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Here we are at the beginning of October and another quarter has passed. We want to welcome our new members since the last issue. We're now at 115 households. We appreciate the interest and support. We're still moving ahead with our projects and have lots to report about the rebuilding of the southeast wall of the high school. We also have several items of interest regarding Goldfield Days. The Society met twice since the last issue.

Photo by John Ekman



High School Restoration –In preparation for the new inner wall, John Ekman and Dominic Pappalardo worked hard at jacking up the three floors and ceiling back to their original position so that they could be attached to this wall. The picture on the left shows the inner wall going up and the one on the lower right shows the completed wall. The new wall is constructed of Concrete Masonry Units (CMU's or concrete block to most of us) that are steel reinforced and fully grouted. This wall will withstand both the

vertical loads of the building, furnishings and occupants, and the lateral loads of any ground movement caused by a seismic (earthquake) or man-made (mining or local test site activity) event. We were also able to replace much of the missing mortar on the remainder of the building. But there's still lots to be done. Next will be to build the outer wall of original faced stone. All of the work was done by A-1 Masonry of Las Vegas, with a Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation grant, fundraising income and private donations such as yours. It's so wonderful seeing the high school somewhat complete again.



Photo by John Ekman

Goldfield Days – If you didn't attend Goldfield Days this year, you missed a lot. It was great fun and many visitors came to town. There was a parade, vendors, talks, costume judging, prizes and many other events. The Chamber really outdid themselves this year. Allen Metscher conducted the historic bus tours around town and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Photo by Edie Koepnick



GPS Challenge - And a big thank you to Edie and Richard Koepnick, for organizing the first GPS Challenge sponsored by the Goldfield Historical Society. They put a tremendous amount of work into it and it showed. They sent out 20 searchers who actually all returned to claim their prizes. And

the prizes were well worthwhile. They were generously donated by our local businesses - The Dinky Diner, Elite Trading Post, Gems of the Great Basin, Goldfield Art & Business Services, Goldfield Fireworks, The Goldfield Gift Shop, Goldfield Radio Museum, Hidden Treasures, Hoist House Tavern, KGFN Radio, Myers Art Gallery, Santa Fe Saloon, and Vanderford's Wild West Outpost. And a big thanks to the Goldfield Chamber of Commerce who donated \$100 for the grand prize drawing which was an additional plus to our event. Ryan Payne of Spring Creek, NV pictured on the right with Edie Koepnick was the grand prize winner. It was a great success and everyone had a good time. They made \$250 for the High School Restoration fund. Next year promises to be even better.

Photo by Edie Koepnick



Goldfield Days Drawing – The drawing for the quilt was done on Sunday and won by Mr. Don Flickinger, a member of our Historical Society. Congratulations Don! And a big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and helped to make this a success. We sold tickets in excess of \$750. I'm sure that the publicity we received from the **Tonopah-Times Bonanza and Goldfield News** and the **Pahrump Valley Times** helped significantly. Thank you so much Mr. Knightly. And thanks to our local radio station **KGFN** who also helped to promote the sale of tickets. And we can't forget the local businesses who helped to sell tickets for us – Elite Trading Post, The Goldfield Gift Shop, The General Store, The Dinky Diner, and Hidden Treasures. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I hope I didn't miss anybody.

Historical Society Website - Edie Koepnick has taken on the task of keeping our website updated. She is working with the current webmaster to learn the ins and outs and hopefully, we'll be able to remain more current with our information. This is a critical function and we are so pleased that Edie has agreed to take this on.

Photo by John Ekman



Tonopah and Goldfield Boxcars – Both of the Tonopah and Goldfield RR boxcars have been re-lettered on one side so far by Bob Dewhurst and look great. Eva LaRue (Central Nevada Museum Curator) and her son are still laboriously priming and painting them...volunteers needed.

Nevada Copper Belt Caboose - The Nevada Copper Belt Caboose #2 is now happily situated on our (Jim Price & Joan Sieber) property, adjacent to the Tonopah and Goldfield RR yard. The roof has been covered temporarily with a liner to keep the weather out, and the broken windows have been covered up. We hope to have the cupola replaced next year and the roof redone.

Photo by Jim Price



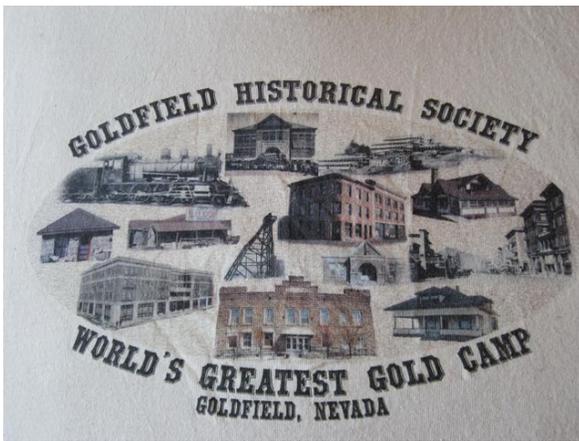


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Goldfield Historical Society T-Shirts – The design was completed for our T-Shirt and it's wonderful. Lisa was able to provide us with 17 Goldfield Historical Society T-shirts for Goldfield days and they are all sold. If you weren't here for Goldfield days but would like to purchase a T-shirt, we're having more made. They are \$15 each + \$5 for shipping. Just send us the size you need and a check made out to the Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013.

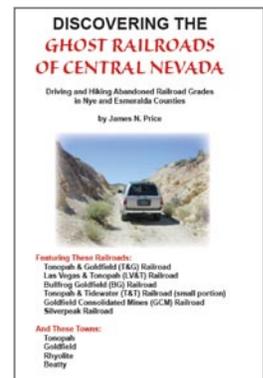
Goldfield Birthday Party – We're celebrating the 112th birthday of Goldfield on Saturday, October 24, 2015. There'll be free cake, coffee and punch for residents and visitors alike. This is to celebrate the October 20, 1903 camp meeting that established the town site and the name change from "Grandpa" to "Goldfield". We'll partner with Goldfield Elementary School's Community Day and it'll be held in the Community Center.

Central Nevada Museum – Due to financial troubles in Nye County, they are proposing to not fund the Museum which would require the Museum to close its doors. The museum is such a wonderful resource, has such wonderful exhibits, and is a major tourist attraction. If you want to provide any input about this issue, please write to the Commissioners of Nye County. Apparently the funding will be available through the remainder of this fiscal year.

Walking Tour Booklet Reprint – The 5th Edition of the Walking Tour Booklet has been run along with the trifold brochures. Lisa Pappalardo applied for a grant from the Nevada Dept. of Tourism to help offset some of the printing costs and was successful. Thank you Lisa!

Historic Property Plaques – We were able to place a plaque on the Goldfield Hotel. We're still holding one for the Catholic Church. We have also received permission to place plaques on the Old Rock Jailhouse and the location of the French Laundry. We currently have 71 plaques placed.

New Book – As mentioned last quarter, 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 was completed in time for Goldfield days and was well received. It's available at several businesses in town and in Tonopah, Beatty, Ely, and Bishop, CA. It's also available on Amazon.com.



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