamond and called Lake Sawyer Boat Launch. Their summer home which sits on 17-acres (docks #102 & 103), was not part of the plat but remained with the extended Hanson family until 1997 when it was sold to David & Maryanne Tagney Jones for \$2.2 million. A recreational guest house was added to the estate in 2007.

The December 20, 1939 photo of tax parcel 042106-9001 comes courtesy of the King County Assessor held at the Puget Sound Regional Archives in Eastgate. The 1887 cabin photo comes courtesy of the Carl Magnus and Anna (Gustafson) Hanson family.



Lake Sawyer Hanson Home, 1939



CULTURE
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2021 Calendar of Events

Black Diamond Historical Society/Museum



Supported by 4Culture, the City of Black Diamond and donations BDHS is a 501(c)(3)
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Keeping History Alive in the Black Diamond Museum and Coal Miners Honor Garden ♦

Location: 32627 Railroad Ave (PO Box 1, Black Diamond, WA 98010

Phone: 360-886-2142 email: museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org

Date (s)	Event	Location/Time
<p>Due to Covid Regulations Events May Be Cancelled Without Notice. Please call to verify 360-886-2142.</p>		
July 17	*Miner's Day	Railroad Ave 9 am – 4 pm
September 4-6	*Labor Day Celebration in Black Diamond - parade is Monday, Sept. 7, 10 am (starts on south end of Highway 169)	Museum open all 3 days. Labor Day Festivities in Ball Park & @ Eagles – Car Show
September 18	*"Pasta Palooza" - fundraiser for Hometown Christmas	@ Eagles 4:00 to 9:00 pm
October 16-17	*Model Train Show	Ravensdale-Gracie Hansen Building
October 24	General Membership Meeting	Museum @ 1:00 pm
December 3	*Black Diamond Community Center Tree Lighting with Santa	BD Community Center 5 pm
December 4	*Enumclaw Christmas Parade	Downtown Enumclaw
December 11	*Hometown Christmas	Railroad Ave (Bakery, Smoke House, Antique Store, Museum, Eagles) 10 am- 3 pm
December 19 - January 4	Museum Closed for Holidays (*reopen on January 5)	Museum

LABOR DAY BUTTONS

We have inventoried the buttons we have at the museum and are still looking for ones from 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1963, 1976 and 1993.



BART MCNUTLY

THE BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

BART MCNUTLY'S "HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE PAST"

Bart McNutly hid several items in the museum as he passed through town. During Miners Day in July, Bart comes into town for the festivities and hides priceless and historical treasures he took from unsuspecting people. He hides these in the museum and the museum needs your help finding them.



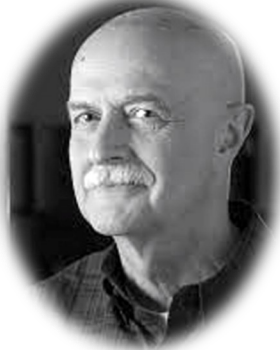
Piano Hammer
Used by Bill Anderson
He was blind



CHEF'S HAT AND APRON FROM THE BLACK DIAMOND BAKERY



Obituaries



Ron Heusser
1948-April 2021

Ron Heusser, age 73, passed from this life to his eternal home in heaven on April 8th.

He grew up in Tillamook, Oregon, spending his free time fishing and exploring the outdoors with friends.

It was here in the 9th grade where he met his future wife, Bev.

After graduating from high school, he pursued a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Oregon State University. Upon graduation, he attended Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon, receiving a Master of Divinity degree. He had a variety of vocations, committing to each one of them his unique set of skills while forming lasting friendships everywhere he worked. First up was a college pastor, helping to instill morals and values into still impressionable minds. The following years saw him wandering the Gifford Pinchot National Forest as a civil engineer for the United States Forest Service. The next stop was as a mechanical engineer for the National Transportation Safety Board, lending his expertise to try and solve the mysteries of what went wrong in highway crashes. The final challenge was the formation of his engineering consulting business to reconstruct traffic accidents.

Ron's love of the outdoors was evident throughout his life. Many backpacking and fishing trips with family and friends brought him great joy. After retirement, Ron divided his free time between a variety of passions and hobbies. He spent countless hours behind a camera, observing and capturing the beauty of God's creation across the west. Ron also enjoyed history, spending much time looking for lost treasures with a metal detector. He loved his days of volunteering at the Black Diamond Museum, where he assisted visi-

tors, helped to maintain the facilities, and upgraded several of the displays. His time spent as a volunteer at Mount Rainier National Park was also treasured, and his tales from time spent on the trails were enjoyed by all who heard them. He was devoted to his church and could always be counted on to liven up a group of children in Awana.

Most of all, he was a man committed to his family, and he loved spending time with them. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Bev, daughter Shannon (Dan) and son Cameron (Jennifer), and eight grandchildren. All will miss him, but his kindness and love for others will not be forgotten.



Joseph Dal Santo Jr.
*November 20, 1925 -
March 31, 2021*

The last of a generation, Joseph Dal Santo (95), passed peacefully on March 31, 2021. He was born to Guissippi (Joseph)

Dal Santo and Anna (Respeleux) Dal Santo in Renton, WA, on November 20, 1925. Joe was the seventh child in a family of eight. His parents and siblings, Jules, Angeline, Alice, Lynda, Leo, John, and Roy, are rejoicing that their family is together once again. The family moved to Black Diamond when he was six months old, and this is where he remained.

Joe's first job was as a paperboy for the Seattle Star. He saved enough money to buy his first bicycle. He began working in the coal mines when he was in high school. He graduated from Enumclaw High School in 1944.

