

\$47,753 in road repairs and tree removal at Cemetery



HARLAN - This summer the Harlan Cemetery Assoc. spent \$38,858 on 9,368 sq. ft. of concrete roadway and \$8,895 to remove Ash trees and grind their stumps. Money to support these efforts came from Cemetery Foundation donors.

The new five-inch-thick roadway is part of a long-term improvement plan to replace damaged and aging asphalt.

Association president Don Stowe said the work is one of many improvements that have occurred over the past 13 years and they anticipate more enhancements with each passing year.

Foundation president Andy Sondag said funding was made possible by Harlan Cemetery Foundation donors. He said this year they received a generous gift from the estate of Neoma and John Vanderheiden, delivered by their son Lindsey, which was used for road repairs. The 2023 fund raising campaign is currently underway.

The Harlan Cemetery Assoc. (est. 1872) is privately run by a volunteer five-member board, and not owned by the City of Harlan. It is confronted with expenses that include new concrete roadways and monument repairs -- as well as escalating mowing and beautification projects on a limited permanent-care budget.

Who oversees the organizations?

Cemetery Association board includes: Don Stowe, Eldon Erickson, Brenda Conrad, Bill Early, and Reid Mosher.

Foundation board members: Andy Sondag, president; Julienne Ferry, vice president; Alan Mores, sec/treasurer; Bonnie Fiscus, and Phyllis Lytle.

