

Hebron Historical Society

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Newsletter

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Quarterly Newsletter

It's been a while since we had a newsletter, and the Board of Directors thought it was a good project to bring it back. We are going to start slowly learning just



Figure 11 old roof



Figure 2 New metal roof

how to do it, and what things are of

followers. We also thought that since some people do not have internet service this newsletter should be a great benefit to them.

First up if you haven't seen our building which in days gone by was a school house here a couple of photos of our roof before, and after we had the metal roof installed. As a group we had our annual yard sales, food sales, and a lunch for fellow citizens attending the Hebron annual town meeting. It's all hard work, and **100 percent** of the proceeds and donations are plowed back into the Hebron Historical Society. These funds combined with other donations allowed us to have the metal roof installed to protect our building, and its contents.

We are slowly getting things in order. Later we replaced all the old windows, and as you can see we are hoping to have some minor wood repair and a new

interest to our Members, and

coat of paint when sufficient funds are available.

We would also like to do a shout out to long time friend of the Hebron Historical Society, Doug Cooper whose help was appreciated then and still today. We also wish to congratulate him on his recent marriage.

This past year we have had a great time with visiting speakers at our monthly meeting followed with refreshments served at the end. Bruce Conant has done a yeoman's job of locating speakers that have been of interest. We also had a special combined monthly meeting in September with our kindred spirits at the Grange hall in Minot with the Minot Historical Society. In Minot they always make us feel right at home. It was also a potluck supper that no one would have felt hungry at the end. Hats off to all the cooks!



The evening speaker was our own renowned Ben Conant who gave a presentation about the Hebron Sanatorium replete with many photos.

TIP of the quarter

It's not unusual for boxes of old documents to be donated to the Society, and we welcome them. What we have noticed, and everybody including myself are guilty of "not writing on the back of the photos": the people place year etc. of the photo!

Do yourself a big favor, and start labeling your photos: just because you or your loved ones can rattle off the names, and other information about the photo right now doesn't guarantee that years from now anybody will know the details. We have some great photos, and paintings, but do not know who the people are.

So it begs the question what about digital photos such as those we take with the ubiquitous cell phone camera?

I think it would be a great idea to

1. Download those photos to a computer to free up memory on your cell phone.

2. While it's fresh in everybody's mind right click on each photo, and rename the photo with all the who what where information instead of the crazy computer generated identification number that is attached to each photo. You can thank us later when in the future any relative can immediately know the details.

3. I personally think that an additional step after you have downloaded, and relabeled your photos is to "burn" a copy of your photos to hand over to some relative in the event that something happened to your computer. That way you are protected.

Upcoming events

We were planning on our annual Town meeting lunch which we hope is a great convenience to our fellow citizens, and an

opportunity to raise some funds to help us out. Unfortunately after arranging everything the corona virus resulted in the cancellation of the Town meeting, and our luncheon was cancelled. We wish to thank all those that were gearing up with donations of food.

We are also getting ready and hoping for Election Day sales.

We hope you recognize what the Hebron Historical Society does. Becoming a member is a great way to show your appreciation. We receive no funds from the Town of Hebron we survive on volunteers, membership dues, and donations. None of our staff is paid.

Hebron Train Building

You probably wondering just what we are doing with the Train Building. We are trying to save it. So far we have replaced sections of the sill, and installed new floor joists. Our biggest



problem is finding help to move the building about 30 feet, and turning it so it is located on the already prepared spot. We were hoping we could “skid” it to the new spot, but we need help. If you can help or have some ideas please let us know.

Yes it looks forsaken, but we want, and are willing to save it for Hebron’s history. Most buildings along this old train line have long since been demolished. Any funds that have been or will be donated are being kept in a separate account waiting the moment we can commence restoration. We would like to think that Hebron can save this remaining piece. It’s would be easy to just tear something down, but then all we have is a memory of something else lost to time.

We would like to start roof work and painting, but we need the

building moved first. We are discouraged it is taking so long, but it’s hard for a small organization such as ours. We are ever hopeful about moving it, and stand ready to do more repairs once it’s in the new spot.

In closing it’s been a tough time for all of us with masks, social distancing, and school closings. A lot of people have been out of work, and struggling.

We had to cancel our monthly meetings, both directors and membership. Our speakers were rescheduled. One bright spot was our ability to have our directors meetings using teleconferencing via Zoom thanks to help from member Darlene Glover.

Once things are back to normal we will start up our monthly membership meetings that are open to the public free of charge.

Come visit. Feel at home and listen to our invited speakers, and have a cup of coffee and a snack with us.

You can visit us on the WEB at www.hebronmehistsoc.org/

Check the web for upcoming events and speakers.

Until then we wish you all well,
and health for you and your
family.

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