He had several jobs, including a bus driver for Black Diamond Elementary, a railroad worker at the Army Depot, Kaiser Gypsum, and an underwriter for Mutual of Enumclaw for 17 years. In

1973 Joe went into partnership with Miles Moergeli, and Moergeli-Dal Santo Insurance Agency was created.

He married Evelyn Romberg on April 12, 1952. They would have celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary this year. Joe treasured Evelyn, and together they raised four wonderful children.

Joe and Evelyn loved to camp and enjoyed many camping adventures. In the early 1970's they purchased property at Moclips because they loved the beach and digging for razor clams. This property became his family's favorite place to go. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren enjoy it to this day. Joe was also an avid fisherman, a mole catcher extraordinaire, and he loved tending his beautiful garden.

Joe loved living in Black Diamond and lived in the home he and Evelyn purchased on Lawson Street for 67 years. He cared about his community and was active on the Labor Day Committee, Historical Society, a Black Diamond City Councilman, Water Commissioner, a volunteer Fireman, and Black Diamond's Man of the Year in 1970. Joe was also the 1979-80 secretary for the Enumclaw Lion's Club. In addition, he was a driver for 15 years for Senior Services during his retirement years. When Joe was 18 years old, he joined the Black Diamond Eagles. Throughout his membership, he served as President and Secretary/Treasurer. Joe was the oldest and longest Eagle member in the Black Diamond Aerie. He was very proud to serve the City he loved.

Joe's proudest accomplishment was his family. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and eventually great-grandchildren. He influenced their lives in countless ways. Joe leaves a huge void in the hearts of his wife, Evelyn; Daughter Jodine (Bob) Burke, Sons Dan (Suzi) Dal Santo and Wayne Dal Santo, Daughter Diane Dal Santo. Grandchildren Robert (Eva) Burke, Annamarie Burke, Jennifer (Tyler) Hayter, Shannon Dal Santo, Elizabeth (Alex) DeLeon, Anthony Dal Santo, Joe (Kelsi) Williamson, and Ryan (Julie) Williamson, 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.



Christine Mead
December 23, 1940-March 10, 2021

Christine was born in Auburn on December 23, 1940. She was raised and lived in Black Diamond in her early years, attending Black Diamond schools and graduating from Enumclaw High School.

She went on to work for Consolidated Freight out of Portland. After her retirement she moved back "home" to Black Diamond where she resided until her death on March 10, 2021.

She is survived by her brother Clayton Mead (wife Nancy), nephew Brian and niece Janet. She was preceded in death by her sister, Shirley Mead and her parents, Charlie and Elaine Mead.



Chieko & Megumi from "4 Culture" visiting the museum!



*Thank you
for all your
support!*

DONATIONS

For the period February 1 through April 30, 2021, we received the following in donations:

By Laurie Evans, Secretary

MEMORIAL DONATIONS \$ 950

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NEW MEMBERS

By Laurie Evans, Membership Chairman



The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 311 members. We are pleased to announce that during the period February 1, 2021, through April 30, 2021, we have acquired the following new members:

Individual:

Lori Carnino
Geri Davis

Business:

TRM Wood Products, Inc.

Evenson
Michael Nelson

Family:

Craig and Mary Celigoy
Jim and Joyce Hopkins
Andre & Corey Koch
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! We are so happy to have you.

Welcome

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All annual memberships expire each year on December 31. We officially notify members of this expiration in the October newsletter, followed by email or postcard notification. As of January 31, 2021, we have several (60+) renewals that are outstanding. This newsletter will be the last newsletter these expired memberships will receive; we know you do not want to miss the great information we share so please ensure you get your payment sent in.





MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FORM (Renewals due January 1 of each year)



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Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Annual Membership Fees

Individual	\$ 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$ 30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime – Individual	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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For individuals only. Business membership forms can be found on our website or by contacting the museum.

431

*Number of guests for
the period February
20th through April
30th*

2021

Be Our Guest

by Laurie Evans

We had a total of 431 visitors (285 adults and 133 children).

We welcomed visitors from both the local and non-local area. Here are some comments we have received from them:

C o m m e n t s

“Wonderful display and representation of the history of Black Diamond. I definitely learned a lot and enjoyed the experience.”

“This is an amazing place! I learned so much and will be back with my family!”

“Had a great experience!”

“Great time visiting here. Loved all the information and stories

provided by the staff. Thank you for the great experience.”

“It was very interesting and fun to find out all about this town. Thank you!”

“It was a pleasant surprise to find such a piece of history. The staff was amazing.”

“Staff was so lovely and welcoming. We truly enjoyed the knowledge we gained from the

displays.”

“Lovely collection rich with heritage. We will be back again. Volunteers quite helpful.”

“What a great museum, very well laid out and informative made even more so by the knowledgeable staff volunteers!”



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SOCIETY BUSINESS



Our Volunteers Have Been Busy

Between the work list of the Design Committee and the routine maintenance projects, our volunteers have been quite busy. The accomplishments include:

Adding LED lighting to display cases

Combined the children's display cases and fashion/living into one room in the parlor area, making room for a new research area that will include a desk, maps and mining information. Mira Hoke has been hired to create a visual of Black Diamond "Then and Now" that will grace the wall.

The annual fire door inspection is complete.

Additional glass shelving was added to the athletic case and the display items updated to include new donations from Elsie Parkin in memory of Steve Parkin and the Black Diamond Merchants baseball team, and a mitt and ball from the family of Stan Celigoy.

Two barrels were restored and placed on the luggage carts outside. Plexiglass tops were added.

Plexiglass was also added to the charge case in the store.

The locomotive has been pressure washed in preparation for painting this summer.

Trim in the caboose has been painted.

