



Black Forest Community Club Newsletter



November 2009



“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Oktoberfest was a Great Community Party!

Eddie Bracken and Chuck Lidderdale spent the afternoon cooking up great brats. Later the setup crew moved tables and chairs while Dan and Diane Hagmaier manned the kitchen. Trish Dudding hung spider webs and black netting over the Spook Room where she told her wonderful scary stories to wide-eyed kid after they stuck their hands into bags of eyeballs, brains, guts, and real liver. Soon the whole building was full as over 125 people enjoyed chatting and eating and listening to Joel Theriault's band (the Sagebrush Wranglers). Judges marked ballots as they tasted all the contestants' desserts and checked out the carved pumpkins. Scout leaders, Pat McDivitt and Catherine Beiswenger, and Jimmy McDivitt did their part of roasting wieners and marshmallows for the kids. A big thanks to Eddie and Chuck, Jace and Marie Turner, Mike and Mary Moore, Joan Bracken, Diane and Hank Hoover, and all those who helped with set-up, kitchen duty, and clean up. This was a fun community effort! And thanks to all who provided all the yummy desserts!

- WINNERS!**
- Apple Desserts: 1st Place Ribbons to Lisa Ross for her Apple Baklava
2nd Place Sherrie Lidderdale for a gingerbread apple dessert
3rd Place to Judy von Ahlefeldt for a tri-apple pie
- Pumpkin Desserts: 1st Place to Mary Moore for pecan/pumpkin pie
2nd Place to Chuck Lidderdale for pumpkin mousse
3rd Place to Sue for pumpkin bars
- Pumpkin Carving: 1st Place to Carolyn Brown
2nd Place to Taylor Culp
Tied for 3rd Place: Sydney Culp and Dax Culp

Thanks to everyone for making this a great community event!

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Wolves Return to the Black Forest!!!

Saturday, November 14, 7 PM

On **November 14, 2009 at 7PM** the **Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center** will be at the Black Forest Community Club along with an **Ambassador Wolf** to give a presentation regarding the status of wolves and their program to rescue animals. This is the second time they have been to the club and it is always educational and great fun. **This is a good opportunity to have your picture taken with a wolf.**

Come early and enjoy sloppy Joes, chips, drinks, etc. offered by the youth group from the Black Forest Community Church who are raising money for their mission.

Christmas Baskets for Needy Children

Christmas Baskets for needy children from Wolford Elementary School: There will be lists of those families that the school counselor provides which need our help for the holidays. The lists will be available at the **November 14 meeting** and the **December 4 Treelighting/Children's Night with Santa**. Please be sure to sign up and buy gifts for the family member that you choose. **Non-perishable food items can also be dropped off at the Club any time that the building is open.** There will be marked containers available for donations. Thanks for helping out those who need our help.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Treelighting and Santa and Mrs. Claus arrival by fire truck Friday, December 4 at 7pm. Enjoy a few Christmas carols around the tree on the corner of Black Forest and Shoup Roads before the lights are turned on by the current Keepers of the Keys, Joan and Eddie Bracken. After the arrival of Santa, everyone can retire to the warmth of the building and enjoy some Christmas spirit with music and singing and cookies. All children will have a chance to tell Santa all while Mrs. Claus helps with the candy canes.



CLUB CHRISTMAS POTLUCK: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Dec. 12, 6pm.** Bring a dish to share and **some non-perishable food items for the BFCC Christmas Food Baskets.**

Note from Chairman of the Board, Phil Hosmer Lifetime Member Nominations

At the September 24, 2009 BFCC Board and Officers meeting, the Board approved nomination of **Don Pelli**, **Dorothie Munson Ingram** and **Ruth Ann Steele** as "Lifetime" members of the Club. Here is the Club Bylaws language defining the criteria for Lifetime membership:

"Section 3. Lifetime Membership Lifetime membership may be conferred upon a person who has contributed to the betterment of the BFCC, the community, or the Black Forest. Such distinction would be recommended by the board of directors with the approval of the membership. Lifetime members must live within stated Black Forest boundaries at the time of appointment and are entitled to privileges of active members. Payment of dues is optional and left to the discretion of the lifetime member."

Don has contributed significantly to the betterment of both the Club and the community with his time and resources. For several years, he has voluntarily cleared the Club's parking areas of snow throughout the winter seasons. This not only helps the Club, but it also helps the Community with access to the facility for various programs such as the Santa arrival festivities. He has also provided free professional shuttle service at the Black Forest Festival for the past several years. That has grown to be a very popular service to the community and this year's Festival shuttle service provided over 700 people trips to the community.

Dorothie's service to the Club and the Black Forest community spans many years of dedicated service through her efforts starting up and sustaining the Black Forest volunteer fire service and the first EMT in the Forest. Her store's phone was essential to calling volunteers to respond to emergencies.

Ruth Ann Steele has also been nominated for this honor. Possibly the best-known person in the Forest, Ruth Ann is active in so many areas. She plays the piano at the Black Forest Community Church; gives piano lessons; originated and works the Slash/Mulch Program; Chair of EPC Noxious Weed Committee; leads the Christmas carols for the annual Treelighting/Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the BFCC; Forest Chorus Director; Master Gardener. She participates in the annual bird count and is responsible for building and installing dozens of blue birdhouses around the area, thus the name, The Bluebird Lady.

During the January 21, 2010 Club elections, members will be asked to vote approval of these three Lifetime membership nominations

BFCC Dates to Remember

A Quick Look at Club Activities for 2009

Saturday	November 14	7 PM	Wildlife in the Forest / Food at 6:30 PM
Thursday	November 19	7 PM	Board Meeting; Wildfire Protection report
Friday	December 4	7 PM	Tree Lighting / Santa's Arrival (Note Date Change)
Saturday	December 12	6 PM	Christmas Potluck
Wednesday	December 16	10 AM	Christmas Food Baskets

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!!!

Remember to pay your dues for 2010. Annual dues are \$15 per family. Elections will be January, 2010. Consider this your notice that everyone needs to send in their dues (unless you have paid next year in advance) before the end of 2009. New members who paid after August 1 are paid up through 2010. Dues must be paid before the end of the year in order to be able to vote in January elections.



INTERESTS SURVEY

In an effort to get an organized list of people and their interests in the BFCC, we ask that all members fill out this survey and return it to with your renewal check to:

Black Forest Community Club
 P. O. Box 88034
 Black Forest, CO 80908-8034

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Interests (Please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Black Forest Festival	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Seedling Tree Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Hall Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Hall Rental Mgmt	<input type="checkbox"/> Chili Cook-Off	<input type="checkbox"/> Game Night
<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> October Fest
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Wildfire Protection Plan		<input type="checkbox"/> Black Forest Assistance

As you can see, there are many places for helping hands. This is just a reminder of what the Community Club is and why people join. We need your participation in order to keep these activities going. **Please take time to send in this form promptly and be expecting a phone call. Thank You!**

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