



# The Goldfield Historical Society

## Newsletter, Goldfield, Nevada

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Welcome back to our returning members. We're starting this quarter with 189 members. We really appreciate your support. A warm welcome to our new members:

Carole MacDonald, CA

Clarissa Matulich, NV

Bud Perchetti, NV

**High School Update** – Our Final Report for the Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation grant for the FY 21-22 High School Restoration Project was approved, which released the final 10% contractor payment. This completes that phase of the roof replacement. John Ekman next submitted the CCCHP FY 23-24 grant application for the next phase. This will be for eave, soffit, cornice and downspout reconstruction on the north and east sides of the building. The cost for this phase will be \$232K. Due to limited State funds, we were awarded \$212K. We will be able to make up the \$20K difference with funds from the receipt of a \$75K reimbursement of a portion of Society funds that were necessarily expended in the FY 21-22 phase for required unexpected additional costs over and above our available grant funds. (We plan to apply for additional reimbursement for these costs.) FY 23-24 grant funds should be authorized in November, with funding documents to be completed early next year and work to start in the Spring.

**Donations—David & Karen Cullens** donated \$100

**Stanley Davis** sent us a check for \$4,000 which was also greatly appreciated.

**Coleen Garland** donated the following: 3 school desks, a beer can collection, books, Nevada Jim Beam Decanters and lanterns.

**Edie Koepnick & I** each purchased a wooden bookcase and donated them to the Society for our display room.

**Thaelie Georgiades** from Wellington, NV sent us a 1905 miniature Goldfield photocard set. I've never seen one of these. Much appreciated.



Photos by  
Jim Price

**Laws Railroad Museum** in Bishop CA sent us 11 postcards of Goldfield. It was nice of them to think of us.

**Mary Mushany** donated a detailed Goldfield cemetery list that was compiled by her family.

**Jim Price & Joan Sieber** donated \$1K

**Bob Stoldal** generously sent \$250 for our general fund and \$500 for the High School fund. This is greatly appreciated as the roof project practically deleted our funds.

**Robert, Kay, Karen, Adam, Matthew and Christian Stoldal** sent us \$500 for the High-School fund with the following note: "Goldfield, the Goldfield High School, and the Goldfield Historical Society are SOLID GOLD!" Wow, we really appreciate that sentiment! Thank you all.

**Centerra Gold**—Centerra offers a community donation program. Centerra Gold supports the communities local to the Goldfield District Project in Nevada by providing financial and in-kind support to community-based organizations. I submitted an application to them to repair/restore 11 more windows on the west side of the high school. As you may recall, the High School has 96 windows and we've restored 65 so far. As a result, we were granted \$9,900 for that purpose. This is expected to be accomplished in the next 6-8 months. A big thanks to **Centerra Gold!** Every window replacement makes a big improvement in preserving the building.

**Boxcar**—The boxcar closest to the Santa Fe Saloon is completely done with this phase and it looks great. The rear car is still being worked on. **Rich Gartman** has done an excellent job on this project. Thanks also to **Bill Beltz** for his help and support in this effort.



Photo by Jim Price

**Travel Nevada Rural Marketing Grant**—As mentioned previously, our grant application was awarded money to reproduce our Walking Tour Booklets. We made a few changes/updates to it. They're expected to be delivered in early October. It's amazing how many of these we go through. Fortunately, we were granted the full amount as the High School roof project pretty much depleted our funds. Many thanks to **Travel Nevada** for their support and to **JPJ Marketing** for making the updates and printing our booklets.

**Article in the Las Vegas Review Journal August 6, 2024**—Goldfield historians hope to keep town alive through tourism preservation” by Taylor Lane. **John Ekman** toured Taylor Lane and her entourage around Goldfield during Goldfield Days. As a result, an article was published in the Las Vegas Review Journal and was then picked up by the **Tonopah Times-Bonanza & Goldfield News** and printed on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Very interesting read. It's always good to get publicity for the High School and Goldfield. Our President is the right person to talk to!

**Tonopah Times Bonanza & Goldfield News**—In the Thursday, August 15, 2024 edition, there appeared an article titled “Tales from beyond the graves” by Taylor Lane. This was an article about all the research and hard work done by **Allen Metscher**, one of our well known members. It explained about his research and how he stamps out the information on a metal plaque. The article stated that “he's been interviewed by roughly 150 people looking for information about their family members”. We really appreciate all Allen's hard work and commitment to history.

**KGFN**—After reporting in the last issue that KGFN was building a new home for themselves. Things have changed. They're not going to build the cute little house that I posted a drawing of in the last issue, but instead, they've purchased a caboose to house their studio. It was delivered and set up mid September.



