

FRIENDS OF MIDAS 2009

NEW OLD BUILDINGS AND SIGNS In the last three years, three structures have been erected to serve as storage and display. The early 1900s era sign on the front of the blacksmith shop and the sign on the fuel & supplies store were painted by **Andy Richards**. **Wendy Richards** and **Lynn Isaef** painted a sign which now is on the front of **Skip & Dorry Powell's** house which reads: **Commissary - Gold & Silver Mines Co.** This was the location for a large building which originally warehoused supplies for the **Elko Prince Mining Co.**, and later served as a commissary and supply house for **Getchell's Gold & Silver Mining Company**. **Jack Dempsey**, a former heavyweight champion stayed there in 1931 as a guest of **Getchell**. A boxing ring was erected in front where **Dempsey** demonstrated his pugilistic skills. **Rick Isaef** installed these signs as well as the sign on the fuel & supplies store. The fuel store has many kerosene items including a very old "Perfection" kerosene heater donated by **Jim & Pat Swisher**. **Gene & Barb Casci** donated some old Nevada license plates which are now displayed on the front of this store. **Ken Altenreuther** brought some old oil pumps and an oil dispenser. **Dan & Joan Bennett** donated old gas and oil containers.....as did **Jody and Cathy Squires**. (The **Squires** installed the tin roof and built the front porch.) **Mark & Sheri Barlow** donated old (and unopened) quart oil containers and **Jerry & Garla Singleton** came through with an early automobile axle. Directly north is a structure which will house items commonly found in an assay office. The front door is courtesy of **Pam Mortara**. **Carl White** donated a bunch of chemistry glass. **Wes Walker** furnished some new crucibles and **Mark & Sheri Barlow** donated some old crucibles and annealing cups. **Dan & Joan Bennett** donated a counter ore crusher and **Carol Jackson** donated a dry shaker. This building is covered with rusty tin on the sides and roof and lap board, milled specifically for this project, covers the front. For these and future projects, **Powells** donated an iron door, 2 vintage fire extinguishers and a compressor, **Cascis**: a picture of early day Midas, **Richard & Mary Pincolini**: wrench and impact tools, **Rob & Rochelle Mazzone**: two old picks, shovel and trunk, **Ken & Bert Klamm**: 3-30' lengths of pipe for bridge in park, **Delco** light plant, **Paul Shelley**: books and **Barlows**: a license plate and hames hardware. A leather repair shop is being planned. Do you have any old leather working tools, leather shoes, boots, saddles or harness, circa 1920 to 1940, we can use?

CEMETERY The cemetery received a much needed facelift this last summer. Thanks to a generous donation from **Bobbi Geney** in memory of her mother and father, **Audrey and John Fitzgerald**, the front one-half of the cemetery received a new paint job. **Gus, Lori, Kalli & Eric Wegren**, and **Dan & Joan Bennett** ganged up on the cemetery with paint brushes, mowers and weed eaters. **Kalli and Eric** will take care of the maintenance in the foreseeable future.

QUALITY TREES IN MIDAS The **Midas Volunteer Fire Dept.**, **Midas Bighorn Sheep**, **Western Nevada Supply**, **Elko County**, **Friends of Midas** and a few individual donors put together working funds to plant about 90 quality trees in the canyon. Fourteen of these trees (all spruce) bit the dust and were replaced with Austrian Pine. Individual property owners purchased about 30% of the trees. Hopefully, all of the remaining trees have survived the very heavy freeze this winter. Thanks to the many who helped transport and plant the trees. Thanks to **Bernice** for babysitting the trees.

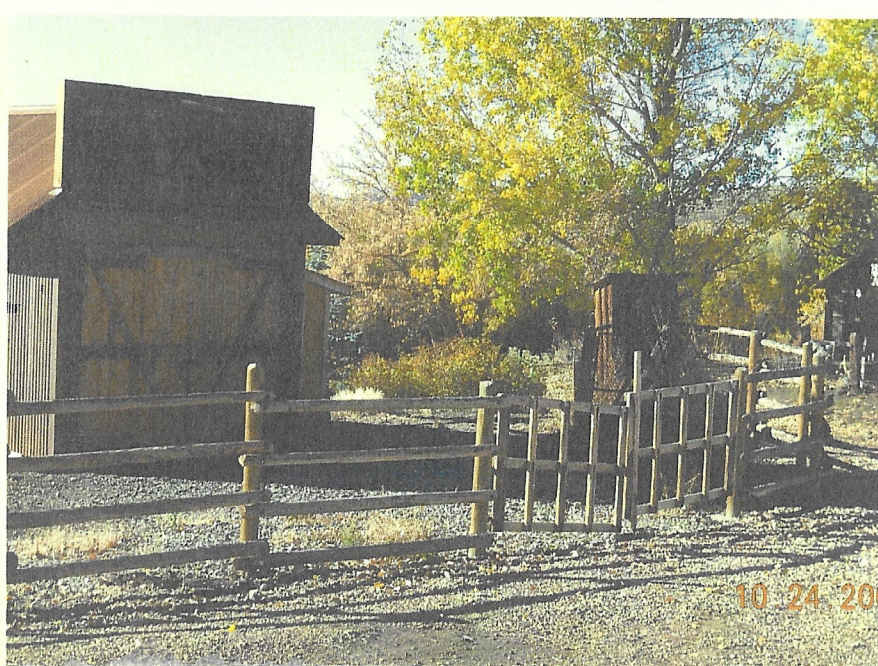
FIRE CONTROL This past year **FOM** purchased a riding mower which should make some of the mowing jobs faster. The primary purpose for all of the mowing equipment is to maintain **FOM** properties and the display park. **FOM** voluntarily maintains the sides of the roads to alleviate fire danger. **Friends of Midas** extends an offer to those private property owners who need and want their property cleared. Although **FOM** does not charge for mowing and clearing, donations are appreciated and go a long way toward maintaining the equipment and purchasing gas. The community gets credit toward fire protection for the hours **FOM**, or anyone else, spends on mowing and weed eating. The hours are exchanged for fire control dollars by the **Fire Safe Council**. All **Midas** property owners benefit directly.

THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 3RD. PLAN TO JOIN IN THE FUN.

Friends of Midas qualifies as a 501(c)(3) organization. Memberships and donations of cash or property may be deductible for federal income tax purposes. Consult your accountant.

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THE BLACKSMITH SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE NORTH END OF THE DISPLAY PARK AND IS PRESENTLY USED TO STORE LUMBER, CORRUGATED TIN, MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND IRRIGATION SUPPLIES. NEXT DOOR WILL BE THE SIGHT OF THE WAGON REPAIR SHOP AND SAM EDELMAN'S HARNESS AND BOOT REPAIR SHOP.



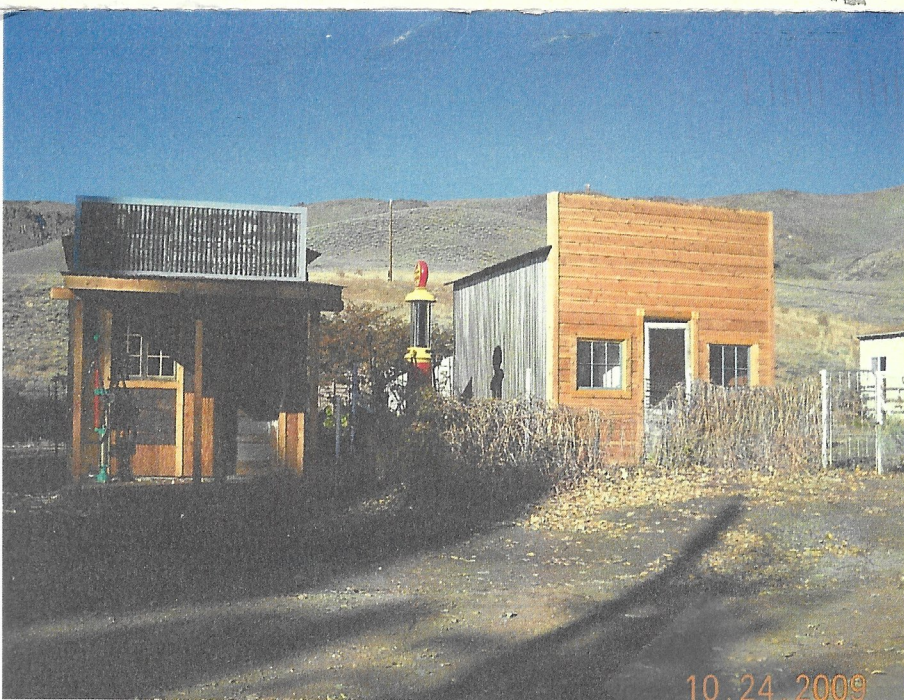
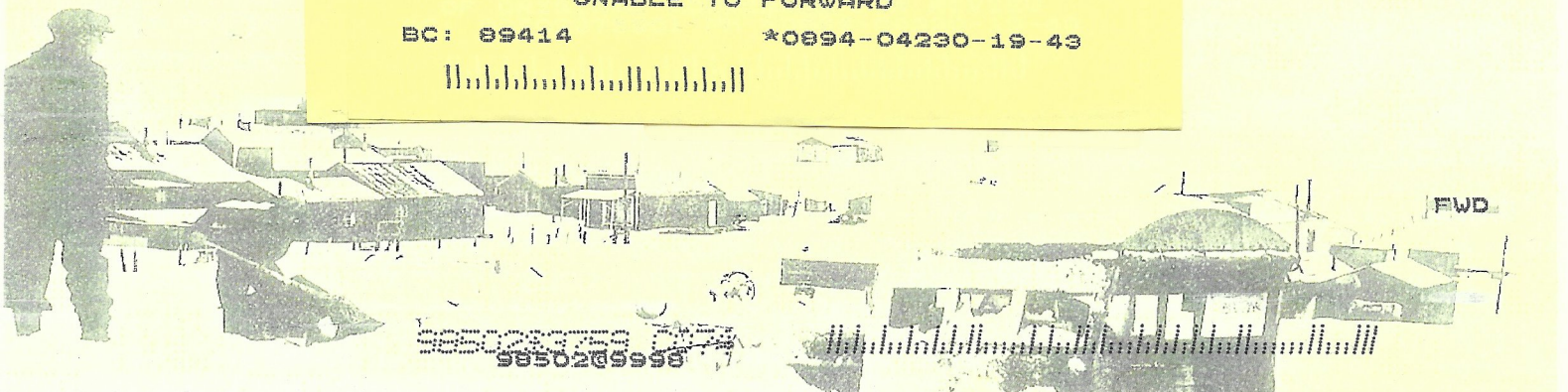
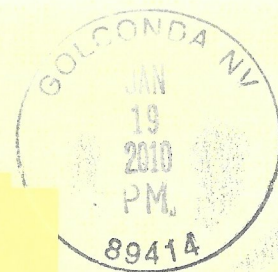
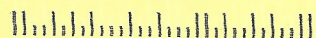
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