

Goldfield's 121st Birthday Party



October 19, 2024 The Goldfield Historical Society hosted the yearly Birthday Party in our Community Center to celebrate our existence and serve cake, punch and history to residents and travelers.

Now, we all know our town was originally a gold rush camp blooming with tents and eager gold hunters in 1902 and during that time the new mining camp was called Grandpa. However, On

October 20, 1903, a group of 36 miners and investors got together to establish a town site. The group had determined that Grandpa was not a proper name for a new town. After a spirited meeting, they voted to change the name from Grandpa to Goldfield. Thus, the town of Goldfield was born.



This year's party was a bit different in that it was held in conjunction with the first Goldfield Spooktacular held in the Colvin Town Square which adjoins the Community center. So, we had guests stop by for cake and punch and then mosey outside to carve pumpkins, enjoy the Beer Garden and eventually join in ghost walks. We had many guests from distant places stop by including one charming couple from the Netherlands. They loved us!



Our Faro expert, Bill Beltz, was not in town to give folks a chance to "buck the tiger." We sure missed him.

However, we did have a wonderful exhibition of old-time penmanship and letter writing back in the day by Gigi Living History.



Lots of signatures in our book!

Society President John Ekman far right



We had a really nice crowd strolling in and out. Loyal members, Brenda Gleffe and Tara Philpot (at left) manned the serving table. They chatted up our guests and served up lot of cake and poured lots of punch.

Goldfield has been through a lot in its day: Boom, bust, fire, floods, riots But our heart is still beating! The Society looks forward to next year and we thank everyone who stopped by to make this one a success.