

2019 Historical Society Year in Review

Our state and county Welfare exemption was finally completed after two years and we received over \$7000 in back property taxes. This also reduced all future property taxes.

The Oddfellows Cemetery was cleaned up and improved after a group of Board members met with the masonic Board regarding the poor condition of this historic location.

Over 6100 people visited the caboose throughout the year.

We held a Successful Fundraiser at The Mission Theater, which raised money and created prominent exposure for the Historical Society.

A Go-Fund-Me campaign was initiated and raised over \$3000.

The Asset Committee held a successful Barn sale and raised over \$4000.

Oral histories were videotaped and the one on Dode Martin was completed.

We held a successful Reche open house.

For the first time we generated funds (over \$400) at the Christmas open house.

The Museum entry was redone by the Asset Committee.

The Ford room water and mold issue was finally resolved.

Summary:

We held several successful fundraisers and became more involved with the community through the caboose and fundraising events. We created more of a public presence and fulfilled our mission by bringing history to the public through the caboose tours, museum tours, school house tours, oral histories and special events.