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10:30 a.m. - VFW Memorial Day Service at Black Diamond Cemetery

BLACK DIAMOND SCHOOLS 1885 - TODAY

The current Black Diamond Elementary School was opened in 1963 and replaced the building's that were erected by the coal companies that owned the town. The original building's were of wood and brick and served the students for many years. The first school was in designated School District #43 in 1885, #132 in 1901, #160 in 1906, #190 in 1916.



Black Diamond School c. 1906

The last company to own the town was the Pacific Coast Company and it owned Pacific Coast Coal Company, the Pacific Coast Railroad, Pacific Coast Steamship Company and had holdings in Peirce County, King County, and many other areas up and down the Pacific Coast.

As time passed and coal sales slowed the financial state of the coal company began to fall. The financial down-turn in the company affected that status of the Black Diamond Schools which relied on funds from the company to operate. The Black Diamond School Board made a decision to join the Enumclaw School District and a decision was then made to build a new elementary school on the land where the existing school buildings were located.

This transition occurred in the late 30's thru the 50's and into the early 60's. The High School students began to attend school at Enumclaw High School in 1943. On July 21, 1975 the Black Diamond District #190 was dissolved and the territory was annexed to Enumclaw School District #216 the same year that the Black Diamond Historical Society was formed. Black Diamond has been part of the Enumclaw School District for 40 years and the students have been attending High School in Enumclaw since 1943 – over 70 years.





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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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12 to 4 p.m. (summer)



This issue has a wide variety of interests...

and information. With the school bond issue just ending, I start with an historic time line of our Black Diamond Schools and the journey our district took over the years.

Next we look at some accomplishments of a couple of our members. Jack Davis has written and published his book called "Trucking American - The Life Line of Our Country", (available on Amazon), with a highlight of his presentation to the general membership. Gomer Evans received a very distinguished award from the

Daughters of the Revolution for his service in the military followed by his community service. The nomination was over 8 pages long and Keith highlighted a few of his service activities.

How much do you know about the varied history of our beloved Train Depot? Our esteemed President sent in pictures of the different stages through it's life cycle. Thank you Bill Kombol for submitting a fascinating article from the "Pacific Coast Bulletin" from July-August of 1916. We wrapped it all up with a calender of events on the back page.

I started a little research on the Green River Hot springs and would love to hear of your stories. Please submit any information you may have, including pictures, to museum@blackdiamondmuseum.org, by the last Board meeting in June so I can (hopefully) get the next issue out

A MESSAGE from the EDITOR



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in a more timely manner.

I am also looking for your old family photos. If you've got one that would stump our readers, email it in with the details and we'll see how many still recognize them!

Any ideas and suggestions for changes and inclusions to be added or research projects you'd like to know more about are always appreciated. Just let us know what you'd like to see in the Bulletin.

Leih Mulvihill
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**Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
Hear Ye!**

**BLACK DIAMOND
SCHOOL REUNION
JUNE 3RD 11-3PM**



Presidents Message: Spring 2015

Currently there is an election on “Proposition No. 1, Bonds to Improve Safety, and Renovate and Construct Schools”. If Proposition No. 1 receives a 60% positive vote the Black Diamond Elementary school will be replaced and the Enumclaw High School will be renovated. The High School now houses 1300 students and the Black

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



KEITH
WATSON

*President's letter
Jan 2015*

passed, it will not put an additional burden on the tax payers for it is renewing an existing bond that built the Enumclaw Thunder Mountain Middle School. Time will tell.

The Black Diamond School Reunion is going to be held in the Black Diamond Community Center on Wed. June 3rd from 11AM to 3PM. We are honoring the class of 1965 this year but anybody can come from any class and invitations are almost in the mail. If you do not get one please call the Community Center and they will mail one to you. The telephone number is 360-886-1011.

Diamond Elementary has just under 300 students. The High School has over 70 entrances and the Elementary School has 40% of its students in portable classrooms. Student safety is a prime concern and the interesting point of this election is that, if

At the museum we have installed a 12 foot granite bench that was donated in-kind by Gomer Evans. It is located on the front portion of the museum facing the Coal Miners Honor Garden and is very comfortable. Thanks Gomer. *(Pictured on page 5)*

We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with members Jean and Bill Boston. Jean is the membership chair and Bill is the Treasurer. They have been outstanding in their support and work for the Society. They have decided to move to another state and will be missed by all who know them. Thanks you two!

