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It's been a long, cold winter – lots of rain, snow and cold temperatures. We hope no one has suffered any serious problems as a result. Hopefully, Spring will bring warmer temperatures and we can all get back to our outdoor projects.

Dues are due. If you **haven't** renewed, now would be a great time to do so or this will be your last issue of the newsletter. Your dues are vital to our existence. They are used for office building utilities /equipment / supplies / postage, newsletter production / postage, internet /website, fund-raising event production, state non-profit annual filing fee etc. So, please renew today, if you haven't already, to **The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013** or you can pay through Paypal on our website: www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com. The dues are \$20 for individual, \$25 for family and \$30 for business. Also, if your mailing or e-mail address has changed, please let me know. Thanks.

A warm welcome to our new members, thus far, for **2019**:

Kirsten Barrett & Jonathon Hypes

Steve Bazzar

Teresa Bergman

Fred Carlson

Steve & Kathy Coleson

Justin & Lesley Crowson

Margaret Cummings

Lisa & Pete Gapero

Matt Hampton

Koepnick Family

Maintenance LLC (Patrick Bienzen)

Hugh & Cynthia Marshall

Law Offices of Michael McNerny

Shelby Moorhouse

Kurt Ploeger

Ern Redman

Wayne Redman

Steve Roberts

Marilyn Seay

Marshall Smith

Jan Trojan

Jim & Corinne Van Meter & family

Photo by Jim Price



Goldfield Days Fundraiser – A big thanks to those who have purchased tickets. Tickets are still available for this beautiful quilt donated by **Susan Lock** from Pahrump. All proceeds will go to the Goldfield Historical Society Building Preservation Fund. It measures 83" X 83". If you'd like to buy tickets, please send a check to The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013. Please be sure to indicate on your check that it's for the quilt drawing. As usual, ticket donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The Goldfield Emporium has graciously agreed to display the quilt. So, if you're in town stop by, take a look, and buy some tickets!

High School Restoration – The grant funds are now available for the east wall stabilization. John Ekman and our structural engineer have met to begin planning for this project which will also include window stabilization. New rules are in place that state we must spend \$8,000 by May 1st. Between strategy meetings with our structural engineer, design, plans, specs and travel time, we will have incurred the \$8,000 by May 1.

The column that was fabricated for the south wall still needs some modification and that project is on hold. The stone lintels from Millers are still waiting to be moved. People and time are the biggest hold up with that project and, of course, the weather.

We have received \$3,500 from the State for reprinting our Walking Tour booklets and the Society Trifolds. Thanks to **Edie Koepnick** and **Sherry Huffman** for spearheading this effort. Edie and Jim Price are working on a railroad information tri-fold to supplement the other brochures that we provide to the public.

The final paperwork for a grant to replace the Goldfield High School steps has now been submitted. The award will be at the end of June – hopefully we'll know by the next issue of the newsletter if we were successful.

Web Site – It has been brought to our attention that our website needs to be redone to bring it up to the current technology – php versus html which apparently is obsolete. The estimate is \$4,800. A few pages are on the chopping block to help bring the cost down. However, we need to keep a presence on the internet and a way for people to join and read about our efforts in town.

Historic Markers - We have 84 markers placed around town. The Turkish Bath has been approved but placement has not been set.

Photos by Joan Sieber



Another Wedding - You may remember a couple last year that spent the summer in town and were keeping the Visitor Center open – **Richard Johnson & Astrid Larsen**. They are also members of the Goldfield Historical Society. On December 19th, they were married in the courthouse. Sharon Artlip and Brian Smalley were their witnesses and Elva Smalley, Jeri and Steve Foutz were there for support. They have also bought the Parker LeBarthe house. Richard and Astrid are happy to comply with the purchase clause in their contract that ensures the house be kept as a historic

dwelling. The north wall collapsed on the house about a year ago so, they have their work cut out for them but seem willing to tackle it. We wish them the best of luck and congratulations Richard and Astrid on your marriage.



Photo by Joan Sieber

Other projects – **John Ekman** was able to reshingle the front of his house, the D.D. Carney house before winter really set in. He did a great job and again it will help keep it protected for a long time.





Photos by Jim Price

Our painted caboose looks pretty sharp. It is not finished yet as winter set in and the project had to be put on hold but it certainly helped get it through the winter. The east platform has also been replaced.



Steve Foutz is in charge of the Goldfield Historical Society Calendar that is being planned for next year. This is a fundraiser for the Society and we look forward to the results.

The new cemetery arch is also in the works. **Juanita Colvin** is in charge of that project.

Other News - The Hoist House has returned to its previous name of the Mozart Tavern. Our sincere condolences to **Gina Greenway**, owner of the Mozart, on the passing of her brother, Chris, in January.

A hiking trail to the Malpais mesa, south of town is in progress. Trail marker signs are being planned. **Bryan Smalley** is providing signage for the trail as well as grade markers for the Las Vegas & Tonopah and Bullfrog Goldfield railroad beds. The weather has slowed this down for a while but I'm sure once the weather starts to warm, it'll be back on track. Thanks to everyone who is working on this project.

Central Nevada Museum is not reporting any issues at this time. We hope for their continued success.

KGFN fund raiser – The radio station held a fundraiser on March 23rd. It was sold out. A dinner was served and the entertainment was Mama's Wranglers – a very talented family. The food and entertainment were excellent. I would highly recommend that you try to attend their next event.

It's been reported that the realignment of highway 95 may start later this year. As a local organization, we're concerned about the potential negative effect on our historic buildings due to excess ground movement resulting from the overly aggressive use of explosives in this project's future operations. We've gone on record with the Bureau of Land Management in voicing those concerns. The mining company is conscientiously working together with the BLM in developing a comprehensive blasting plan to prevent any such negative effect.

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If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please send them to Joan Sieber at jcsie@pacbell.net.

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