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Welcome back to all of our life members, renewed members and new members. We're starting the year off with 104 members. We have lots of things already happening this year.

The society met three times since the last newsletter. Typically meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. However, due to personnel schedules, that hasn't been the case the last three months. If you plan to attend, please check first. You can e-mail me to inquire. The next meeting will be on April 9, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce/Historical Society Building. All members are welcome to attend.

**High School Restoration** –The Society achieved a milestone in the restoration of this most significant and important building with the rebuild of the 3-storey southwest wall that collapsed in 2005. This was done utilizing funds from the National Park Service, the Nevada Commission for Cultural Affairs and Historic Preservation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and private donations. Redesigning/rebuilding the massive stone foundation and inner and outer wythes (walls) were completed over a period of 10 years, starting in 2008. The foundation and inner wythe were rebuilt using steel-reinforced concrete block and the outer wythe was rebuilt with the original stone and matching mortar. Some of the stones were damaged beyond use in the 2005 collapse and replacements were cut/faced by member Brian Smalley, seen in Photo 1. Also, the stone window lintels (headers) that were damaged in the collapse were replaced with lintels from Goldfield's 1907 Sundog School (demolished in 1948) and used as parking curbs at NDOT's Millers Rest Stop, 40 miles to the northwest. They were donated by NDOT for our project. Photo 2 shows member Allen Metscher and help unloading lintels at the job site. Photos 3/4 show the outer wythe under construction/complete.

Photos by John Ekman & Edie Koepnick





The Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation will hear our FY 17-18 grant application on April 12 in Carson City. Our president, John Ekman, will again plead our case.

We have now acquired tax exempt status at Home Depot so that we can purchase paint for the Railroad cars at the Bullfrog and Goldfield railroad yard tax free. Every little bit helps!

**The T&T Model Railroad** - Things are in flux with respect to the building which houses the museum and other businesses. The Society is working diligently to maintain this extremely historic and educational display.

**Historic Markers** - We now have 81 markers placed around town plus permission to place one more.

**More Restorations News** – Work continues on some of the historic structures around town. Now that Spring is here, perhaps we'll see more improvements. The Beets Garage roof is done and the windows repaired. The building has been re-leveled and has a new ceiling.

Randy and Judy Main have built a new garage on their property. It is definitely in keeping with the character of Goldfield and looks great.



Photos by Jim Price



The Theater, owned by Terry Bergman, has had some masonry work done and is being cleaned up a bit. The large hole on the side has been sealed up and is looking pretty sharp.



As you can see from the photos above, Richard & Edie Koepnick have been hard at work on their brothel. They are making incredible progress and are having a lot of fun doing it. Keep up the good work Richard and Edie.

The Lockhart House has new windows and the grounds around it have been cleaned up. Jim & Joan's caboose project is back on-line. It should be showing off its new windows and end doors soon. It's also going to receive some under carriage support. The Jennie Elder house has also been re-roofed. Fortunately, there's always a lot going on around town.

**Other News**— Items from the Elite Trading Post, previously owned by Malek and Jody Davarpanah, have been removed, after a two day sale. One of our members, Jeri Foutz, is planning to take over the building. We all were truly sorry to see Malek and Jody leave. They have contributed so much to Goldfield. However, we do look forward to the store being open again under Jeri's leadership and with her creative ideas.

Gina Greenway is now operating the Hoist House and has moved some of her Gift Shop items (t-shirts, souvenirs, etc.) to that location.

Sharon Artlip is still operating her printing business, the Goldfield Art & Business Services, but has sold the souvenir part of the store to Sherri & Mike. They are opening the store under the new name of Wild Inspirations. We look forward to their grand opening.

**Visitor Center**— As if re-opening what was The Elite Trading Post isn't enough, Jeri is also planning the grand opening of the Visitor Center scheduled for April 28. The grand opening/ribbon cutting will be between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the ribbon cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. This building was built by the State of Nevada and Esmeralda County and will be a major asset to tourists on Highway 95 as well as to the town. Public restrooms and a freshly paved parking lot are already in use by travelers. The Visitor Center is located on Highway 95, west of Main Street.

Please let me know if your e-mail or address changes, so that I can update the membership list and you'll continue to receive our newsletter. For those who continue to receive a printed newsletter, if you can provide an e-mail address we would appreciate it as it would save us money on postage to send you the newsletter by e-mail.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please send them to Joan Sieber at [jcsie@pacbell.net](mailto:jcsie@pacbell.net).

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