Replacements are hard to find and we looking for a Membership Chair. If you are interested, please let us know. Our new Treasurer is Elsie Parkin who also has a history of volunteerism in Black Diamond. Welcome aboard you two; we really appreciate what you are doing.

What a surprise we had when Mike Deicher offered to donate a 10 foot counter from his business that is across the street from the museum. His Pizza Deli which is in the original Drug & Confectioner Store building and the cabinet he donated is the glass candy counter many a Black Diamond Kid and Adult paused at to purchase penny candy before going to the Show Hall to watch a movie. Mike helped move the cabinet to the Museum



with the help of Joe Androsko, and Steve Israel. Thanks Mike, what a great treasure. It is now located in the auditorium and we will be filling it with some candy. Thanks Joe and Steve for help with the move.

Every year we take tours to our sister coal mining town of Franklin. This year on the first Saturday of February it down poured so much rain that most of the 50 attendees were soaked to the bone with rain. They still had an informative trip thanks to our volunteers and the people who presented the “before and now” comparisons; thanks Don Mason, Dave Watson, and Ken Jensen. On the first Saturday of March the weather was

beautiful and 200 people attended the tour. Thanks to all who came on the tours and to the volunteers who helped at the museum prior to the tours.

The antique fire truck will be moving into firehouse #99 that sits across the street from the Elementary School. Thanks to Mayor Carol Benson and Fire Chief Greg Smith for your backing in this move. It will be safe and ready to represent the City of Black Diamond in some of the events in the City as well as in Parades in adjacent communities. Joe Androsko is putting the final touches into the restoration and is very proud of all the folks who helped in the hours and hours of restoration work. Thanks again to all those who contributed.

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We are looking forward to a great Summer Season at the

Presidents Message: Spring 2015^{cont.}

museum with a kick-off on July 11th of Miners Day. It starts with a 5K race/walk with demonstrations at the gym after the race. A hot air balloon rides at the school play field and then down to Railroad Avenue where the street will be blocked off for vender booths and cool things to do like a dunk tank, kids crafts, and life music. Last year we had a train robbery at the museum with people being put in our vintage jail after a chase. There is also the Antique Store that is almost a museum in itself. It's located just south of the Museum and they are very community oriented and great people. The restored fire truck will be there with

siren and all. There will be plenty of food at the local "Eagles", "Pizza Deli", "Smoke House and More", and the famous "Black Diamond Bakery Eatery and Coffee Shop/ Juice Bar".

The Christmas in July Community Christmas Sale on July 24-25 will be at the Black Diamond Bakery, Black Diamond Antique Store, Masonic Lodge, and the Black Diamond Farmers Market. The sales generated will be donated to the Home Town Christmas event on Railroad Ave. on Sat. Dec. 12th.

Then there will be the three day Labor Day event which features fun and games on Saturday Sept.

5, Sunday Sept. 6, and on Monday Sept. 7th the Labor Day parade, started with the blowing of the museums antique fire siren followed by events at the Eagles with a 200 vehicle car show, museum presentations, and with many attractions on the school playfield.

We at the Historical Society wish you and yours a happy spring and summer. Please come see us if you can!

Keith Watson
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Welsh Days - June 6, 2015

The town of Black Diamond was founded by coal miners from Nortonville California who sent prospectors to the Green River area looking for coal. The nationality of these folks was Welsh along with some Italians.

The Historical Society has had annual "founders get-together's" at the museum for many years and we have called the event "Welsh Day" even though the people in town were and are from all over the world. In 1930 there were 30 languages spoken here. The

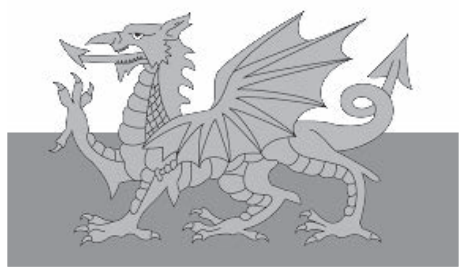
Welsh were well schooled in the art of coal mining and passed their skills onto many miners who did the mining and did work on the surface on the mines. Welsh Day this year is on June 6th and is held at the museum. There will be entertainment and of course the homemade goodies. It all starts at noon.

