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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:

Mark Badgett

Onie & Lisa Bloomberg

Carl Johnston & Jeniffer Vetsch

Kevin Leonard

John Pendergast

Gerry & Sharon Peterson

Leanne Phillips

Jeffrey & Doris Schell

Philip Secor

Katerina St. Claire

Conrad Thomaier

And a warm welcome to all of our members. Our membership as of the end of September is at 160 members.

High School Restoration – The East Wall Rebuild Job has been completed. As you can see, the stone lintels and bricks were placed on the front of the building from the ground up. What an improvement!

Photos by Jim Price





Photo by John Ekman

As reported in the last issue, we received emergency funding from the Nevada State Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) for the restoration of 44 windows. **Ron Young, Glenn Praiss, and John Ekman** practically worked day and night to accomplish this effort. They have been completed and the building looks soooo much better. It doesn't look so abandoned now.

The CCCHP East Wall and Window Repair Grant Final Report has been completed. The images and text were processed and sent to the State Historic Preservation Office by **Ruth Lee**. The state can now release the grant funds for this project. Next year - the roof!



Photos by Jim Price

And, we have an additional \$14,000 from the Snow Foundation to repair more windows that are repairable in the building. It all adds up and will help to preserve the building and keep the elements out. The remaining windows that need extensive work done are on the list but will require additional funding.

On August 26, as part of U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen's recent Virtual Statewide Tour, **John Ekman** gave the Senator a presentation on the High School Restoration Project. Using photos processed by **Ruth Lee**, John gave a 30-minute virtual presentation describing the project from its inception in 2010 to the recent completion of the East Wall and the 44 Windows. The Senator was extremely interested in the restoration work that we're doing in Goldfield. She talked at length about the important contribution our efforts make to Heritage Tourism and the overall health of the state's tourism industry, the main driving force of our economy. She commented to her staff, also signed-onto the presentation, that her office needs to see what they can do to better support our efforts. She promised to visit Goldfield soon.

After her visit, she sent the following letter:

“Thank you for taking the time to provide a tour of the Historic Goldfield High School’s restoration progress and sharing all of the efforts you have put in to see that community prosper. I am inspired to see such dedicated and devoted work to preserve Nevada’s history and I appreciate your willingness to inform and educate me and my staff. Our office will continue to be available to you as a resource.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any updates or concerns going forward and please continue your efforts! I hope one day soon I’ll get to see all of your progress in person!

Sincerely,
Jacky Rosen
United States Senator”

Well done John and Ruth!

My husband and I took 6 of the few remaining venetian blinds in to be re-laddered, re-corded and cleaned. Now that the windows have been repaired, there is a tremendous amount of light coming into the rooms and some of the south and east windows could use a little toning down. I think it’ll be a few months before we get them back but it’ll help. We’ll now have to pursue getting historically correct venetian blinds made for the rest of the windows. Always something.

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. Several people have acquired some of the wood. **Steve Bazaar**, a member, has made plaques with hangars and donated them for the Society to sell. They are for sale at Jeri’s Goldfield Stop. Thanks Steve.



Also, using stairs wood, our member **John Adair** has offered (at his cost) to make a limited number of commemorative pieces as a fund raiser for the Society. Will post a picture when we get them.

Photo by Jim Price

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Time Magazine - In the August 3rd, 2020 issue of Time Magazine, Goldfield and the International Car Forest made the cut. As you can see, it is a beautiful picture of the milky way taken on the grounds of the Car Forest. Apologize about the quality of this photo. A friend sent it as a scan and I was unable to personally obtain a copy.



Last issue, I mentioned an article titled “Haunted Nevada” by Eric Cachinero from Nevada Magazine which featured the Goldfield High School and the Mizpah Hotel. One of our members, **Marilyn Seay**, who attended the High School, wrote the following:

“Thanks for the newsletter It was great reading. I did notice you also read the article in the Nevada Magazine about the Goldfield School. However, the last part of the article is untrue. I can understand if the idea to sell more tours is to say the place is haunted great. But please do not follow the Magazine article where it said the place was haunted by the moans of the mean principal who locked children in the closet for punishment. This is untrue and unfair to the wonderful old principals who were so kind and dedicated. My mom arrived in Goldfield in 1908 and she and her sisters attended that school as I did. I was in the last group to attend the school before it closed. Teachers and principals were like pillars of the community and loved by us all.”

Unsubstantiated claims of wrongdoing by those that came before must be avoided and stories of paranormal activities should be prefaced by "according to legend" or "local lore has it." Thanks for that correction, Marilyn.

Other News –

Donations – Martha Dingman from Talmage, MN donated an original copy of the Joshua Palm Thanksgiving issue 1908. It shows pictures of all the students in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade plus the football and basketball team. There are many ads from the stores in town too. It is truly a treasure to have an original copy of this booklet. Thank you so much Martha!

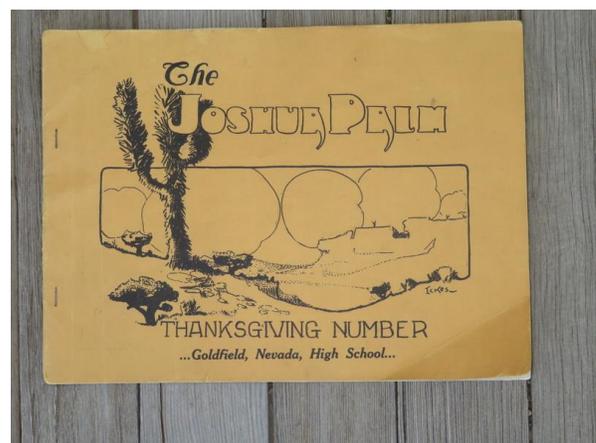


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Bill Fender, a member, has donated a beautiful period dress. It is on display in the Visitor Center for all to see and admire. Thanks Bill



Photo by John Ekman

Mary Mushaney from Goldfield, NV donated an early ballot box from the Esmeralda County Court House. Thank you, Mary. It is very much appreciated.



Photos by John Ekman

Don Woolcott, a member, donated this 2-piece school desk. It is in excellent shape and is a great addition to our class room. Thank you, Don.



Stanley Davis has made a generous monetary donation of \$5,000. It will certainly be put to good use. Thank you so much Stan!

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



Photo by Jim Price



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Richard and Edie Koepnick have found a stone mason and are having some much needed work done on the back wall of their brothel. It's coming along and should be completed in October!

Jim Price & Joan Sieber's caboose – Our caboose, NCB 2, now has repaired windows – thanks to **Ed Franklin**. We've also had the front and rear railings redone. They were missing some pieces. They are now whole, repainted and in place. The hand holds on the front, rear and side have also been tended to. A big thanks to **Dick Ruiz** for making this happen. Also thanks to the Florence Mine for a couple of critical pieces that we needed for the railings. Work has also been done on the interior. We're starting to enclose the bottom part of the cupola. Our brother-in-law, **Mark Pankrast** has been a big help to us with this project.



Photo by Jim Price

Around Town –The International Car Forest has been keeping owner **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. And a nice event was held there on what would have been Goldfield Days weekend.

The Visitor Center is now open and is being run by the Chamber of Commerce volunteers. It's nice to have it open again. A big thanks to the Chamber and especially the **Beltz** family.

KGFN – Our favorite local radio station, KGFN 89.1, is extending its reach. They can now be heard in Beatty, NV on 99.5 FM. They are also on 92.1 FM in Hawthorne, NV. Congrats!

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

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