Photo by Patti Brownfield

**Goldfield Days 2024**—Once again, **Edie Koepnick, Brenda Gleffe, Leslie Rand & Tara Philpot** personed the Historical Society booth during Goldfield Days. Jim and I assisted as time permitted. We sold \$330 worth of our merchandise and made \$1,065 on the poker walk. Best in the West Racing Association provided \$350 of the monetary funds required for the poker walk awards. Dylan Borel won 1st place, Joan Sieber won 2nd and Bartley Hicks won 3rd place. Nick Hogue held the worst hand. Always a fun event to participate in. Interesting that all of the winning hands were 4 of a kind.

**Steve Foutz** contributed \$560 from his high school tours. Thank you **Steve**. We should also mention that Steve spent many hours clearing the grounds of the High School of weeds and did a lot of clean up inside as well. Thank you so much Steve for all your efforts. It really improved the appearance of the High School

**Jim Price and I** were in the parade once again—same as last year. We carried the Historical Society banner. Always fun.



Jim Price & Joan Sieber waiting for the parade to start

**Around Town**—Barbarossa & Bear have closed their doors. Unfortunately, one of the owners, **Jeffrey Hicks**, was killed in a horrible motorcycle accident. It was a great loss to the community. Jeff was President of the Goldfield Chamber of Commerce and was named Grand Marshal for Goldfield Days in his memory. His Vice President, Jeri Foutz had to step up and take over his duties plus her own and did an absolutely fabulous job. **Well done Jeri!**



Dylan Borel—1st Place



Joan Sieber—2nd Place



Bartley Hicks—3rd Place



Nick Hogue—Worst Hand

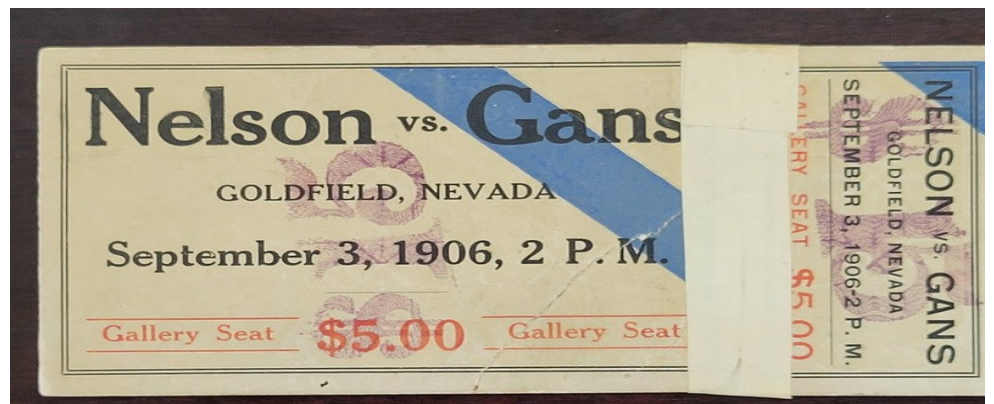
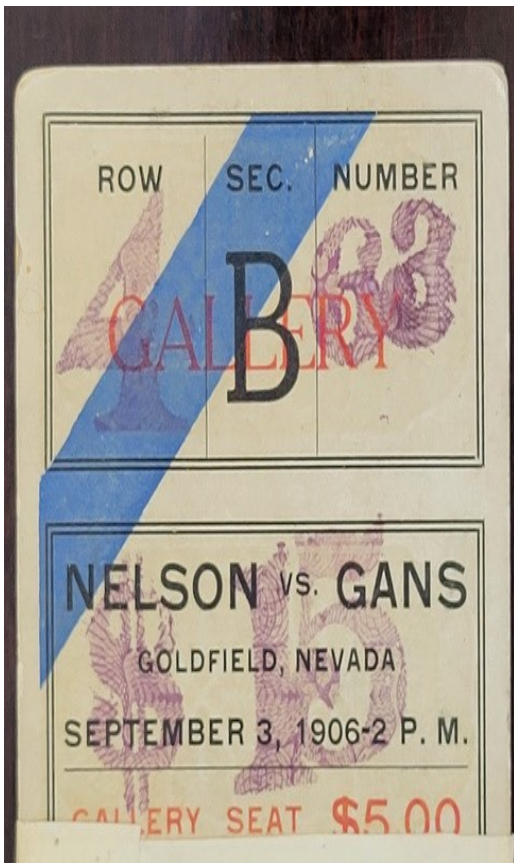
Photos by Edie Koepnick

We have the most interesting members. We recently received the following pictures from one of our new members, **Larry Berlin**.