– 12:00PM museum opens; 1:00PM program begins. This year Bill McJohn will join us to play his Welsh Triple Harp

claimed to be the oldest national flag still in use. But why a dragon? The answer to that particular question is lost in history and myth.

Although Owain Glyndwr raised the dragon standard in 1400 as a symbol of revolt against the English Crown, the dragon was brought to England by the House of Tudor, the Welsh dynasty that held the English throne from 1485 to 1603. It signified their direct descent from one of the noble families of Wales. The green and white stripes of the flag were additions of Henry VII, the first Tudor king, representing the colours of his standard.

During Henry VIII's reign the red dragon on a green and white background became a favorite emblem on Royal Navy ships.



The Welsh Flag

The current Welsh flag was officially adopted in 1959, and is based on an old royal badge used by British kings and queens since Tudor times. The red dragon itself has been associated with Wales for centuries, and as such, the flag is

Exerpt from: <http://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofWales/The-Red-Dragon-of-Wales/>



BLACK DIAMOND MINERS DAY 11

Schedule of Events

- 6:00pm Friday **Artist's Chalk-In** Railroad Ave.
 -Noon Saturday
 9:00 **Coal Miner's Classic 5K Run** 25551 Lawson St.
 10:00-12:00 **Jazzercise, Volleyball, One on One Basketball Demonstrations** 25551 Lawson St.
Hot Air Balloon Rides Elementary School Ball Field
 10:00-4:00 **Museum Tours**
Street Fair on Railroad Avenue
- Live Music
 - Vendor Booths, Crafts, Food, Demonstrations
 - Children's Crafts
 - Local Celebrity Dunk Tank
 - Beer Garden at Black Diamond Pizza-Deli
 - Classic Car Display Eagles Club
- 10:30 AM **5K Award Presentations**
 11:00 1:30 3:00 **The Great Train Robbery**
 11:30 AM **Donut Eating Contest**
 1:00 **Vintage Fashion Show**
 2:30 PM **Children's Show, Mrs. Periwinkle and Possum**
 4:00 PM **Close of Street Festival**

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Gomer sitting on the beautiful 12 foot granite bench that he donated in-kind.

Share your family photos!

Do you know who these delightful children are?

(Answer in the next issue.)



100 Years Ago The Mike Miller Story - continued Chapter 4

(A fictional account based on Historical facts)

by Keith Watson

Mike Miller here – the year is 1915 and I've been working for the Pacific Coast Coal Company for nearly a year. My responsibilities are concerned with the 11 boilers that produce steam for the steam engines that run generators and pumps for coal mine number eleven as well as electricity for the town.

I've found that no two boilers are alike even if they are the same model. Every steam boiler, like every steam engine, has an individuality of its own which the person in charge has to become acquainted in order to obtain the best results from it.

Before lighting the fire under the boiler in the morning, the engineer or fireman should make a diligent examination of the boiler for the right amount of water, test the safety valve, should open the upper gauge-cock to let out the air from the boiler while the steam is forming, should examine the condition of the grate-bars and see that no clinkers and but few ashes are left from the last firing and finally after seeing everything is in good shape, proceed to build the fire as follows: put an armful of shavings upon the grate, then some larger pieces of wood to form a bed of coals and then a little coal, close the fire doors and light the fire through the hole in the door giving all the draughts wide open.

As the fire increases in intensity put more coal on the fire but not too much keeping the build-up of temperature at a slow pace so as not to damage any of the boiler parts with early high temperatures. As soon as steam is seen coming

from the open upper gauge-cock it is proof the air is out and should now be closed and the steam gauge will soon indicate arise in temperature.

