



**BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB
FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER
“Everyone is Family in the Forest”**

Schedule of BFCC Events

Saturday, Feb. 10, 7pm	Valentine Social
Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:30pm	General Meeting
Saturday, March 9	Troop 70 Scout Chili Dinner
Saturday, March 16, 6pm	St. Patrick’s Corned Beef Potluck
Saturday, April 13, 6pm	Flat Broke After Taxes Spaghetti Potluck

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and the events.

For Line Dancing classes, etc., check bfcommunityclub.org.

2024 BFCC ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

In spite of the extreme cold, there was a good turnout for elections of new officers and board. There were no nominations from the floor so the list of candidates was accepted by acclamation. Pictured here from left to right in the back row are President Leif Garrison, Vice President Kelly Marchbank, Treasurer Cherie Erler, and Secretary Mindy Geiser. Front row shows the Board of Directors: Tiffany Coles, Jim Collins, and Sherrie Lidderdale.



If you have questions or suggestions, feel free to talk to these members of the board and officers when you see them at our next monthly event.

VALENTINE SOCIAL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 7PM



This is a good time to get out of the cold weather blues and enjoy interesting company at the BFCC hall for a fun evening. Show off your culinary skills and bring your favorite dessert to share. Chocolate or cherry would be wonderful but bring what you like. There will be punch, coffee, and you can bring your favorite beverage. Please come and spend a pleasant winter evening with fellow Black Foresters. Pass along your ideas of what you would like to see for programs in 2024.

FROZEN PIPES IN THE HALL

Cold temperatures froze the water pipes at the hall creating a problem for users of the hall. Luckily, Larry South and Jerry Geiser (husband of our new secretary, Mindy) diagnosed and fixed the problem. Maybe this is the last winter this happens. Thank you, Larry and Jerry for taking care of this situation so quickly.

UNSUNG HEROES FOR FEBRUARY ARE THE LIDDERDALES

Over the last twenty-five years or so, Sherrie and Cal have held every office except treasurer. Sherrie did her three years as Secretary and is now serving on the Board. Cal has been President, Vice President, and on the Board. As soon as Sherrie arrived in the Forest in 1999, she jumped into volunteering for the Festival and used her graphic design skills to produce the first Festival guide which was distributed to festival goers that year and for several subsequent years. They were co-chairs of the Festival Committee for three years and have organized the Festival Breakfast for several years as well. They served on the kitchen crew and in 2006 it was noted that they served over 500 people plus the Army guys with more than 1200 pancakes, 1200 sausages, 20 gallons of OJ, 20 tubs of butter plus milk and coffee. Their barn has been the storage place of Festival items for years. Sherrie was editor of the BFCC newsletter for several years in the early 2000's. She even served as rental manager for several years and has filled in when needed over the years.

The Lidderdales started and hosted for many years the Flat Broke After Taxes Spaghetti Dinner. A lot of cooked spaghetti was waiting for people to arrive with their favorite sauce. According to old newsletters, Cal was part of the crew in the early years that worked on landscaping, re-chinking, and he even installed the paneling in the Scout Room. And he was usually part of the crew that cooked all the brats for Oktoberfest. Cal specialized in electronics in the Air Force and has used those skills over the years to upgrade the old building. He has installed cameras inside and around the community center to keep the old building safe. The sound system and projector are checked out



periodically by Cal to keep them working for renters and members. He worked a deal with Force Broad Band where they give the BFCC one free gig of internet in exchange for putting a substation distribution box behind the building with access to 110 electrical voltage and having an easement for their cable across the back of the property. This enabled the building to have great internet for renters. Cal pulled cable and set up the router for internet access throughout the building. Since he loves electronic gadgets, he installed a coded entry to allow users to access the building with a code that is specialized to each user/group. This got around the problem of having lots of keys to the building floating around.

Since his work career involved computers and programming, he set up a website for the BFCC in 2000 which he has maintained all these years free of charge except for an occasional incidental cost.

These two deserve our appreciation for being longtime active members keeping the BFCC functioning for the Black Forest community. You might want to thank them when you see them at club functions.

The Club is looking for suggestions for improvements or additions to the Club web page <https://bfcommunityclub.org>. Suggestions can be made at this link: <https://www.bfcommunityclub.org/webimprov.html>

SCOUT FUNDRAISING CHILI DINNER MARCH 9, 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 72nd year of scouting in Black Forest and we are so thankful to have the widespread support from our community. Please come out on March 9th 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 – 719-243-0409 or Keith Kramer, Scoutmaster, keithakramer@gmail.com – 573-337-1768.**

Thank you and see you on March 9, 2024 from 5 PM to 8 PM!!

BLACK FOREST TROOP 70 PRESENTS

Chili Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:00-8:00 PM

Enjoy a bowl of hot chili with baked
cornbread, fresh salad, homemade
desserts and drinks



100% of proceeds benefit Troop 70 Scouting program

Black Forest Community Center
12530 Black Forest Road, 80908

\$7 - Adults & kids over 12

\$5 - Seniors 55+

**\$4 - Kids 11 and under &
all scouts in uniform**



We are still accepting tax deductible
donations for the auction!

Please contact us at

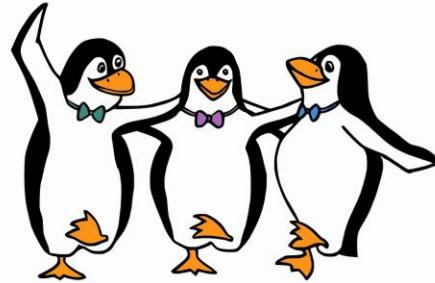
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Hot News!

Black Forest line dancing just hit its fifth year here in our community center. Come join us for the next five years or longer. Beginner Level Line Dancing every Wednesday from 1130 until one. Price is free but we ask for a donation and donations go to our beautiful community center to help keep the lights and heat on as well as to make improvements. It's a fun time, so come on out and join us.

Just remember, neither the club, nor the dance instructors are liable for any injuries or losses, so wear the proper foot gear (shoes, boots etc.) check with your doctor if need be, and dance within your personal level. So far, we have lost no one and it's our goal to continue that trend. Yeeeeee haaaaa

Mack Sharp



More Hot News! Beginner Line Dance Bootcamp

Spread the word to all your friends! Do NOT miss this special intro to line dance steps class.

What: Unlike no other, an absolute **beginner-level 90-minute line dance bootcamp!**

When: Feb 7, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM **Where:** Black Forest Community Center

Who: All are welcome but must be physically able to stand, walk, kick, turn, and do other dance steps. Check with your physician beforehand!! We specialize in those who claim to have "2 left feet"!

Cost: \$10 per person to be donated to the Black Forest Community Center

Disclaimer: No 1st aid/CPR equipment or person is on hand. The fire department is within 5 minutes. Please note that neither the instructors nor the club are liable for injuries, losses, etc. However, we will take responsibility for all happiness felt, fun had and skills learned during the bootcamp!

Why this Camp: This bootcamp is very helpful for those who have little to no line dance experience, BUT have a desire to learn. The class will focus primarily on 20 or so of the most common and basic steps in line dance. We will learn one line dance at the end of the instructional phase of camp. No one has left these boot camps without being able to do at least one dance. So come have fun!!

Thank you. Mack Sharp, Instructor

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Membership Application
P.O. Box 88034
Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034
WEBSITE:
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:

Address:

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

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

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