Friends of Midas 2014

Rick Isaeff inflated the tires, then he and Vic Christison loaded the 1949 Ford pickup on a trailer in about one-half hour.....the pickup had not been moved in nearly 40 years but the tires are still inflated! The photo of the pickup on the cover is courtesy of Lynn Isaeff. In 2013, a cash donation was received to be used for the signs projects. In 2014, with an additional donation from & Carole Doughty, a sign was made to replace the one which was removed from the Doughty place several years ago. John and Barbara Nolan donated several items including wrought iron blacksmithing tools, mercury flasks, a cane with a whiskey flask and a 1935 Zenith radio which works. Ken and Bert Klamm turned over some of their mining treasures to FOM. Ken Altenreuther, Ken Klamm and Ken Remmer assembled the huge old Ingersol Rand compressor next door to the blacksmith shop and it is not out of the realm of possibility that it will be up and running again. Mike Waddell, known to most as "Miner Mike", is restoring the portal to the mine which is on FOM property at the north end of town. Squaw Valley Ranch donated some heavy plastic material to be used on the portal entrance. Mike has some assay equipment which he will be displaying at the assay office building. FOM acquired some miscellaneous old Midas post cards with 1911 cancellations.....and a very special one with a very rare view of several abodes located in the canyon. Acquired at auction is the original document appointing Miriam I. Stenson the postmaster of Midas in 1919. In the fall of 1931, Jack Dempsey, then former heavy weight champion of the world stayed in Midas as a guest of Getchell. A sign is being prepared which will mark the site near the property of Skip & Dorry Powell where Dempsey lived and trained. On December 1, 2014, FOM board member Dana Bennett became the President of the Nevada Mining Association. The mining industry has been strongly supportive of FOM projects over the years, so FOM is pleased to congratulate both the Association and Dana. Another board member, Brian Elmore, received the 2013 Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Conservation Award from the Nevada Department of Wildlife for his commitment to Nevada's wildlife resources. Congratulations, Brian! This last summer, the front and back sections of the fencing at the cemetery were painted; undercoat and topcoat. We always have brushes and paint on hand. A donation of time or money (or both) for the cemetery restoration will be welcome. Annual Memberships seem to be holding even with prior years and Family Lifetime Memberships picked up one more in Mike and Sharon Waddell. Joan Bennett sprayed the schoolground, Macy Place and the park with pre-emergence and hopefully, it will be more effective than last year. A more effective way of watering and fertilizing the trees saw positive results this year. Hopefully, snowfall will keep some moisture on the trees this winter. Altenreuther mowed the park more than once, the cemetery fence line and some private property with a small non self-propelled power mower. Carol Jackson has a knack for finding and photographing nooks and crannies. A small sample of her photos of Midas are included with this newsletter. Elko County is providing a cattle guard which will be placed at the southeast corner of the park. It will be picked up in Elko, hauled to Midas and FOM needs your help.....e-mail: friendsofmidas@yahoo.com or phone: installed in June.

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Latest addition to the collection of vintage vehicles, wagons and farm implements is this 1949 Ford one ton pickup. Vic Christison donated this vehicle which was once used on the historic Pinson Ranch.

This pull type grader was located at Red House for many years. Originally pulled by mules it was modifide to be pulled by motorized equipment.



Work wagon is more than 100 years old and came from Hammond's Hot Springs Ranch. Outriggers on either side may have been used to accomodate construction materials for fencing projects.



Many wagons, implements and vehicles have been rescued from the bone yards of area ranches. ATTENTION FARMERS AND RANCHERS: GET A TAX BENEFIT NOW BY DONATING THAT OLD "WORK HORSE" FROM THE PAST!!

Friends of Midas will come get it at no expense to you and put it on display for everyone to enjoyCall it yard art or call it junk, we call it history!



Buckboard used to remove surviving Indians and one dead posse member from site of Indian massacre (1911). All were taken to the Kelley Creek Ranch. This wagon was located at the Hammond ranch at Jake Creek for many years.



Fresno used during construction of Willow Creek dam and canals in late 1800's by Nevada Land & Cattle then operating at Fairlawn (now Squaw Valley Ranch). The large fresno was a dangerous implement to operate.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN MIDAS

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH
FOOD, PARADE, GAMES, PRIZES
PARADE STARTS AT FIREHOUSE: 11:00 AM



CAN YOU HANDLE A FRAMING HAMMER?

This coming summer, we will be framing the inside display areas of each of the two buildings at Macy Place and a shed next to the blacksmith shop. We are looking for volunteers who want to work at their pace and with no specific schedule. Give us a call, anytime between now and April 30th at 520-744-8765



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