



Black Forest Community Club Newsletter

September 2011



“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Wonderful Day for the Black Forest Festival!

Once again we had a wonderful day for the 2011 Black Forest Festival. Many volunteers made this a very smooth running affair. The list is long since we are lucky to have many dedicated workers willing to give up Friday and Saturday as well as many pre-Festival and post-Festival planning and wrap-up days. Under the guidance of our **Festival Chairman, Eddie Bracken**, most of the planning had been completed. **Phil Hosmer** had the transportation under control. **Barbara Hosmer** had taken care of the Keepers. **Bob Erler and his sons, Perry and Teddy**, took care of roping off the parade route. **Kris and John Urban** took the plunge this year to run the breakfast. **George and Terri Rosental** managed the aftermath volunteers' party. **Bill Brugh** led the set-up crew through the usual trials of transporting heavy stages across the parking lot and setting up canopies and umbrellas and chairs. He also did a great job along with **Jace Turner, Roger Schutte, and Mike Moore** in getting vendors in and out smoothly! **Shari Conley** did a wonderful job on the parade entries. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Andy Taylor
Bob Gould
Carolyn Brown
Dick Hoffman
Elder McLeish
Jace & Marie Turner
Jeff & Debbie Spector
Jon Karrol
Lee Orcutt
Nick Kneebone
Patrick O'Connor
Ron & Rosanne Brown
Judy von Ahlefeldt

Betty Kyle
Bob, Perry & Teddy Erler
David Hoffman
Ed & Ed Bracken
Hank Hoover
Jack Mitchener
Jessie Springer
Kathleen & John Cockson
Mark, Mary & Susan Lekarczyk
Mike, Ryan, Jacob & Nathan Seay
Phil & Barbara Hosmer
Sherrie & Chuck Lidderdale

Bill Brugh
Bobbie Harris
Dick & Judy Augustine
Elder Evile
George & Terri Rosental
James & Myra Woodruff
Joel & Moira Theriault
Kris & John Urban
Mike, Sean & Mary Moore
Pat & Jim Orban
Roger Schutte
Ron Davidson
Shari Conley



From the Jenkins Middle School Summer Band under the direction of Wayne Hoey to the Air Force Wild Blue Country and Joel Theriault's Sagebrush Wranglers Country Band, there was music in the air during the Festival. Thanks to all the musicians who played for our pleasure.

Community Businesses Pitch in to Sponsor Festival Shuttle *Phil Hosmer*

If you or rode on those shiny new Ramblin Express mini-busses working the Festival shuttle, you may have noticed the sign naming 11 local businesses who donated funds to sponsor the shuttle service. Here is the list of generous financial contributors who made the shuttle service possible:

Black Forest Auto Center
Black Forest Tractors & Trailers
Chickenman Customs (auto body)
Rockin' B Feed
The Pinery
Tri-Lakes Disposal

Black Forest Liquor Store
Black Forest Veterinary Clinic
Firehouse BBQ
Spirit Keeper Tavern
Transmission Clinic of Colorado

There was also a very special contribution by **Andy Taylor of Farmers Insurance** who donated a 15-passenger van that he drove himself to support the parade route.

Other critical support was offered by **Doug Barber of The Rawhide Company** and **Shari Warren of the Spirit Keeper Tavern** who offered their properties for off-site shuttle parking space. And finally, **Jack Munson** worked his John Deere smoothing out ruts and bumps from all the gravel lots and lanes used for the Festival. The behind the scenes story is that he drove 1500 miles out of his way to get his rig back to the Forest in time to support the Festival. Now that's community support. Festival leaders are very grateful for the support provided by the Black Forest business community.

August 26th Lawn Prep Workday

Our work day on Friday, August 26th went well until we were rained out. We still have a few hours of work to finish the project. A big thank you to Dick Augustine, Harold Haver, Dick Hoffman, Phil Hosmer, and Roger Schutte for their help. We appreciated Judy Augustine and Margaret Schutte for providing the noon meal.

The 2011 Get-Together for Festival Volunteers

George Rosental

We had the best turn-out for the ‘after-Festival” get-together! And thanks for that go to:

Marie & Jace Turner

Margaret & Roger Schutte

Judy & Dick Augustine

Diane & Hank Hoover

Ellen Alderson

Bill Brugh

Carolyn Brown (*aka Wonder Woman*)

Kathe & John Cockson

Barbara & Phil Hosmer

Cherie & Bob Eler

As well as the folks whose name my advancing years & diminishing memory dropped -- and of course the usual suspects who helped in setting up & cleaning the hall.

That being said, Let’s do it again!

