



**BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB  
FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER  
“Everyone is Family in the Forest”**

**Schedule of BFCC Events**

**Saturday, Feb. 15, 5pm**      **Valentine Social**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6pm**      **Festival Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday, Feb. 22, 5-8pm**      **Scout Fundraising Chili Dinner**  
**Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30pm**      **Board & Officers/General Meeting**

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and the events.

For Line Dancing classes, etc., check [bfcommunityclub.org](http://bfcommunityclub.org)

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**Valentine’s Day Social Saturday, February 15, 5pm**

This is a time to show off your culinary prowess by preparing your best cherry dessert or chocolate dessert or cherry chocolate dessert. Prizes will be awarded for the top three best desserts. That also means we need some dedicated judges to determine the best of the best. Come and enjoy some great desserts as we celebrate Valentine’s Day.

There will be drinks but feel free to bring a bottle of wine to share with friends.

**SCOUT FUNDRAISING CHILI DINNER FEBRUARY 22, 5-8pm**

Hi Black Forest Community,

The annual Troop 70 Chili dinner and Silent auction is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the Black Forest Community Center from 5 PM to 8 PM. If you have not marked that date on your calendars, please do so now.



The Chili Dinner and Silent Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year for Troop 70, and it allows the Troop to cover event costs for the boys and provide equipment and materials for our Scoutmasters to run our great scouting program.

Over the past few Chili Dinner events the silent auction team secured over \$12,000 worth of silent auction items each year. Purchasing these silent auction items is great way to support our local businesses and the Troop. In 2024 Troop 70 will complete our 72<sup>nd</sup> year of scouting in Black Forest and we are so thankful to have the widespread support from our community. Please come out on March 9<sup>th</sup> and enjoy a great dinner, visit with some long-lost friends and bid on some awesome silent auction items. For questions about the event or if you have items you would like to donate items to the silent auction please contact the following: **Kevin Vider, Committee Chair – [kjvider@gmail.com](mailto:kjvider@gmail.com) – 719-243-0409** or **Keith Kramer, Scoutmaster, [keithakramer@gmail.com](mailto:keithakramer@gmail.com) – 573-337-1768.** Thank you and see you on March 9, 2024 from 5 PM to 8 PM!!

**Note from the President Jim Collins**

Hello to this Great Community.

I am humbled to be elected President of our community club.

My desire is to:

Work with our board, officers, and members to grow the club stronger and inviting to all Black Forest residents.

To create a welcoming and fun environment for this community to meet and socialize with our community.

Through shared love for this community.

We have a great group of dedicated people who put on events for all.

We welcome new people and ideas to always improve on what we do. I look forward to meeting and getting to know more members and getting new members involved. Together we can all be stronger.



**Line Dance Absolute Beginner Bootcamp—great opportunity for newbie line dancers!!**

All classes taught at Black Forest Community Center.

Instructors: Mack and Yong

During the month of **February, on the 12th there will be an "absolute beginner" 90-minute line dance Boot Camp.**



**The second Wednesday of Feb from 9 AM to 10:30 AM, we will teach primarily dance STEPS only, not dances.** Primary focus is on steps; beginner line dance may be taught depending on student progress.

Location: Black Forest Community Center

**Price for this 90-minute lesson is \$10 per person \***

\*Funds are donated directly to the community center to help cover the cost of utilities and upkeep.

Great opportunity for new line dancers!!

Learn these steps then when you attend the regular beginner class, you will be much further along and enjoy yourself even more.

Note: please know that neither the instructors nor the community center are liable for any losses or injuries you may incur as part of this nonprofit community center class. It is always recommended that you see your physician prior to this and any other physical related class. Recommend you do not wear open toed shoes for this class.

**Call Mack for questions.**

**719-684-5370**

**MVEA Meeting at BFCC Thursday, January 30, 7-9pm CANCELLED**

The snowstorm led the organizers to decide to re-schedule to a later date. It will be announced as soon as decided.

**Elections were held and there was a great turnout even though the weather was cold and miserable.**

**BOARD AND OFFICERS:**

President: Jim Collins

Vice President: Kelly Marchbank

Secretary: John Trcka

Treasurer: Cherie Erler

Board Member with one year remaining: Sherrie Lidderdale

Board Member with two years remaining: Leif Garrison

Board Member with 3 years remaining: Mindy Geiser



## COMMITTEES

For an organization of this size to function efficiently, many more people than the seven on the board and officers are needed. They provide direction and action but more hands are needed. A good example is the **Festival Committee which is meeting Wednesday, February 19 at 6pm in the hall. All are welcome. If you have leadership qualities, there are openings for six leads. If you want to just do some small part, you are welcome to help out where you feel comfortable.**

These are some of the committees that are needing chairmen and/or committee members:

**Maintenance Jim Collins**

**Welcome Christy Collins**

**Membership**

**Social Dawn Sciarrotta**

**Festival John Bennett**

**Bylaws Leif Garrison**

If you would like work on any of these committees, **contact your president, Jim Collins, at [jimcolli@hotmail.com](mailto:jimcolli@hotmail.com) or 562 833-2449.**

### **Got Ideas for upcoming events at the BFCC?**

What would you like for activities at the hall? Informational talks? Game nights? Food events? First aid class? CPR training? Do you have a particular skill, interest, talent, person with a story? Let me know and we will try to get it on the calendar.

