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MEET OUR NEW BOARD PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS

It has been a year of big change for our Board of Directors. Since summer of 2023, we welcomed five new members to our board. We welcome their new ideas, new energy and new perspectives. Joining our long-time board members Rob Anderson, Nick Daley and Lisa Passmore are new members Tyler Benton, Diane Delaney, Kevin Gibson, Brenda Grumley and Jamie LaRue.



We are also very excited to announce that Jamie LaRue will serve as the new president of our board of directors for the coming year. Jamie is the executive director of the Garfield County Public Library District. He's been a frequent speaker on leadership, organizational development, censorship and the future of libraries. Jamie has been instrumental in guiding our efforts to catalogue and organize our museum collection.

Recognizing the alignment of missions of the Library District and local historical societies, Jamie created a pilot program - placing an archivist intern, Ari Beachey, with Glenwood Historical Society to create a system to digitize, catalogue and organize the museum collection. This experimental program has been hugely successful in advancing the organization of our museum collection, as well as providing access to digitized content such as historical new papers to a larger library archives. Ari is a student at Colorado Mountain College and benefits from on-the-job training through this unique partnership.

Our board of directors began the year with the creation of a new strategic plan which will guide our programs and efforts in the coming years. We developed financial policies and procedures, new bylaws, a collection policy for the museum, and succession planning for our board and leadership. We are very happy to report we have made great progress on all of these areas of focus.



OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

Creating financial transparency and adopting new financial policies and procedures has been a major focus of our organization in the past year. Gaining the confidence of our community by adopting strong internal controls, clear policies that will guide the preparation of our financial statements, and consistent financial reporting procedures have been first and foremost on our list of organizational goals during the past year. As a not-for-profit that relies heavily on the contribution of volunteers who generously give us their valuable time, we have incorporated accounting for the great contribution of volunteers into our financial statements. The efforts of our volunteers represent one third of the year-to-date activity of our organization.

Revenue Summary: 1/1/2024 to 10/31/2024

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| Revenue Raised from GSHS Activities: | \$183,897 | 60.07% |
| Revenue Donated by the City of Glenwood Springs: | \$122,218 | 39.93% |
| Total Revenue from All Sources: | <u>\$306,115</u> | |

Revenue by Kind:

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| Cash Revenue Generated: | \$201,708 | 65.89% |
| Revenue from In-Kind Contributions: | \$104,407 | 34.11% |
| Total Revenue from All Sources: | <u>\$306,115</u> | |

Year to Date Volunteer Hours Logged: **2,913 hrs**

We continue to be grateful for the support of the citizens and the Glenwood Springs City Council for their generous support of our cause - promoting awareness and education of the history of the Glenwood Springs and larger Garfield County region. In our recently adopted Strategic Plan, we have challenged ourselves to generate as much revenue as we were receiving from the city. We are very pleased to be able to report that we have met that goal - creating 60.07% of our revenue through our own programs, contributions and in-kind donations of our hard-working volunteers. Please watch for our financial statements and annual IRS Form 990 to be posted on our new website as part of our commitment to transparency.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY GHOST WALK

We would like to extend a grateful thank you to our 2024 Historic Ghost Walk sponsors Alpine Bank, Bank of Colorado, Balcomb & Green, Stifel Investment Services AND to our critically important and talented volunteers who came together to help make this year's event a great success. The Historic Ghost Walk is a beloved tradition in our community and functions as our largest fundraiser of the year.




Cast of Glenwood Springs Historical Society's Ghost Walk Revue at Glenwood Vaudeville Revue Theater. From left, Aubrey Parks, Chip Wells, Jacquie Tannenbaum, Brad Hancock, Lindsey Hamilton, Nick Daley, Paul Hamilton. Photo by Kevin Gibson on October 30, 2024

The Historic Ghost Walk took place during the first three weekends in October. In total we welcomed nearly 570 patrons to Linwood Cemetery, up 20% from last year. In addition, we expanded from our traditional Linwood Cemetery venue to include a one-night-only Ghost Walk Revue thanks to our new partnership with John Goss at the Glenwood Vaudeville Revue. This sold-out performance allowed new and old fans to experience the magic regardless of physical fitness.

If your business is interested in learning more about becoming a sponsor for our 2025 Historic Ghost Walk, please contact us at museumoffice@rof.net.



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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of the Glenwood Springs Historical Society and Frontier Museum,

As we reflect on the past year, we express our deepest gratitude for your support in 2024. Your involvement has been invaluable, enabling us to continue to preserve the rich history of Glenwood Springs, then share it with our community and beyond.

Looking to the future, our Board of Directors is excited to introduce new programs and events, including a speaker series, traveling exhibits, oral histories and even an auction event. With your continued support, we will share the remarkable stories that have made Glenwood Springs a destination for visitors from all over the world.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Your support in preserving and celebrating our heritage means everything to us.

Warmest regards,



From the director
Bill Kight

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WHAT'S COMING IN 2025

- **Shoshone Tour.** Join us for an in-person tour of the storied hydroelectric plant tucked in the Glenwood Canyon.
- **New Exhibits.** Come visit the Frontier Museum and Doc Collection.
- **Speaker Series.** January kicks off our new monthly programming.
- **Oral Histories.** Know someone who is a great storyteller and has a firsthand account about a local event or experience? Send them our way! We are developing an audio recording program to preserve these stories for future generations.
- **2025 Glenwood Springs Downtown Walking Tour Guidebook.** New and improved