Next, I need to check that all the cocks and valves are in working order and that all the joints and packing's are tight. Throughout my shift I need to keep the even depth of coal on the grate bars which will result in a uniform generation of gas throughout the charge and a uniform temperature in the flues. The large coal must be broken into pieces no larger than a man's fist. When fired properly and the coal is consumed in

the best possible way it will produce a sufficient quantity of steam keeping the steam pressure even.

This is what I do all day on my shift at the mine. Shoveling coal into the boiler fire is very hard work while putting up with the produced heat. I would like to be trained on maintaining the steam engines that use the steam we produce.

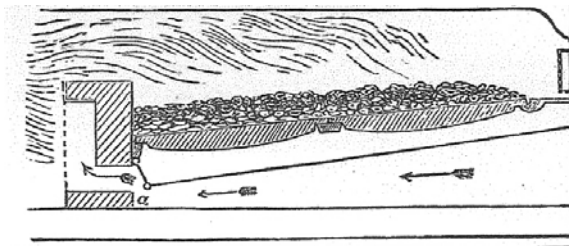
When I am off duty I enjoy going to the railroad depot to greet the passenger trains that come in from Seattle. They always deliver newspapers and mail to the depot and this is my contact with the rest of the world. In my native county of England the news is not very good. There is a war in Europe that is escalating in intensity and some of my friends are involved in

it on the continent. In talking with other mine workers they have the same concern for their families and friends. There was a report that a German submarine torpedoed and sunk the British ocean liner Lusitania with the loss of over 1000 people. Let's hope that the conflict ends soon.

There are so many smells in the air of Black Diamond. The coal smoke from the buildings and trains, the wood burning smoke from the brick oven at the bakery and, if the wind is just right, the smell of freshly baked bread at the bakery and from the outside brick ovens in back of homes.

The landscape is full of many shades of green with the plants and trees adding their many fragrances to the air. What a wonderful area to live in and the people who live here are as varied as you could imagine with customs and languages that are so different from what I'm used to. One of my fellow workers invited me to supper. The family immigrated from Italy with 6 children and the meal was served with hot bread and something called spaghetti. It contained home-made long noodles with a good tasting sauce poured over the noodles. It was so good and it smelled wonderful!

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“Trucking America-The Life Line of our Country”

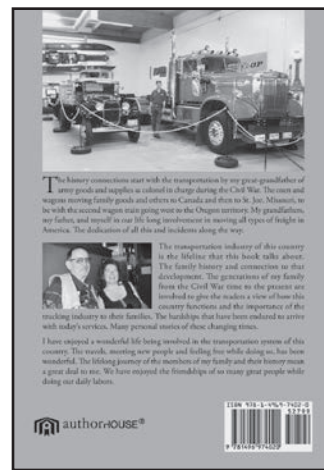
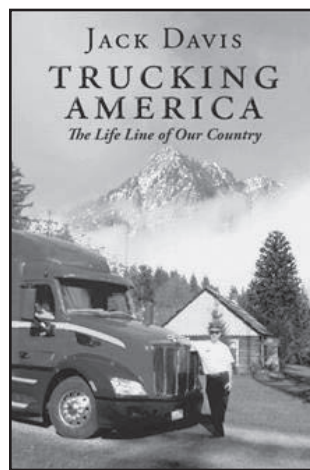
Author Jack Davis



The history connections start with the transportation by my great-grandfather of army goods and supplies as colonel in charge during the Civil War. The oxen and wagons moving family goods and others to Canada and then to St. Joe, Missouri, to be with the second wagon train going west to the Oregon territory. My grandfathers, my father, and myself in our life long involvement in moving all types of freight in America. The dedication of all this and incidents along the way.

Jack Davis giving our attendees at the General Membership April Meeting his reason for writing the book “Trucking America – The Life Line of Our Country” which is a history of the

trucking industry looking through his family history since the “War between the States”. Great job by Jack and he was gracious enough to have a book signing at the end of his talk. ◆



Gomer Evans receives a Distinguished Citizen Award from the DAR. Daughters of the American Revolution



See accompanying article page 14

The Black Diamond Railroad Depot constructed by the Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad in 1886

by Keith Watson

1900



Black Diamond Depot, C 1900. The man in the bowler is Tom X. Davies. The depot was built by the Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad and later enlarged by the Pacific Coast Railroad. The building later served as a restaurant, library, phone exchange and water department office. Photo courtesy of Barbara Hougardy.



