
Black Forest Community Club Newsletter



June 2017

“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Schedule of BFCC Events:

Jun 11	Sunday	2 PM	Remembrance Event
Jun 22	Thursday	6:30 PM	Board and Officers’ Meeting
Jul 27	Thursday	6:30 PM	Board and Officers’ Meeting
Aug 12	Saturday	6:30 AM	Black Forest Festival

Reminder: BFCC Officers and General Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. However, there are some exceptions (like April) on dates due to the holidays in November and December.

Annual Black Forest Fire Remembrance

Log School Park Pavilion, Sunday, June 11th, 2 PM

The annual commemoration of the 2013 Black Forest Fire will be held this year on Sunday June 11 at 2pm. The ceremony will begin outside in the Pavilion in the Log School Park and will then move inside the Community Club for light refreshments and socializing.

Since Father Andrej is unable to attend, one of the Deacons from Our Lady of the Pines will lead the Prayer and Invocation. Following this, Laura Benjamin will give an uplifting talk with personal insight about losing one’s home to the fire.

After adjournment to the club hall, Eddie Bracken will give an update on the efforts of Black Forest Together to help Black Forest residents take care of the black trees and tree replacement. The Forest Chorus led by Sharlene Law will provide music for the event. Anyone wishing to bring cookies will be appreciated.

This year’s commemoration is sponsored by the Black Forest Interagency Forum and is co-hosted by the BFCC and the BF Community Foundation. Please plan to join your neighbors and friends in the Forest for this memorial ceremony and remembrance.

Noxious Weed Talk Well Attended

The Noxious Weed Talk and Walk given by our El Paso Country Weed Expert Tina Travis was well attended.

There was an eager crowd that showed up to hear how to deal with the abundant growth of mullein and Canada thistle and even the wild roses that can be very persistent plants in our area especially in wet periods.

Tina brought updated County Noxious Weed books and fresh samples of unwanted weeds. She explained that just because there are “natural” or homemade herbicides, that doesn’t imply that they couldn’t harm your soil, your garden, or your person. An herbicide is a “substance that is toxic to plants”, which means that your garden plants are just as susceptible to these treatments and they could have a negative effect in the soil if applied in large quantities, and they may cause human injuries if misused.

A Noxious Weed is one that has been declared as such by a local advisory board and meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Aggressively invades or is detrimental to economic crops or native plant communities
- Is poisonous to livestock
- Is a carrier of detrimental insects, diseases, or parasites
- The direct or indirect effect of the presence of this plant is detrimental to the environmentally sound management of natural or agricultural ecosystems.

Announcement from Black Forest Log School

Just a reminder that the Black Forest Log School is open for drop-in visitors on Thursday afternoons from noon to 3:00. The dates are June 15 through August 15, and it's free. If you have summer visitors of any age, they are sure to enjoy a look back in time at a one-room school. A lot of Black Forest history originated in that building.

N477 Cleanup & Tree Planting Update

by Rich Crawford

Coordination is under way with Boy Scout Troop 70 as well as an Eagle Scout from the Monument Troop.



Along with Rich's report, here are some pictures of hard working volunteers on past workdays. The three guys to the right of the two cadets are John Lohmeyer, Bill Brugh, and Joe Wetmore. Photo courtesy of Chuck Lidderdale.

Shari Conley and I have agreed to make room on southeast quarter of North 477 for all the animal booths scheduled to take part in BF Festival. We'll limit that public activity to just this nearby portion of the property and the parking area. Stacks of logs may still be on site in August pending decision on when & where to take them for processing prior to building homestead cabin, picnic shelters and fencing.

I've asked both Len Langford and a builder experienced in log milling and building to research the details of constructing these structures. I've also spoken with an interior decorator on the interior layout of the homestead cabin. It will probably end up being a cabin with one large room and a loft, in the pattern of many 1880's cabins.

The handle of "North 477" is beginning to take roots. I suggest that if another name is preferred, it would be good to move that process forward with a contest or some other means of arriving at a name NLT August of this year.

Finally, you need to be made aware that my family and I have a contract to purchase a 40-acre spread in the mountains southwest of Denver. We intend on moving this summer. Our current home is sold, and our daughter's 15-acre horse training facility at 10685 Burgess Road is listed for sale. I will continue to chair this development committee through 2017 as I committed to you in January. However, we should all be looking for the right person to lead this continuing effort beginning January 2018. Details of the plan for the finished product need to be worked out in preparation for giving "marching orders" to the new leader. It's been a real pleasure.



More cadets from the Air Force Academy who came to work on N477 for the day. Photo courtesy of Chuck Lidderdale.

Rich Crawford, Chair of North 477 Development Committee 2017

Future work days are scheduled at North 477 on June 17, July 8 and July 22. The Scouts and their leaders planted 60 small ponderosa trees donated by Black Forest Together on N477 in May.

First Annual Black Forest Summer Jazz Series

Starting Thursday, July 20th

Starting July 20 with Triple Play Combo through August 31, the BFCC will be sponsoring different bands at the **Log School Park Pavilion** every Thursday evening.

Get ready to come out for an evening of music in the Forest courtesy of Jeff Ader as we try to raise funds for the mortgage on the new property and the Log School House Foundation.

There are plans to have food and drink available for purchase (and a donation jar).

Bring your folding chairs or blankets and join us for an evening of fun and great music for a good cause.

Black Forest Festival

Saturday, August 12th

“Black Forest or Bust” is this year’s theme – Booths Still Available

Check out bfcommunityclub.org. Most information is under “**BF FESTIVAL.**” As of May 31 there are still 15 booths available. There are also many openings for the parade. Shari Conley is the Festival Chairman again this year. Here email is sharonc@q.com if you have further questions.

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

Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

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Publicity
Senior Assistance
Scout Troop

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