Black Forest Log School Park Plans Announced

by Leif Garrison



Plans for the Black Forest Log School Park were announced at the Festival by Leif Garrison, one of the chief proponents for the idea of replacing the old fire station with a park that would include the old log school. This effort is sponsored by the Black Forest Community Foundation, Inc.

The antiquated Fire Station on the corner of Black Forest & Shoup has created a dilemma for the Black Forest Fire & Rescue Department:

- The property is a liability and a constant drain on the resources of the department.
- A solution to this dilemma will be to turn the land into a public park after demolition occurs.
- Transferring the property to the Community will meet the fiduciary responsibility of the Fire Department.

A 501(c) 3 Foundation such as the Black Forest Community Foundation can raise funds that are tax deductible. These funds will pay for the demolition of the old fire station and establish a community park around the Log School.

- **\$50,000 initial budget and goal**
 - \$25,000 from individual donations and grants (MVEA etc.)
 - \$25,000 from El Paso County in matching new park funds

These funds will pay for the demolition and removal of the building, mitigate asbestos, etc. and initial grading of the site.

You can be a part of this wonderful park development by sending your tax deductible donation to Black Forest Community Foundation, Inc., 6770 Shoup Road, Black Forest, CO 80908.

Once the building is demolished the land will transfer to the Foundation and the site graded and seeded.

The next phase will be to apply for grants (GOCO and others) to begin construction of the park.



The park will be designed to preserve the ambience of the Old Log School and could include a pavilion, fencing and playground equipment that is representative of the period.



The site could be registered as a Historic District with the National Historic Registry. The Historic District could include the Old Log School, the park, the Black Forest Community Club, and the other nearby historic log buildings.

Fund raising began with the kick-off during the Black Forest Festival, held on the 13th of August 2011. A quilt, "In the Woods" made by the Black Forest Quilter's Bee will be auctioned off on October 29, 2011 at a community event. A panel from this quilt was on display at the Festival.

Pledges and donations can now be accepted at any time. Black Forest Community Club has already pledged a \$5,000 matching grant.

Black Forest Community Foundation, Inc. Board and Officers:

- Board Chair-Leif Garrison**
- President-Ron Brown**
- Vice president-Ron Mitchell**
- Treasurer-Neil Wickliff**
- Secretary-Donna Arkowski**
- Ex-Officio-Eddie Bracken**

Co-Sponsors:

- Black Forest Community Club**
- Black Forest Fire and Rescue**
- Log School Committee**

Contacts:

- Leif Garrison 495-3517**
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Tax deductible donations:

- Black Forest Community Foundation, Inc.**
- 6770 Shoup Road**
- Black Forest, CO 80908**

This Park will be a great addition to the Community. In addition to enhancing the Old Log School, it will provide a place where the Community can congregate and offer recreational opportunities for the young and older that live here.

A public meeting will be held at the Black Forest Community Center on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm for public input. This is an opportunity for the residents to present their ideas about what their park should look like. Refreshments will be served.

Football in September at the USAF Academy

by Larry Fariss

Call today – 495-0724 – to secure your spot at the football game!

The BFCC will sponsor an outing to an Air Force football game Saturday, September 10. The game will be at 1:30 PM vs Texas Christian University (TCU). TCU and Air Force are both likely to be in the top 25 rankings at game time – it should be a good one! Those signed up to go will meet in the BFCC parking lot at 10:00am and carpool to Falcon Stadium for a catered tailgate from 11:30-1:00PM (all you can eat and drink), watch the game (1:30 kickoff) and sit together as a community, returning to Black Forest by 6PM. Attendees can choose a la carte levels of participation purchasing game ticket (\$25) and/or tailgate (\$25). Please contact Larry Fariss @ 495-0724 or email usafa1975@aol.com to leave your name, phone number and how many people you would bring and participation level (ticket and/or tailgate).

Quote of the Month

“The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.”

- Benjamin Franklin: Founding Father of the United States of America

Miscellaneous Items

Hall Rental Manager: Jeff Ader (cell: 232-1882)

Schedule of BFCC Events for 2011

Saturday	Sep 10	TBA	AF vs. TCU football game trip
Saturday	Oct 22	6:00 PM	Octoberfest \$5/family
Saturday	Nov 12	6:00 PM	Military Appreciation
Friday	Dec 2	6:30 PM	Treelighting / Santa's Arrival
Saturday	Dec 10	6:00 PM	Christmas Potluck
Wednesday	Dec 14	9:00 AM	Christmas Food Baskets
Thursday	Dec 15	7:00 PM	Officer & Board Meeting
Thursday	Jan 12	7:00 PM	Elections 2012

Reminder: BFCC Officers and General Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. However, there are some exceptions on the following dates:

- November 16th meeting will be on Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Club.
- December 15th meeting will be on Thursday at 7:00 PM at the Club.

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