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I hope all is going well for you and welcome back. It's been a cold, wet and somewhat destructive winter for most of the country. However, we are looking forward to more improvements on the High School, our boxcars and buildings around town.

Our membership stands at 193 paid members. We welcome our new members listed below:

Nevada Ghost Towns & Beyond www.nvtami.com (NV)

Jeff Cox & Tammie Bean, CA

Ann Carpenter, NV

Steven & Cindi Chase, NV

Margaret Cummings, TX

Margaret Glasgow, NV

Michelle Gillum

Denell Butler Halm, NV

Bridget Hughes, NV

Darwin & Terri Keizer, HI

Sandra Merlino, NV

Donna Norvell, CA

Fred & Stephanie Perez, NV

Our Story Inc., osi.ourstory.org, NV

Don & Susan Southwick, NV

Stretchco Fabrications, NV

Joe Westerlund, NV

Daniel Wonders, NV

Chris York, NV

High School Update -The Goldfield Historical Society (GHS) and our Structural Engineer, Mel Green, are developing a Scope of Work, including plans and specifications for this work, so that the contractor can submit a cost estimate. This will allow us to submit the Scope of Work and Preliminary Budget to the State Historic Preservation Office, generating a Funding Agreement and releasing the grant funds to begin the project. This has taken longer than expected, but we're close. In the meantime, we have done some very necessary patching on the sloped roof.

Donations – David & Karen Cullens have generously donated \$300 to the Society this quarter. Thank you again.

Photo by John Ekman



Sam (Pam) Kirchner, of Pahrump, has donated an early toilet to the Society. It had been carefully cared-for by her mother for many years. It is of the late Victorian/Edwardian period and would have been of a type found in more expensive homes in boom era Goldfield.

Grants – 4imprint offers a charitable grant. They state: “*one by one*® is our way of making sure that every day we do something — even if it’s just one thing — to help make the world a better place. It’s a program that reflects our culture and our philosophy. A culture that recognizes that each one of us has a special contribution to make and a philosophy that success is rarely built through bold moves and broad strokes. It’s achieved through many small successes each layered one over the other.”

“Through *one by one*® we award \$500 grants for promotional products to organizations that are making a difference. This helps to spread the word, recruit volunteers, thank donors, or in some other way turn one thing into something much more”.

So, I applied and received the \$500 for their promotional products. I ordered baseball caps that we can give to new members and pens to give away during Goldfield Days with our name on them as a community outreach gesture. Very generous of 4imprint.

NRHS Grant – Since receiving the grant from the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), we have started removing the hardware from the T&G Railroad boxcars that needs to be duplicated. **Bill Beltz** graciously removed the pieces that we need. Thank you so much **Bill**. We will be taking those to a foundry to be made. The next step is to have the missing doors built and painted.

The chair of the NRHS Heritage Grants Committee sent the following:

“I had the pleasure of spending some time exploring your town of Goldfield on May 16, 2023. I was heading to the NRHS Spring Conference in Reno and took some time to check out Goldfield. You have real gem of a town with considerable potential. Lots of railroad history. I really hope you can further preserve and protect the historical box cars, steam engine and the rest of the railroad items in town.”

He also suggested that we write an article for the National Railway Historical Society News regarding Goldfield Days and highlighting the railroad aspects of our town. So, **Jim Price** wrote up a couple of paragraphs and submitted it. Also very generous of the NRHS.

Gemfield Mine Story Map - The following was sent to us from the Architectural Historian from Kautz Environmental Consultants. “We have been working on an online Story Map for Goldfield as mitigation for the Gemfield Mine project. The link is below:”

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/77ffef06b4444842b05f239bf8154236>

We decided to send this out separately when it went live, so most of you should have received it. As you can see, from the comments below, it was much appreciated. It is also posted on our website, www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com under Links. Below are a few comments from our members.

This is wonderful. Thank you.
-N. Craft

Thanks for this. It makes Goldfield even more interesting.

-S. Meek

This is absolutely amazing!

They did a wonderful job and we thoroughly enjoyed it!

Thanks for sending it!

J. Rudderow and D. Glatz

Thank You for this !!!!

D.Hall

This is just wonderful! Thank you so much for sending it.

-M. Touhy

*Thank you VERY much for passing it on.
It was GREAT*

-A. Metscher

*This is very interesting piece.
Thanks for sharing it.*

-J. Libby

FYI -There's also a new story just posted on our website about a Goldfield High School Teacher – thanks to **Deana Glatz** and **John Rudderow** for that story. Below is a comment from one of our new members regarding the website.

