

# Extensive concrete road repairs at Harlan Cemetery



**HARLAN** - The Harlan Cemetery Association, with in-kind asphalt removal help from the City of Harlan, made way with an estimated new 320' concrete roadway at the Cemetery. The photo taken above is looking west and the new five-inch-thick concrete roadway is part of a long-term roadway improvement plan for the Cemetery with the most recent major project completed in April 2020.

Harlan Cemetery Assoc. president Don Stowe said the recent Cemetery work is one of many improvements that have occurred at the Cemetery over the past 12 years and they anticipate more enhancements with each passing year.

Harlan Cemetery Foundation president Andy Sondag said funding for the project was made possible by the donors of the Harlan Cemetery Foundation. Their board had pledged \$40,000 toward road improvements in 2020, and this summer they also assisted with damaged tree removal expenses for the Cemetery.

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 new concrete roadways and monument repairs -- as well as escalating mowing and beautification projects on a limited permanent-care budget. Cemetery Association board members include 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, Seth Johannsen, and Phyllis Lytle. The organization will be hosting its annual fund drive this December.

*(Photo by Alan Mores)*