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Glen Isle Resort gets repairs

November 2011 damage addressed with help from groups interested in history

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Side view

A side view of Bailey-based Glen Isle Resort shows

June 21 marked the official end to the Glen Isle Resort repair project necessitated by damage from a violent wind storm on Nov. 12, 2011.

The storm toppled two trees into the porch and stairs at the historic Glen Isle Resort in Bailey. That's the same storm that downed a tree by Fairplay's Old Courthouse, which houses the Fairplay Library (see the Nov. 18, 2011, Flume).

The Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission along with Amy Unger, preservation planner with Park County, arranged for \$2,000 for the repair contract.

Barbara Jerome Behl, president of the Shawnee branch of the Park County Historical Society, noted that the Shawnee branch oversaw the spending of the money. "Amy Unger selected us (the Shawnee branch) to administer the grant. Amy made it easy for us to assist Glen Isle and administer the grant," said Behl.

the new stairs and porch, which were needed after trees fell and caused damage during a windstorm last Nov. 12. (Photo by Douglas Stephens/The Flume)

The Flume. “Lance Rossetto was the general contractor, and Lance Creel pieced together the intricate wood railing and porch work. Steve Benninghoven of Stetson Roofing did the roofing on the porch.”

Barbara Tripp, owner of Glen Isle Resort, was pleased with the outcome. “They did a nice job on the repairs,” she told The Flume. “Linda Balough, Director Park County Historic Preservation, showed me a photo from the Park County Archives (<http://www.parkcoarchives.org>) showing the stairs and porch as they were in the past, and that is what we used to repair the damage to historical standard. That was the original entrance to Glen Isle. The train would stop west of the entrance on the other side of the river and guests would walk back up the train track and cross the North Fork of the South Platte River on the footbridge, still existing.”

What about the Glen Isle wait station, subsequently relocated to McGraw Memorial Park?

“That was the wait station west of the main entrance where people would wait for the train,” Tripp said.

Behl expressed her pleasure with the grant process and outcome of the repairs. “Glen Isle is really a treasure for the Platte Canyon area,” she said.

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A side view of Bailey-based Glen Isle Resort shows the new stairs and porch, which were needed after trees fell and caused damage during a windstorm last Nov. 12. (Photo by Douglas Stephens/The Flume)

The Flume was invited to tour the finished repairs as a part of a small celebration marking the completion of the repairs and grant.

“The logs for the project came from Jason and Terri Rayburn’s TJ’s Wood Products,” Shawnee branch member Rhonda Dusatko told



Celebrating repairs

Members of the Shawnee branch of the Park County Historical Society celebrate the completion of the Glen Isle Resort repair project and grant on June 21. Left to right in the front row are Larry Behl and Vince Tolpo; in the middle middle row are Don Coulthard and Rhonda Dusatko; and in the back row are Barbara Jerome Behl, Betty Coulthard and Carolyn Tolpo. (Photo by Douglas Stephens/The Flume)

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