

the Goldfield
Historical Society
Goldfield, Nevada



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

Barbarossa & Bear, LLC

Jason Blum

Dan Bovee

Susan Haas

Garry Hayes

Marjorie Kinnaman

Bill Laub

Joe & Susie Morales

John Williams

We have 148 members as of the end of September. Members are the life blood of organizations and we sincerely appreciate each and every one of you for your continued support. Thank you. Since the next issue won't be out until the end of December, we wish you all safe and Happy Holidays!

GHS Meeting – The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce/Historical Society building.

High School Restoration – **Mel Green**, our structural engineer, continues to work on the plans for the stabilization of the east wall. He was back in Goldfield on September 21st to do another walk through with John Ekman.

The fabricated column for the south wall is now ready. We're still discussing the move of the lintels from Millers – no time has been set yet but will need to be done soon.

Daniel Prendergast, the woodworker, is building the railings and newel posts for the front steps of the High School. We expect to have those items in late October or early November. Perchetti Construction is expected to be replacing the steps at the end of October. Hopefully, it'll all come together and I'll have pictures to show in our next issue of the newsletter.

There were additional Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) funds available for emergency work. **John Ekman** applied for \$60,000 to be used for window replacement and was awarded \$33,000 at their meeting in September in Las Vegas which John attended. There was a total of \$90,000 available and \$218,851 in "asks" from five projects statewide. We received over one-half of what we'd asked for and over one-third of the total funds available! Good job John! We'll start with the windows on the north and south side of the building which face the brunt of the winter weather.

Good news about the CCCHP 2019-20 grant funds. They are increasing to \$3 million next year. Last year the CCCHP 2017-18 grant funds were at \$1 million. So, our request for the next cycle will be for the first phase of the roof replacement.

Website – The website rebuild has been started and is almost complete. We'll keep you informed. This is being paid for with the grant from the Nevada Division of Tourism.

Jeri Foutz has been busy giving tours of the High School and has given the Society \$1,123.50 for this last quarter. Thank you Jeri! We really appreciate your hard work. Also want to recognize **Sherry and Debra** for keeping the T&T Museum open and the lights and heat on.

And last but not least, **Gina Greenway**, for paying the rent on the T&T Museum room. This is very much appreciated.

Historic Markers - We currently have 84 markers placed around town. This project is very important. In order to retain our National Historic District status, we need to keep our old buildings standing.

Goldfield Days – Once again we had a successful Goldfield Days. The Poker Walk, which the Society runs, was very successful with 44 entries this year. We want to recognize **Laurie Sundeen** of Gardnerville, NV who donated her second place winnings of \$150 back to the Society. Thank you so much Laurie! Overall we collected \$1,000 during the event from the Poker Walk entries, donations, new memberships and miscellaneous sale items. Thanks to all who participated and helped out especially **Richard and Edie Koepnick**. They set up the shade covers, tables, organized the poker walk and were at the table most of the time. And I can't forget **Brenda Gleffe**, who sat at the table the whole time and checked all the poker hands that were turned in. **Steve Foutz** generously gave tours of the high school and **Jeri Foutz** organized the parade. **Juanita Colvin** entered her new acquisition – a gorgeous late 1928 Ford Model “A”. Unfortunately, we didn't get a picture of Dave Ashe's 1929 Ford Model “A” roadster. It's a beauty also.

All Photos by Jim Price



Richard & Edie Koepnick & Joan Sieber at the Historical Society Booth



Late 1928 Ford Model “A” - Ben & Juanita Colvin plus grandchildren

Jackie Pankrast of Ramona, CA, also a Society member, was the lucky winner of the quilt drawing. Congratulations Jackie!



People Ready for the Land Auction During Goldfield Days

Goldfield Birthday Party – Goldfield will be sweet 116 on October 19th and again, we'll celebrate this event. Coffee and cake will be served to all who stop by. We could use some volunteers to help out at this event. If you can help, please contact **Edie Koepnick**.

Other Projects – The walls and floors in the Rosenthal House (**Steve & Jeri Foutz**) are undergoing repair along with the stabilization of the foundation. The back porch on the Stanton House (**Bill & Sandy Beltz**) is almost finished. The Stone Brothel (**Richard & Edie Koepnick**) – is showing signs of improvement since they now have an experienced mud guy to help stabilize the walls. They have also done a lot of work on the inside themselves. Utilities on the lower part of their property for an RV hook-up have also been added. The Lyric Theater (**Terry Bergman**) has had more work done on the exterior walls and back stage floor. She also has done more work on the



Stanton House back porch

frame house behind the Rickard House.

Astrid and Richard continue their work on the Labarthe House. It's looking so much better.



LaBarthe House

The **Jon and Kim Aurich** are also working on their new acquisition currently known as the Hof house. They are making tremendous strides as you can see from the before and current photos below. They are also rebuilding the back porch on the Lockhart House.



Condition of Hof house when first purchased



**Jon & Kim Aurich
(Hof house current condition)**

Donations – We were given a 1908 photo and postcard collection of Goldfield and Millers plus some documents. They were donated by **Cindi McNabb** from Sequim, Washington. Her Great Grandfather/Grandmother were in Goldfield and Millers from 1908 to 1910. Thank you Cindi.

Goldfield Radio Museum – MEMBER PROFILE: P.K.HIGGINS by Jim Price

A long time resident of Goldfield, and a many-year member of the Goldfield Historical Society, P.K. Higgins has turned a life-long fascination with electronics and radios into one of the most interesting places to visit in all of Goldfield. His Goldfield Radio Museum, located right on U.S. Highway 95 at Oasis Avenue, displays literally hundreds of antique radios, phonographs, televisions, ham radio equipment, shortwave receivers, electronic test equipment, and much more. Plus there's a model train layout with three different gauges (sizes) of railroad equipment. Stop by the museum when you're in town, or give P.K. a buzz at 775-277-9318 and he'll be glad to meet you there.



Around Town – The roads within the Goldfield Historic District received a slurry seal as part of Phase 1 of the Road Repair Project.

Work has started on relocating a portion of highway 95. This is in preparation for the open pit mine that will be constructed and operated by Gemfield Resources. It is approximately ½ mile north of Goldfield.

KGFN Fundraiser Dinner – On October 19, KGFN, Radio Goldfield, will hold its second annual fundraiser dinner. Slade Rivers and Joe Bellamy will provide the entertainment. Tickets cost \$30. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. There is limited seating so buy your tickets early. To order your tickets, call 702-493-6185 or 775-485-9923. This is always a good time and you won't be disappointed.

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