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It's hard to believe that half of the year has passed already. We keep pressing ahead with our projects. And everyone is gearing up again for Goldfield Days. Hope some of you will be able to make it. It's the biggest event in town each year! The Society met twice since the last issue.

**High School Restoration** – In June, we met with our structural engineer to discuss the final design of the new southeast wall, which will replace the one lost in the 2005 collapse. The wall actually consists of two walls, an inner and an outer masonry course, each three stories tall. Current work will concentrate on the inner wall. It'll be built of steel-reinforced concrete block, which will support the floor and roof loads in that part of the building, but will be hidden when the original stone outer wall is completed and the interior finish applied. The problem of how to build the lintel supports for the windows has been solved, and we hope to have the final plans and specifications out to bid in early July. Currently, the three floors and ceiling are being slowly jacked back up to their original position so that they can be attached to this new inner wall as it goes up. This process, carried out by volunteers, must be completed before work on the new wall can commence...any help would be appreciated. We're still looking into a Community Development Block Grant to provide additional funding this year.

We're also looking for volunteers for weed abatement around the building and sweeping the interior so it's as presentable as it can be for Goldfield Days. Also need help in sorting through the stone pile for faced stone for the outer course of the new southeast wall. If you can help, let us know.

The spindle spacers for the stairway have also been received. Woodminstrel Woodparts, who made the spindles for us, also provided the spacers. The company was able to use leftover material from the spindle project to make those spacers and thus gave us a good price.

Photo by Jim Price



**Goldfield Days Drawing** – I hope a lot of you have purchased tickets for the quilt I made for Goldfield Days. It's approximately 68" by 80". All proceeds to go to the Goldfield Historical Society Building Preservation Fund. This is the perfect opportunity to make a donation to the Goldfield Historical Society and have a chance to win something in return. If you're interested in buying tickets and I hope you are, please send a check to The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield NV 89013. Please be sure to mark it for the quilt drawing. As usual, ticket donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If

you're in town, tickets will be available at the usual locations: Elite Trading Post, Goldfield Gift Shop, Hidden Treasures and the General Store. KGFN 89.1 FM, our local radio station and

member will be promoting our quilt drawing. We are most grateful for their support. If you're not in town, you can listen to them by going to [www.kgfn.org](http://www.kgfn.org). We are also grateful for the support of the **Tonopah-Times Bonanza and Goldfield News**. They ran a large color picture of the quilt with a nice article about how to buy tickets. Then they generously ran it in the **Pahrump Valley Times** too. Thank you so much Mr. Knightly.

**Goldfield Days** – We're rapidly approaching Goldfield Days again (July 31 – August 2). There'll be a parade, vendors, talks and many other events. This year, thanks to Edie and Richard Koepnick, we're also having a GPS Challenge sponsored by the Goldfield Historical Society. They're still working out the details but it looks like it'll be a lot of fun and it will benefit the High School Restoration fund.

**Cemetery Improvements** - Allen Metscher and Bryan Smalley, two of our members, continue to improve the appearance of our cemetery. Many thanks to both of you!

**Bottle House** – The bottle house at the rest area east of town has been approved for restoration. The owner, Ms. Foley, has pledged funds for the materials needed. Again, if you'd like to volunteer some time to help with this restoration, please let us know.

**Tonopah and Goldfield Boxcars** – Preparing, painting and re-lettering of our two Tonopah and Goldfield RR boxcars has begun. The Central Nevada Historical Society is funding this repainting and Eva LaRue (Central Nevada Museum Curator) and her son have begun applying the prime coat. Apparently the cars are soaking up a lot of paint and a different primer paint is being researched. It's a huge job and they welcome any and all help...for an hour or a day. I hope to have a picture for the next issue of the Newsletter.

**Nevada Copper Belt Caboose** - And speaking of railroad cars, the Nevada Copper Belt Caboose #2 that was brought to Goldfield from Fernley along with the T&G boxcars has new owners. My husband, Jim Price and I are now the proud owners of this historic car. It will be moved to our property, on the North end of town. It does not have Goldfield history but it certainly has Nevada history. It was originally built around the 1890's as a boxcar and used on the Illinois Central Railroad. It was transferred to the Nevada Copper Belt Railroad around 1910 for use as a caboose with a cupola installed and used on that line until 1947. The cupola was removed in 1947 and it had various homes until it ended up in Fernley in 2002. We actually found an historic photo of it with the cupola, so hopefully we can copy it. Our current plans are to re-roof it, replace broken glass – basically to protect it from the elements. It too needs a good paint job.

**Historic Property Plaques** – A number of additional plaques have been placed by Edie and Richard Koepnick. The Major W.A. Stanton house on Bellevue, Stone Row House on First St., Rock Theater on Fifth St., M.L. Holt/Montezuma Club on Columbia and the stone arch entrance which is all that is left of the Old Sideboard Saloon on Main St. This brings the total placed to 70 and we really appreciate their efforts.

**Discovery Channel** – The Discovery Channel was in town in early May and did some filming in the High School and at the Clown Motel in Tonopah. They donated \$1500 to our historic building preservation fund. Not sure when it will be shown but hopefully it will generate some interest in new members and donations.

**Additional Restoration Help** - We are also talking to a volunteer group from Arizona that would like to help with our historic structure restoration efforts.

**Goldfield Historical Society T-Shirts** – Lisa is working on a design for our T-shirts and will generously donate it to the Historical Society. It'll be a collage design of historical Goldfield. We'll let you know when they're available and how to purchase one.

**Walking Tour Booklet Reprint** – We are running low on the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of our very popular Walking Tour Booklet and will soon publish the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. We've applied for a grant, which thanks to Lisa Pappalardo, we have received from the Nevada Dept. of Tourism to offset some of the printing costs. Lisa also requested a grant to print our new tri-fold brochure which is an abbreviated version of our large walking tour booklet and we have received that grant as well. Well done Lisa! We might also point out that Lisa created and designed the tri-fold. This is a very welcome and useful addition in helping us get the word out about the Historical Society. Thank you for all you do Lisa.

**New Book** - Another one of our members, Jim Price, has been working on a book for a couple years titled **“Discovering the Ghost Railroads of Central Nevada – Driving and Hiking Abandoned Railroad Grades in Nye and Esmeralda Counties.”** It has nice maps, pictures and good directions where one will be able to see what's left of railroad beds along with a short history of each area. And for those into geocaching, he has provided geocaches that can be found at these sites. He's hoping to have copies of it available for Goldfield Days this year.

**Rural Round Up** – Lisa also attended the Rural Round Up, as reported in our last issue, in Carson City and came away with some great ideas that we can use. One of these is doing a self-guided mobile app tour of the Goldfield Historic District. This will be looked into further.

**Book Signing & Talk** – Our member, Nick Clapp, presented an illustrated talk on Saturday, April 25 at the Palace Saloon on Crook Ave. in Goldfield. His new book is titled **“Old Magic - Lives of the Desert Shamans”**. Nick and his wife provided us with light refreshments and a delightful presentation about desert Shamans. It was fascinating. Being a shaman is not a job that I would apply for!

**Easter Drawing** – One of our members, Sharon Artlip, who operates Goldfield Art and Business Services at 306 E. Crook Ave., donated another Rustie – “Rainbow Princess” doll No. 88/400 as a fundraiser, as reported in the last issue. It was won by Goldfield resident, Georgia Swigert. Congratulations Georgia and a big thank you to Sharon for generously donating this beautiful doll. The proceeds of this drawing, which were \$208, were put into the Goldfield Historical Society Building Preservation Fund.

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