1915



1925

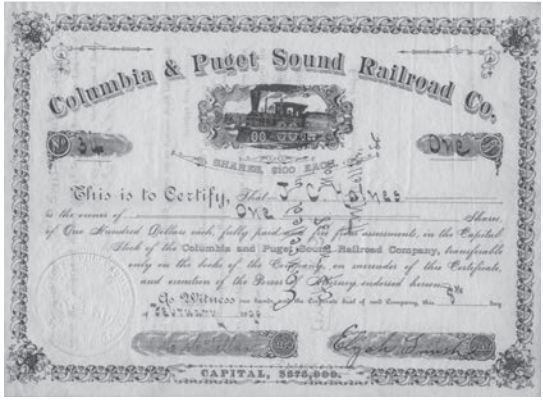
Facing South from behind depot



1949

Black Diamond Cafe
1940'S

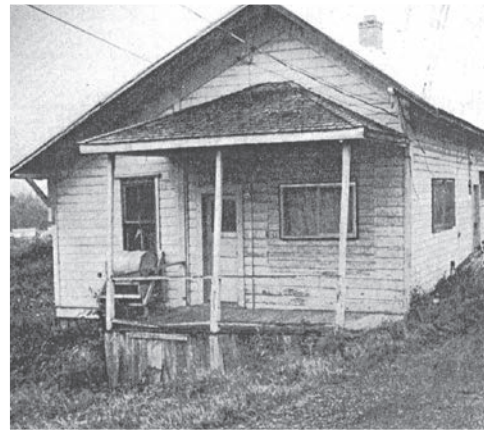




C&PSR co. Stock Certificate dated Feb 8, 1890 1 Share=\$100



1970's back side showing the bathroom extension



1970



1980s



1975

1990s



2013

Photos by Bob Dobson

2014

Pictorial History of our beloved Depot!

Agent's Sales Keep 130 Men Working Six and One-Half Years

It took 130 men working ten hours a day for six and one-half years to supply enough coal to meet the selling abilities of J.F. Torrence, agent at Tacoma, Wash., of the Pacific Coast Coal Company, while he has been in charge of that office.

This is the way it figures out: Mr. Torrence's office has sold 253,675 tons of coal in six and one-half years. This is an average of 130 tons for each working day. Statisticians maintain that every ton of coal consumed has given employment to one man ten hours, which includes mining, preparation for market, railroad transportation, hauling to yards, wagon transportation and labor expended on appliances. So, by his sales efforts, Mr. Torrence has kept 130 men busy six and one-half years.

To do this required lots of good hard work. It was in September, 1909, that the Tacoma coal depot was opened on lots leased from the Northern Pacific Railway. There were about eighty yards of track, a warehouse and a one-room office. The yard was covered with tall weeds in summer and mud in winter. The old wharf broke down under the weight of the first shipment placed on it. A new wharf was built, planks were laid through the yard and coal unloaded upon them – shoveled by hand from railroad cars, screened by hand and shoveled by hand into wagons for delivery. Coal for tugs was moved across the yard in wheelbarrows and shoveled aboard.

Struggle for Recognition.

The Pacific Coast Coal Company was unknown in Tacoma at that time, save by a few waterfront men, some coal dealers and several wholesale houses that sold merchandise to the company's stores. In speaking of the fight for recognition in the new territory, Mr. Torrence recently said:

We found a few customers at once. These we tried to serve so well that they told their friends about us. Each friend had a friend and each friend's friend had a friend and all these friends we tried to make our friends. This method we practice to this day and it wins. Our customers are our best boosters. It takes a

lot of work and time, but it gets results.

Other coal dealers opposed our company starting business in Tacoma. They saw to it that we were well advertised as the 'Seattle company,' 'the foreign concern' and other titles. 'Buy your coal from home merchants,' 'Spend your money with people who pay taxes in Tacoma,' made headlines for their advertisements.

Experience Similar to Others.

But our experience was much the same as others who have started a new business in a territory long held by established firms."