The website is truly amazing! Well done. -Dan Wonders

And a big thanks to **Edie Koepnick**, our webmaster, for maintaining and keeping our website up to date!

T&T Museum – As reported in our last issue, the Goldfield Historical Society, which owns the Tonopah & Tidewater (T&T) model railroad display, had been asked to vacate the building. This building, across the street from the Goldfield Hotel, recently housed the Goldfield Emporium and contains the Radio Goldfield Studio and Opera House. The display is in the process of being moved to Diamondfield. Ron Matheny will now be the caretaker. The High School was not a good option as previously thought.

The **Tonopah Mining Park** had their soiree on June 17. The Goldfield Historical Society was well represented by **Edie Koepnick**, **Jim Price**, **John Ekman** and myself. We had a table and displayed our brochures, membership forms, history book and T-shirts to sell. We encouraged people to become members and support our efforts. Round Mountain provided all attendees with pulled pork sandwiches, chips and dessert. There was a silent auction which provided funds to support the Mining Park. There was a live band and dancing. It was a fun event and we were able to welcome 9 new members into our Society!





Goldfield Days – Goldfield days will be August 4-6 this year. We will again be doing the Poker Walk and tours of the High School. Stop by if you get a chance. The Society has decided to donate a picnic table for the Goldfield Town Square (behind the Community Center and across the street from the Courthouse.) The Chamber is purchasing three picnic tables. This will be a great area for people to gather, relax and enjoy the day. It'll be nice to see this area get some use.

Goldfield Historical Society Lots – The Board is moving forward with selling the lots at Crystal and 5th St. The lots will be offered for \$4,000 for both. This will provide us with additional needed funds and eliminate a tax bill for something that we don't need.

Goldfield Historical Society Social – **Edie Koepnick** decided that it was time to have a Social gathering for the Goldfield Historical Society – members only. So, on June 24th, at the Goldfield Park, 17 members gathered together for a potluck. Edie prepared the meat and everyone brought side dishes. Looks like everyone had a good time. I was sorry to have missed it.



Photos by Sharon Artlip

Properties Around Town – Our new members, **Steven & Cindi Chase** own the R. B. Wampler House. They have done an incredible job of restoring it. Of course, they're still working on it but have made tremendous progress. Below is a before and current photo of their home. They're also researching the history of their home before it became the Wampler House.

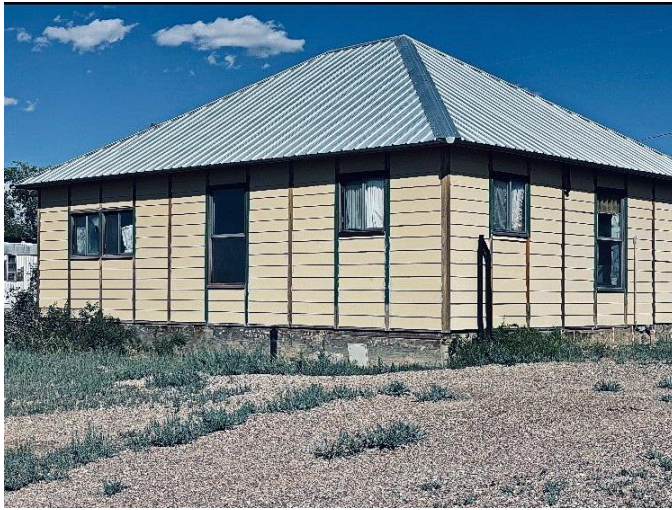


Photo by Steven Chase



Photo by Jim Price

Goldfield Art and Music Festival July 1 & 2 – KGFN is presenting an art and music festival at the International Car Forest of the Last Church. There will be live Bands from 4pm until 11pm followed by fireworks each night. Activities start at 10 am each day. Proceeds will benefit the KGFN Building Fund. They too have to move out of the Roaring Camp building. However, they own the lot on the corner of Columbia St. and I-95, across the street from the Goldfield Hotel, and intend to build a studio for the station there. This event will support that effort. For more information, go to www.goldfieldartandmusicfestival.com or call Joe at 724-413-8928. Lets support our radio station!

Obituary – Another one of our long time members passed away on April 20th in Vacaville, CA – **Lee Boblet**. I only saw Lee during Goldfield Days and it was always a pleasure to chat with him. He was a member of the Blue Canyon Gang and was always in the parade along with the Tonopah Kid. He will be missed.

Goldfield Historical Society Meeting – The next meeting will be held on July 11 at 6 p.m. at the Goldfield Chamber building.

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.

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