

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 May, 2024, I have spent 3 hours in office with an additional 17 hours out of office and on location. For a total of 20 hours.

Separate from the job of Historian, I also spent 116 hours at the Afton Historical Society preparing for the opening on Memorial Weekend. Activities included long overdue overhaul of septic lines from the septic tanks to the fixtures they go to in the house, landscaping, making the Historical Society completely handicapped accessible, and much more.

While you and I are aware that the Afton Historical Society and the Afton Historian position are two completely different entities, it amazes me how many people do not know that and think that the two are intertwined. It is also in the By-Laws of the Historical Society, that the Historian is the lead to assist in their duties. With that in mind, I will add my Historical Society Hours to the Reports that I send.

Activities of the Historian this month.

1. Utilizing the new large copier to preserve historical documents in the Historians Office, as well as creating a copy of original Daughters of the American Revolution documents to ensure preservation.
2. More information gathering of Bettsburg for the Historical Records.
3. Research into Afton's Post Office's continues. Accuracy of old records being corrected for accuracy.
4. More research into Horton's Hardware for Historical records.
5. Historian Website continues to be built
6. On site research of Bettsburg
7. 3 loads of materials were removed from the rubble of Bettsburg buildings to use as period authentic material for rebuilding of other period buildings. The first to be completed is the last remaining outhouse in Afton.
8. Communications with the Gaydorous family and their eagerness to allow me to work with their historical aspects is amazing.
9. Historical and Historian Classes to improve my abilities in the job of Afton Historian Continue.

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10. America 250 is lacking in volunteers, but is still in forward motion.
 11. Elders of Afton still being sought out to perhaps celebrate in the future.
 12. Stories from Afton elders are and will continue to be recorded.

Fun Fact: The local Native Americans once had 2 tribes almost start a full fledged war over 2 children who had caught a grasshopper, and which tribes child 'actually caught it.'

There have been no visitors to the office this month as I was working on location.

No call's for appointments.

3 Facebook requests for information.

3 email communications to inbox.

Sincerely, Mel. Hager, Afton Historian.