Today this company owns a solid block of Tacoma waterfront, 290 feet wide and 325 feet deep. Upon this well located site are built the most modern, most compact, most convenient, safest and most economical coal bunkers and coal bins on the Pacific Coast. Our coal is received either by water or rail and is loaded, unloaded, or transferred, by a steam locomotive crane with only one handling. It is screened and loaded into trucks or wagons, scows or cars by gravity.

Largest Coal Depot in Tacoma

The purchase two years ago of the property on which the yard now stands enabled the company to build these bunkers and install this machinery and in addition gave the firm its position as the largest Tacoma coal depot.

In Tacoma there are more than forty-five firms selling coal; almost every one of them retails mill wood, slabs and forest wood at low prices. Every winter dozens of curbstone dealers appear. We get along nicely with all these and sell to most of them.

Of the coal burned in Tacoma, more is mined by the Pacific Coast Coal Company than from all other mines in the State of Washington combined. There are more Diamond Briquets used than any lump coal from any mine in any state. The Tacoma depot has sold more than a million dollars' worth of coal and its total losses have been little more than one-tenth of one per cent."





Upper picture shows old coal yards of Pacific Coast Coal Company at Tacoma



Lower shows present modern yards.

Donations

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



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Obituaries

MARIE ANN EVANS 1933-2015



Lifetime Society member, Marie Ann Evans, passed away January 15, 2015 surrounded by family, after a long illness. She was born to Henry Clay and Naomi Belle (Horner) Barnes June 29th, 1933 in Sheridan, Oklahoma.

The family moved to Maple Valley in 1941 where she attended school. Marie married Gomer Evans on Jun 11, 1949. They had two daughters, Sherrie and Debby, and lived their 65 years of marriage in Black Diamond.

Marie was a Golden member of the Black Diamond Eagles. She was involved for a number of years with the Enumclaw Golf Club and the Lee Hotel tournament; she participated on the Federal Way Bowling League for 20 years. Marie was also a Lady Shriner. Her giving and gracious nature report that she gave away the family Thanksgiving turkey, cooking in the oven, to a friend who hadn't bought theirs yet the night before the holiday.

Marie is preceded in death by her parents, sister Lydia, brothers Hank and Gene, grandson Ronald Paul Armstrong and son-in-law Ken Jensen. She is survived by her loving & devoted husband of 65 years, Gomer Evans, sister Hazella Peterson, daughters Sherrie Evans & Debby Campbell (Mark), her loving niece, Nonie Coby, grandsons Michael Armstrong and Jeffery Jensen (Kate), and granddaughter Jennifer Jensen. She has several great-grandchildren and 32 nieces and nephews. Marie is greatly missed and left memories galore.

MARTHA ANNA MCPHERSON 1931-2015



Society member Martha Anna McPherson passed away February 17, 2015 at the age of 83. She was born December 15, 1931 in

Bellingham to Charles and Christine Golden. Martha married George McPherson on April 19, 1952. They resided in Black Diamond the past 26 years.

Martha graduated from Western Washington College in 1954 with a degree in education. She taught elementary school in Everson, WA, San Diego, CA, and Tachikawa Air Force Base in Japan before her tenure in Enumclaw, teaching for 20 years between 1965 and 1990. Martha had a special ability at teaching children to read. After retiring, Martha & George enjoyed traveling and sharing their Lake Sawyer home with family and friends. She continued teaching through Sunday school at St. Catherine's Episcopal in Enumclaw. She also sang in the Seattle Chorale, was a past Chair for the Enumclaw League of Women Voters, and was a member of the Enumclaw Garden Club.

Preceding Martha in death are her parents, brothers Wesley and Louis Feighner, sisters Mona Douglas, Hope Hansen, Kay Boehringer and Rachel McLoed. She is survived by her loving husband, George, and daughters, Robin (John) Porter of Maple Valley, an Kathy (Rob) Thomas of Renton; her son, Steve (Shinako) McPherson of Maple Valley; many grandchildren, one great-grandchild, as well as a host of nieces and nephews. Martha was a loving and much loved soul who is dearly missed. She made a difference with causes close to her heart which leave a legacy to her family.