From Larry:

“On May 20, 2024, I made a specific trip to Goldfield. My grandfather attended the Gans-Nelson fight in 1906. I never met him, but my mom would tell me about his attendance and she kept his tickets. I decided to go to Goldfield with the tickets, a picture of my mom and her parents, and a book about Joe Gans and be at a location where my grandfather once was. I knew the plaque next to the courthouse existed, but I didn't know about the plaque at the actual site of the fight.”

Thanks for sharing—



Photos provided by Larry Berlin and Sharon Artlip

**Goldfield Birthday**—The 121st birthday of Goldfield will be celebrated on October 19, 2024. We'll have cake and punch at the Community Center for all who stop by. Thanks again to **Edie Koepnick** for organizing this yearly event.



**3rd Annual Tonopah Mining Park Soiree** - **Edie Koepnick** and I attended the Tonopah Mining Park Soiree on September 7th and represented the Goldfield Historical Society. We spoke to a lot of people and gained a few more members as a result. Always a good time.



**Goldfield Main Street**—Join them on Saturday, October 19th in the town square for **Goldfield's First Annual Spooktacular!**

Family friendly games, card readings and Biergarten from 3pm to 8pm. A Ghost Walk starts at 5 pm and a drawing at 7pm. Paranormal investigation starts at 8pm. There'll be a Costume Party at the Mozart at 8pm. Sounds like a lot of fun. Check it out!

Their website [www.goldfieldmainstreet.org](http://www.goldfieldmainstreet.org) will have more up-to-date information.

Also wanted to mention that they've obtained a grant to publish a monthly newsletter entitled "**Goldfield Gazette**". It contains information about what's happening in Goldfield and Edie provides a couple of paragraphs about the Goldfield Historical Society. They have hit the ground running and looking forward to what else they will be providing for the Community.

**Major Stanton House**— The Beltz's have been making great progress on their restoration. The house now has a functioning kitchen and the latest—a bathroom. **Bill & Sandy** have done a wonderful job. Can't wait to see what they do with the two remaining rooms.

**Toby Dziubala** is a professional filmmaker with a specialty in something called "3D Capture". He was in Goldfield assisting Eric Hand film his third Western in the high school. While he was there, he took some time to capture the school house with specialized equipment and created a [3D VIRTUAL TOUR](#)—as well as an [EXTERIOR CAPTURE](#) of the building. Just right click on the link and then click on Open Link.

**Nevada State Railroad Museum**—Member **Jim Price** gave a talk at the Museum on August 11 about restoring Nevada Copper Belt #2 caboose. It was well received and I was there passing out Walking Tour Booklets and the Society Railroad brochures. Well done **Jim!**

If interested in viewing the presentation, you can watch it at: <https://youtu.be/lm1bibJ1XxE>

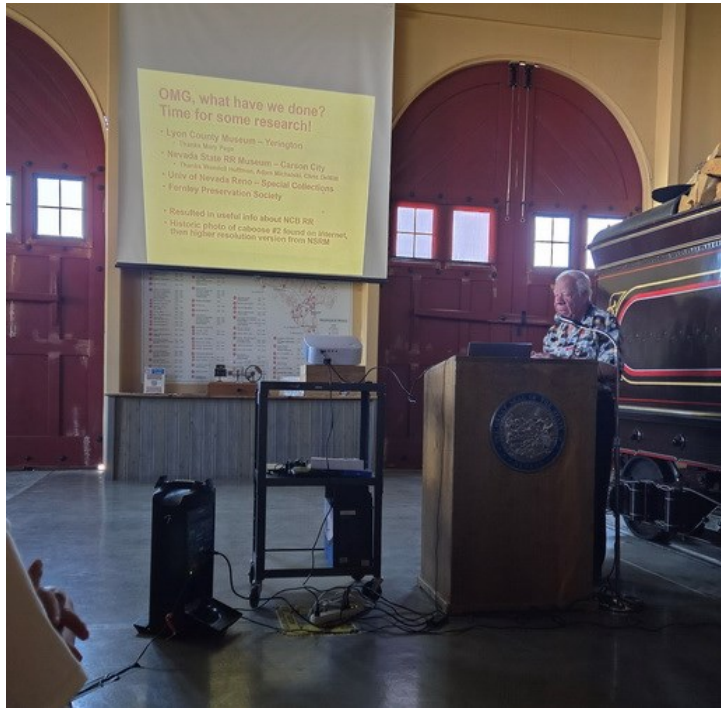


Photo by Joan Sieber

**Monthly Meeting**—The next meeting of the Goldfield Historical Society will be on October 8, 2024 at 7 p.m. Please attend if possible.

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](mailto:jcsie@pacbell.net).

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