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Newsletter

October 2023

Custodians of the Past. Stewards for the Future

CHHCO IS OPEN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN PRESERVING AND PROTECTING HISTORIC HARRIMAN. MEMBERS NEED NOT BE A RESIDENT IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT TO BE ACTIVE.



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After another successful Hauntings of Harriman weekend, our attention now turns to the Christmas Tour of Homes



CHHCO's Christmas Tour of Homes is always the 2nd weekend in December, which lands on December 9th & 10th this year. Among the homes featured this year include first time showings of the loft apartment at 429 N. Roane St and the original Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, now residence, at 430 Cumberland St. More information on the tours will be in next month's Newsletter.

2023 Hauntings of Harriman is "In the Books," and it was another very successful Fundraiser



While weather earlier threatened to be a factor, this year's Hauntings of Harriman tour was widely supported by both volunteers and tour attendees. While the sponsorships, tour revenue and concession sales are still being tallied, this has proven to be another banner year, and possibly another record breaker.

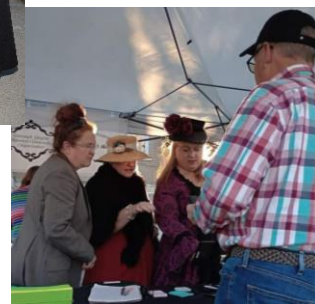


What is very evident, besides being profitable, is the fun the participants had, and the expanding



quality of the stories. This year featured a newly written story by Harriman High School student Zane Colwell told by Roane State

Theatre Major Anna Cox (see separate article, *Telling Old Stories in a New Way*).



Telling Old Stories in a New Way

As an initiative by CHHCO Board Member Jerry Lively, Harriman High School students were invited to participate in a contest to write “ghost stories” based on articles clipped from old newspapers. Based on this concept of creating “real stories embellished by the storyteller,” 6 students submitted articles. All Board members were invited to read the stories and provide their 1st, 2nd and 3rd favorites.



Bruce Knobloch(L) and Jerry Lively (R) present checks to (L-R) Abby Stout, Zane Colwell and Morgan Crass, winners of the writing competition

The scoring resulted in a 1st place winner, Zane Colwell, and two tied for 2nd place, Morgan Crass and Abby Stout. The contest provided \$150 for the winning story and \$100 each for 2nd place (over 50% of prize money was donated by CHHCO individuals for this purpose). All students submitting a story were also given a free ticket to this year’s Hauntings tour.

The winning story was then chosen by Anna Cox to tell during this year’s Hauntings tour. Anna is a Harriman High graduate now at Roane State as a Theatre Major, and was proud to support the creativity of her friends at Harriman High.

Civic collaboration is one of CHHCO’s missions, and we are also proud to support our upcoming youth in their interest in Harriman’s history. All stories written are being retained for consideration in future Hauntings tours.



Anna Cox (R) Storyteller of top HHS Ghost Story

CHHCO Participates again in Harriman’s Trunk or Treat

Another annual event for CHHCO has been participating in Harriman’s downtown Trunk or Treat, this year on Tuesday, October 24th. The city event has grown to an estimated crowd of 6,000-7,000 of all ages. This is just another way in which Historic Downtown Harriman has come to life, bringing in participants from Roane and collar counties.



CHHCO’s motif took a slight turn from tradition, where the focus was on “Candy Treasures” that children and some adults could pick from choices in an antique camelback trunk reminiscent of a Pirates Chest. The kids enjoyed being more interactive in the trick or treating, and parents appreciated the uniqueness of the theme.

State Senator Yager’s Chili Supper/ Auction Returns to Roane State 5-7pm Nov 17th



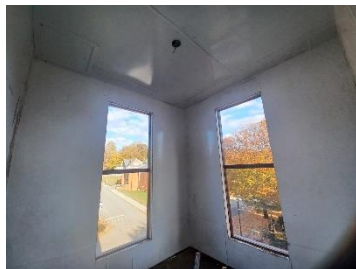
After a Covid Hiatus, State Senator Yager is again hosting his annual \$5 chili supper and fundraising auction. For those not familiar with

this event, Senator Yager invites local politicians and TN government colleagues to be Celebrity Servers for chili and hot dogs as a social fundraising event with entertainment provided by Nashville musicians from the Grand Old Opry. The Silent Auction this year benefits Roane County's Family Promise, an organization assisting families in Roane County experiencing homelessness and other housing issues.