MARGARET ANN PEARCE 1926-2012



Lifetime Society member Margaret Ann Pearce, passed away peacefully March 23, 2012 at the age of 85. She was born on June 27, 1926 in Black Diamond to Albert and Selma Anderson Franz. She was raised in Enumclaw and Black

Diamond, moving to Utah in 1961, where she resided in Roy, UT until her death. She valued her upbringing from a small, diverse community in Black Diamond and continued keeping connected.

Margaret married Larry Pearce in 1947 and had 64 happy years together. She was a member of the Clearfield Community Church and Washington Heights Baptist Church. Margaret had a heart of serving people as exemplified by her acts of deeds. She was a "Pink Lady" at Davis North Hospital, and fixed dolls for

the Salvation Army. Her hobbies and passions were sewing, cross-stitching, reading, canning & traveling. She made a mean batch of chocolate chip cookies, as well as homemade bread. Her family life was her top priority.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Larry, three daughters, Eileen (John) Nicolas, Sally, and Diane. She leaves 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Also surviving her are two brothers, Albert Franz, Robert Franz, and one sister, Betty Uhrig, and many friends.



MARGARET WHITE
1921-2015

Society member, Margaret White, passed away March 13, 2015, at age 94, in Sequim, Washington. She was born

February 9, 1921 to Gomer and Alice Evans. She was the third oldest of nine children, raised entirely in Black Diamond.

Margaret attended Black Diamond High School, graduating in 1939. She was active in school, participating on the girls basketball team, and was frequently mentioned in The Sparkler school paper for various social bits. She enjoyed going to her high school class reunions throughout her life.

Margaret married George White in 1941 and they had three children. They later divorced. She is survived by her son Bill White (Karen); brothers Dave and Gomer Evans, sisters Lynn Bonnell, Debby Barnes, and Barbara Allen; two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her beloved son Robert White and daughter Elizabeth White; sister Muriel Wing and brothers Jim and Tom Evans.



TONY MOLA
1924-2014

Tony Mola was born to Esther and Mike Mola on January 17, 1924 in Easton, WA and passed away October 8, 2014 at 90 years young, living a long and fulfilling life. He was a Society member

since 2012 and was an active member of St. Barbara's Parish for several years. He was involved with the Sons of Italy for over 50 years, served on the Renton Planning Commission and was a member of NECA.

After graduation from Tahoma High School in 1942, Tony enlisted in the Navy where he trained as a machinist. His Navy career took him throughout the South Pacific. He spent 40 years of active and reserve duty when he retired with the rank of Chief Petty Officer. The comradery of his Navy friendships was an important touchstone and he was very proud of serving his country.

Tony married Jeana Scoccola in 1946 and had two children. He worked at Cascade Machinery until he opened his own business in 1968, Utilities Service Co. He remained active in the business until his death.

Loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, Tony is survived by his children, Beverly Fenton (Bob), Ed Mola (Lisa); longtime companion, Cindy Larson; sister Frances Lemo (Dick). Also, grandchildren Joe, Jason, Karla, and Erik; in-laws Violet DiPietro, Mondo and Maffalda Scoccolo, Mary Scoccolo, Eda and Dario Mastandrea. Tony's warmth, zest for the love of life and his genuine smile will forever be in the hearts of his family and countless friends he touched. He was one of a kind and passed joy and kindness with every handshake and hug.



Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die!*

Mary Frye (1932)

931

Number of guests
visiting the
museum during the
first quarter of
2015

Be Our Guest

by Dee Israel

There were visitors from 9 States: California, Florida, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee; as well as Washington. There were also people visiting from other Countries, such as England and Ukraine.

