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We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well and not going stir crazy. Places around town are beginning to open up but precautions still need to be taken. Please take care of yourselves out there.

A warm welcome to our new members since the last newsletter:

**Keith P. Bishop**

**Paul Blum**

**Lawrence Brown**

**Michael Bryant**

**Sandra Cobb**

**Sue & Ray Davis**

**Bill & Barbara Gossett**

**Kim & Valerie Jorgensen**

**Marshall Earth Resources, Inc. (Lifetime)**

**Hugh Roy Marshall (Lifetime)**

**William Todd**

And a warm welcome to our returning members. Our membership as of the end of June is at 147 members.

**Goldfield Days and Land Auction** –Goldfield Days and the land auction have been canceled this year. If you were planning on attending, be advised that it's not happening.

**High School Restoration** – The East Wall Rebuild Job has been awarded to Scott Zemp Masonry of Las Vegas. The work is scheduled to start in July.

As reported in the last issue, we received the emergency funding from the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) for the window repair. This work is on-going. We have 96 windows in the high school. We're expecting to repair 44 of them with these funds.

All photos by Jim Price except where noted.



**Repaired frames**



**Ron Young working on a window frame**

The CCCHP met on June 9 to consider grants for the coming year. We were awarded \$247K for the High School roof work. Congratulations again to **John Ekman** for his efforts on this grant! A new roof is sorely needed.

As exciting as this news is, we have to keep in mind that the State Treasurer must first sell the General Obligation Bonds to fund the projects. We expect that sale will happen in November. But bond sales don't always happen. We'll just have to keep our fingers crossed! Provided all goes well, we'll have a year and a half to produce plans and specs, hire a contractor and complete the work. In spite of that, I'm still excited.

**Steve Foutz** has spent a fair amount of time trying to protect the building from leaks and has done a very good job. However, a new roof will eliminate that need so that he can move onto other pressing issues with the building. Let's hope that he'll only have to get the building through one more winter. Thanks so much for your efforts, Steve.

**Old High School Steps** - There have been several inquiries about the old wood from the front steps of the High School. **Jeri Foutz** has informed me that the wood is available for a donation. So, if you're interested in acquiring the wood, please contact Jeri through her website at [www.justjeri.com](http://www.justjeri.com).

**Amazon Smile** – Thanks to those who are using this to support the Goldfield Historical Society. If you purchase something through AmazonSmile – which is the same as Amazon – and you've designated the Goldfield Historical Society, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to us. The only difference is that you have to log into [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) which you can bookmark to make it easy to return. Remember, not all products are eligible but they are noted.

**Nevada Magazine** - In the March/April 2020 issue of Nevada Magazine, on page 44, an article titled "Haunted Nevada" by Eric Cachinero features the Goldfield High School and the Mizpah Hotel. It's a very interesting read. The picture was taken before the steps were replaced but the south wall has been replaced. It also has three nice black and white pictures of the interior of the high school. Publicity on our efforts is always welcome.

#### **Other News –**

A portion of Highway 95, about a mile north of Goldfield, has been moved and is now open. This was deemed necessary to accommodate a new open pit mine.

On May 15th, Goldfielders were awakened by a 6.5 earthquake. The epicenter was near Coaldale Junction. No one in Goldfield reported any damage. The high school is still standing. Highway 95 was closed for awhile north of Tonopah due to cracks in the pavement. Aftershocks are still continuing and we're told that they could continue for years.

Our new secretary, **Brenda Gleffe**, is back in Goldfield and recovering from her back surgery. Welcome back Brenda.

**Donations – Jim Price and Joan Sieber** had the floor plans of each floor of the high school printed and framed. We'll hang these on each floor of the high school. We thought it would be a nice addition to the High School.



**John Ekman and Joan Sieber with floor plan**

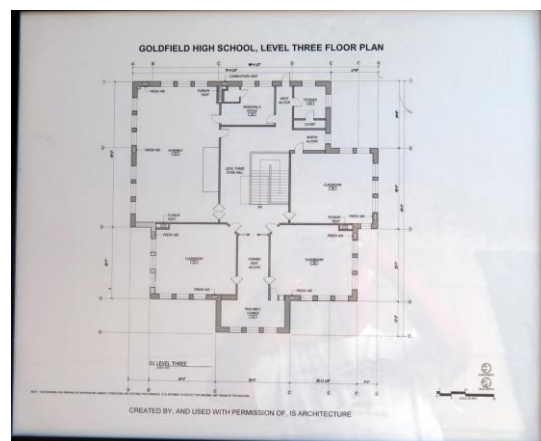


Photo by John Ekman



The photo shows a letter opener souvenir from the boom era, much like the souvenir spoons from that same era that are seen from time-to-time. It came to us from **Philip Thomas** of Boonville, CA, who writes: "Out of a box of inherited treasures from a world-traveling great aunt, came a bronze letter opener with a handle of a miner. It says 'STRUCK IT AT LAST' on the 'guard' and 'GOLDFIELD, NEV' on the blade." He goes on to ask if this was something that we could use in our collection and, if yes, he would "send it along". Of course, we agreed,

and it has now returned to Goldfield and is part of our small, but growing, artifact collection. Thank you, Phillip!

**Around Town –The International Car Forest** has been keeping **Sharon Artlip** quite busy. Besides the improvements, that she's made, several music groups have been through town making music videos on the grounds of the Car Forest. It seems to be a popular spot.



**Jim Marsh** is having some much needed work done on his building – the Goldfield Consolidated Mines building.



**Richard & Edie Koepnick** are continuing work on their brothel. They're awaiting a mason to do some work on their building before they can really finish up the inside. In the meantime, they're entertaining the newest members of their family – Pancho and Willy.

**GHS Meeting** – Due to COVID-19, no meetings are scheduled at this time.

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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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