

# Afton Historian Monthly Report

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Dear John & Pat,

My apologies to the Village of Afton for not having this report out before the meeting.

Historian Hours

In the month of July, 2024, I have spent 9 hours in office with an additional 37 hours out of office and on location. For a total of 46 hours.

Separate from the job of Historian, I also spent 12 hours at the Afton Historical Society.

John Lawrence and I reviewed items in the old doctors office, and earmarked some items to discuss with the historical society about at their next meeting.

This month was mainly making copies to add to the files, and doing much research on the Afton Fair History and Historical items. Old historical doors were located that had been sealed off for decades. Investigations into how and why these doors were once used is a current ongoing research. Historical documents are being preserved and reviewed.

As volunteer work for the Afton Fair for preservation of original buildings etc. I have worked to secure lumber needed to repair and preserve the Grandstands that were built in 1890.

Additionally, the Afton Fair learned that I had run Floral Hall before and asked if I would return. It was a great honor to be back to one of the last remaining standing traditions of Afton. Floral Hall has been a yearly Afton staple since 1890 and to watch it continue is wonderful. Preparing Floral Hall through power washing, cleaning, etc. was time consuming. But well worth every ounce. Through repairing and preserving the Grandstands, we also maintain the original home of Floral Hall and all the history of that building. Floral Hall and the grandstands definitely took on new definition through the eyes of a Historian.

Sincerely, Mel. Hager, Afton Historian.