Comments

Always an interesting look at our history

Kind People, Interesting History, Great Experience

Amazing! Love it

Here for a school project for WA His-

tory

Fantastic

Beautiful Place, Very Interesting

Great to see a community so devoted to it's history

Astounding

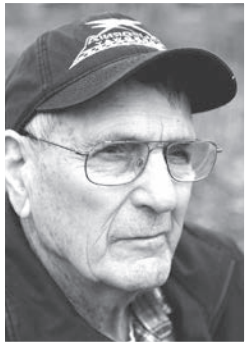
So cool to be surrounded by this history

Great/Friendly

Nice to see history of the past

DAR Distinguished Citizen Award Goes to Gomer Evans April 2015

by Keith Watson



The DAR (Daughters of the Revelation) Distinguished Citizen Metal was established to recognize worthy citizens for extraordinary service in the defense, promotion, and / or preservation of our American heritage of freedom. The medal is awarded to an individual who fulfills the ualities of honor,

service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. A chapter may present this medal after they have nominated and submitting an article relative to the individual's accomplishments. The National Society up approval, will then authorize the chapter to make a presentation at their chapter meeting. The summary submitted on Mr. Evans was eight pages long. A few highlights of his submission...

This town means a lot to Gomer. Both his mother and father were immigrates from Wales. His father came when he was only 18 years old. His mother's first came to the Seattle area with her dad, mother, sister and her uncle. His father and mother actually met in Black Diamond, were married in 1917, raised their nine children, Gomer being #6. His father had been a coal miner in Ferndale, Wales, where he began

working at age 9 in the coal mines. During a visit to Wales in 2002, Gomer was able to see where his dad lived and the mine he worked in , and actually brought back pieces of slate.

Gomer remembers going to the Show Hall located across Railroad Ave. from the Bakery. He loved going on Wednesday night, because it was for kids. If your family worked in the mines, your name was on the list and that is how you got in.

At age 15, he worked stocking shelves in the local market, helps in the warehouse and delivered groceries. Most people did not have automobiles and walked to the store. So after school, he would get his 1934 Ford truck, load up the groceries and start delivering.

In June 1960 he was appointed the Town Marshall for \$50 a month. He didn't have a radio for the patrol car or a window between the front and back seat of the vehicle, but he remembers the council approving 2 badges and 2 new jackets!





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Annual Business	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime Individual	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Museum Use Only) Referred by: _____ Date: _____ Posted by: _____ Date: _____ (rev. _____)



WELCOME NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

By Jean Boston, Membership Chair

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has 314 memberships.

We are pleased to announce that during the first quarter of 2015 we have acquired the following new memberships:

- Kenneth E Banchemo
- Patricia and Patrick Coogan
- Brett A Hamann
- Shane Riley
- Carl Slater
- David Woodford

Welcome one and all!

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

- Lynne and DeBra Bonnell
- Roy Callero Jr
- Stacey Jones Chisam
- Lois Clapper
- Beth Deady
- Troy Deady
- Mike Deicher
- Cheryl Dubbs
- Carl Falk
- Gary Gibbon
- Tonia and Richard Hansen
- Dave Hester
- Harry C. & Sharon A. Kreul
- George McPherson
- Joseph G. Lapham
- Ralph Lapham
- Palmer Coking Coal
- Mike Parkin

- Beverly Prkacin Read
- Jeanne Riggs
- Laura Saftich
- Warren Shukis
- Dennis and Deborah Stebly
- Louis and Florence Traverso
- Betty Uhrig
- Richard VanHorn
- Keith & Judy Watson
- Eileen Wyke



Bravo!



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Sunday Sun.	Monday Mon.	Tuesday Tue.	Wednesday Wed.	Thursday Thu.	Friday Fri.	Saturday Sat.
BLACK DIAMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY						
Calendar:						
June 3 -How Black Diamond Began –trio- Mercer Island Probus Wed. at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church 3605 84 th Ave. SE Wed. 1:30						
June 3 - Black Diamond School Reunion Wed. 11-3 at Community Center						
June 6 - Welsh Day at the museum Sat. 12- 4						
July 11 - Miners Day Sat. 9-4 on Railroad Avenue - parking at school play ground.						
July 24-25 Fri.-Sat. - Community Christmas Sale – located at the Bakery, BD Antiques, Masonic Hall, and Discovery Center – proceeds to fund Home Town Christmas on Dec. 12.						
Sept. 7 - Labor Day museum 10-4 after parade (3 day event Sat., Sun.,& Mon.)						
Oct. 25 Sun - General Membership Meeting 1PM Elections for board members and officers						
Dec. 12 Sat - Home Town Christmas on Railroad Ave						