



Hebron Historical Society

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Newsletter

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It seems like yesterday that spring had finally arrived, and expectations were high for a restart to normal that everybody wanted.

Despite wishful thinking that we were in the clear Covid always seems to be lurking in the background.

Supply chain issues and shortages have become the norm.

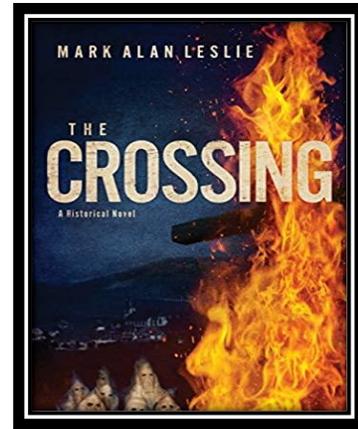
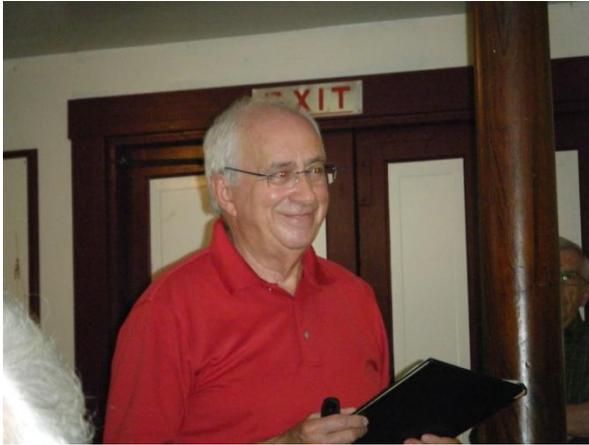
Just like you the Hebron Historical Society has soldered on: history never stops there is more of it every day.

This summer we held our annual yard sale and thanks again to those who donated items. Equal thanks to those who came to our yard sale picked something out. All we ask is a donation to help us out nothing is labeled with a price. It's a novel idea and the buyers love it. We feel much appreciated!



As we are an all volunteer organization 100% of the money collected for the Society's building upkeep with a small portion going to help the East Hebron train building restoration. We would be remiss in not thanking those who volunteered to work what turned out to be a very hot weekend.

In July we had a joint meeting with the Minot Historical Society. We always feel welcome in Minot. Our evening program was presented by Journalist and Author Mark Alan Leslie on Maine Burning. Mr. Leslie held our attention as he detailed the extent of KKK activities in Maine, and the politicians that helped their cause.



Whats nice about such evenings is the up close and personal interaction with the speaker(s), and the availability of the book for sale along with the authors autograph if so desired. Otherwise the book is available on Amazon.

In August we were fortunate to have as our speaker Laura Brown Director of Operations for the Poland Spring Preservation Society. Laura's presentation was the History of Poland Spring. Considering the fact that Laura had volunteered in the museum at the age of 5, followed by tours at the age of 12, and on the Board of Directors for 7 years, and currently Director of Operations she was is well positioned "give us the inside scoop". It was indeed interesting to hear the History of this storied Poland Spring from its simple beginnings to what it is today.



To the right is a photo of the Maine State Building that was built at the Worlds Fair in 1893 also known as the World's Columbian Exposition. Laura chronicled how the building was bought disassembled and shipped by train to Poland Spring where it was reassembled. Quite a story quite a feat!

In September our President for the last 6 years Ray Glover stepped down as he was moving out of state. We wanted to say we really appreciated all that Ray has done leading our Hebron Historical Society. We celebrated his last

meeting with us by presenting Ray with a plaque, a bouquet, and a cake embossed with a picture of the Hebron Historical building. P.S. the cake didn't last long.



People are no doubt wondering about the East Hebron train building sitting so forlorn in the field near the town garage. We are still working on it. The building is now on proper footing as we have lifted it with jacks, and added 6x6 pressure treated posts all around on top of cement pads. Next in the process is roof repair. Some temporary bacing on the back roof overhang followed by removing the old shingles, new trim boards, and finally new shingles. We also need to repair or replaces pieces of claboard siding and and find a suitable period front door. It's for sure not easy trying to restore something that other would have long ago been demolished, but sometimes there are things that are worth the extra effort. Someday when our efforts are completed people can say yes a train did run through here with a stop in East Hebron, and that is the building that was part of it.

It's painstakingly slow we know it. Being an all volunteer organization funds are precious and distributed accordingly. If you would like to help Hebron Historical and we hope you do please take a moment to join either as an individual or as a family. Some choose to simply donate and we are ok with that. An application to join in on the last page if your interested. Even as I write this volunteers are preparing to sell our increasingly popular November caldandar of prize drawings on election day at the twon office. It's a fund raiser for us, and a super way to win prizes all the month of November.

So we are close to a new year, new surprises, new history. People use our information we have collected for their own family research. We have helped a number of people find graves of past family members, and sometimes if we are lucky we might have personal information to help. In closing we ask that if you have old photos that you would like to donate to our collection we would love to have them.

**Thank you from all the volunteer Directors, and members at Hebron Historical Society.
We hope you have safe and happy upcoming holidays.**



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