Come join your neighbors in this fun, inspiring and benevolent event!

Harriman Hall Finally Progresses On Several Fronts

The Hauntings of Harriman tours were not the only accomplishments during October. After weeks of delays, construction crews finally began work on several projects within Harriman



This chandelier will soon be hanging and illuminating through the tower windows



Hall.

Three activities stand out.

The interior of the bell tower has been finished with a durable white wallboard, with the hanging of the chandelier to be completed soon.

The electrical wiring for the tower chandelier is installed, the circuit breaker box/initial circuit State-Inspected for early-on power, and wires energized by HUB. **We've got Electricity!**

A foundation and sill plate has been replaced that will allow us to move forward with plumbing to the future restrooms and utility room.

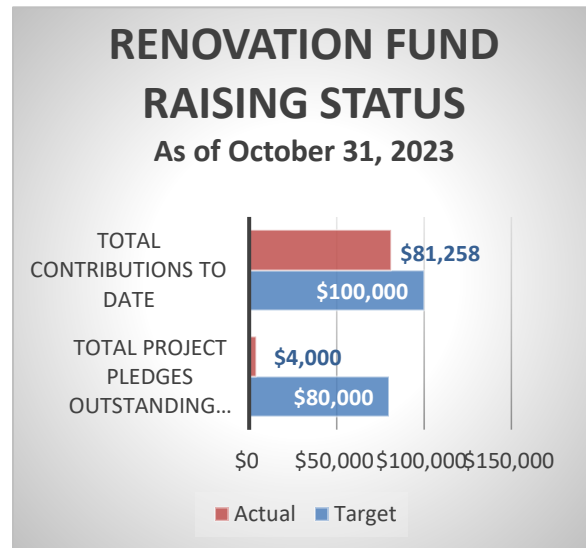


Planning of heating and cooling for the two meeting rooms as well as the lower level spaces along Morgan Ave are in process, and installations should begin soon.

These are major steps towards getting us where we want to be on the renovations, however, much more needs to be done. Additional wall outlets and lighting circuits need to be installed prior to finishing the walls and ceilings in the front meeting rooms. The foundation wall along Cumberland St also needs to be water-proofed, which will then allow us to tackle some of the water damage issues present in the lower level. CHHCO volunteers continue to work as teams or independently to make progress towards the cleaning and final occupancy of the space.

Harriman Hall will again be open during the Christmas Tour of Homes, where the latest progress can be viewed by the attendees. While we are not as far as we intended to be, progress is still being made and we will continue to move forward with the total restoration plans.

Historic Harriman Hall Fundraising



All donations go directly to the renovation of Harriman Hall, and are not used for any of the organization's operating expenses.

Cornstalk Heights Historical Community Organization is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are therefore eligible as a tax-deductible charitable contribution to the full extent of the law.

Donations can be sent to:

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401 Morgan Ave
Harriman, TN 37748

CHHCO Community Calendar

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Time Change (Fall back 1 Hr)	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 7 PM CHHCO Board Meeting, Visitors Welcome 408 Roane 7 PM National Lampon Christmas Vacation Princess Theatre	17 5-7 PM <i>Senator</i> <i>Yager's Chili</i> Supper/ Auction RSCC Student Lounge	18
19	20	21	22 7 PM Movie Night (To be Announced) Princess Theatre	23  Happy Thanksgiving!!!	24 7:30 PM Levi Kreis Home for the Holidays Princess Theatre	25
26 3:00 PM Levi Kreis Home for the Holidays Princess Theatre	27	28	29	30 6 PM Mickey's Christmas Carol Princess Theatre 7 PM City of Harriman Christmas Parade Historic Downtown Harriman		