



Harlan Cemetery Foundation looks forward to continued road improvements in the cemetery

HARLAN - The eight-member Harlan Cemetery Foundation held their annual meeting on Tues., Feb. 23. In 2020 the organization announced its largest gift ever, a \$40,000 pledge toward road repairs in the Harlan Cemetery.

The organization is looking ahead to 2021 and more road work is planned as \$17,283 remains left to be used out of the \$40,000 donation.

“Our 2021 continues on in the coming months and we’ve raised in excess of \$10,300 for the fund drive and an additional \$1,425 for assisting the cemetery with mowing costs,” Dick Jones said.

Also, through the efforts of board member Julienne Ferry, the Foundation garnered an annual gift of \$250 per year from Thrivent Financial that will help cover fundraising expenses for the organization.

The Foundation has continued to support the computer software and hardware needs of the association through annual purchases of updated software and assists in the costs to maintain their website, harlancemetery.com.

Donations to date

To date the Foundation has funded the Harlan Cemetery \$83,836 which includes \$2,300 in mowing assistance since the Foundation’s inception in 2007. The Harlan Cemetery Assoc. (est. 1872) is privately run by a volunteer five-member board - it is not owned by the City of Harlan.

The Association is confronted with long-term expenses that include concrete roadways, mowing and monument repairs -- all on a limited permanent-care budget. To donate send contributions to Harlan Cemetery Foundation, P O Box 543, Harlan IA 51537.

Members of the Harlan Cemetery Association which oversees the cemetery includes: Don Stowe, Eldon Erickson, Bill Early and Allan Ickes.

Foundation board members include: front, l-r, Dick Jones, Bonnie Fiscus and Julienne Ferry, vice president.

Back, l-r, Phyllis Lytle, Seth Johannsen and Andy Sondag. Board members not pictured included Al Ickes and Alan Mores, secretary/treasurer who took the photo.