Carolyn 719 495-3127. [Browncarolyn828@gmail.com](mailto:Browncarolyn828@gmail.com)

## **“Hands & Feet”**

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors* (Article by Patricia Hunnybun)

Terry Stokka, longtime resident of 31 years and advocate for the preservation of Black Forest, has launched a new community outreach & support program called **Hands & Feet!**

This is a Black Forest community resource program where neighbors help other neighbors with simple ‘fix it’ type requests and support in other ways for those with limited mobility, skills, resources or budget.

The program is in its infancy and modifications will be made as it grows and more feedback is provided, not only by those who have volunteered to be ‘Fixers & Helpers’, but also by those that request assistance.

Terry has reached out to members of the ‘Friends of Black Forest’ over the past few months to see if there is a need in the community for such a program, as well as seeing if residents are willing to volunteer and donate their time and skills to support our neighbors. There has been an overwhelming response by the members who want to provide their time, skills and knowledge, to support the Hands & Feet program!

Terry loves Black Forest and is a strong advocate for people within our own community taking care of one another, with a focus on what we have in common (not our differences) such as, love for our community, one another and our way of life.

Members of the ‘Friends of Black Forest’ will receive copies of an Application Form to distribute to their neighbors and neighborhoods. The Application form needs to be

completed with the type of repair or support that is requested and then mailed or emailed to the address on the form.

There may be additional communications about the program via flyers, the club newsletter and media articles such as this, to spread the word and make residents aware of the 'Hands & Feet' program.

Initially the program is for simple and critical 'fix it' type of jobs, for those that may not have the budget, tools or skills necessary to do it themselves. If the requested repair requires a permit or is a larger scope job that a professional contractor is needed, the support team will let the requester know.

The program is free of labor charge, but any materials costs (once agreed upon up front) will be the responsibility of the requester. Initially the program is focused to assist seniors, those with limited mobility, single women or single parents within the community.

As the program is new, the full list of services available is not yet fully defined, so please feel free to complete an application with your specific service request so that the Program Director and assigned team can determine if the request can be supported and is within the scope of their skills.

The boundaries for Black Forest and this program is (W) Hwy 83, (N) County Line Road, (E) Eastonville Road and (S) Stapleton Road.

If you are a resident within the boundaries, with limited skills, budget or knowledge or need some support after a surgery, have limited mobility and need assistance with things like yard work, snow shoveling please visit this website and click on "continue" to get to the form to request assistance. <https://friendsofblackforest.org/helphands/>

If you are a resident that has skills to offer to the program, please contact Terry Stokka - [terry@friendsofblackforest.org](mailto:terry@friendsofblackforest.org)

### **In Memory**



Another one of our long-time BFCC members and volunteers, **Bill Brugh**, passed away recently. After joining the Air Force, Bill pursued electronics and communications. Later he would get his BS in Electronics and served as a Senior Electronic Engineer at Lockheed Martin Company until his retirement. Among his many interests were volunteering for maintenance projects at the BFCC, monitoring blue bird houses, Volksmarching, golfing with buddies, volunteering at the slash site, hunting, and growing vegetables in his greenhouse. He and Norma were married 64 years.

His cheery personality will be missed as well as his expertise with the various lighting situations and timers around the hall and the annual Christmas tree.

### **WORDS OF WISDOM**

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.

– Benjamin Franklin –

Here are some pictures from a long-time resident of the Black Forest



Before the Store



E.H. Thomson  
Black Forest Store  
1929

Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 88034

Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034

WEBSITE:

[www.bfcommunityclub.org](http://www.bfcommunityclub.org)

Please send this application to the address above. Membership is \$15.00 per family per year.

Monthly newsletter — (circle one) Electronic      Hardcopy

Name:

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Address:

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Phone:

E-mail:

\$15.00 Active Membership (Must reside within Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Voting)

\$15.00 Associate Membership (Outside Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Non-voting)

Circle any interest from those listed below:

Black Forest Festival

Land Use

Publicity

Membership

Hall Maintenance

Club Programs

Hall Rental Management

BFCC Property Development

**Pay Your Membership Dues Online!** You can now pay your membership dues online via PayPal. Just go to [www.bfcommunityclub.org](http://www.bfcommunityclub.org) and click on “Become a Member” on the left side of the home page or “Click Here to pay online.” You do not have to have a PayPal account to use it. You can choose debit or credit with VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, or AMERICAN EXPRESS. Choose this easy way to pay your membership dues or use the membership form above. **Don’t Know If Your Membership Is Current?** Just look at the address label and note the year date in the upper right corner. If it says 2024 or later, you are up to date. For those getting your newsletter by email, there is a similar designation. If you have questions, contact Chuck at 719 495-8675.

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

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