

## **WCHS Monthly Reports July 2024**

### **Depot Report for July 2024**

#### Restoration

- Final touchup roofing tasks were completed. Unless something unexpected occurs, we believe all work on the soffits and windows is finished. We are still waiting for steel fencing used by the roofers to be removed.
- We are awaiting word from Roach Construction regarding options for draining the gutters to a new system, since the original drain lines proved to be blocked.
- Most of the security system has been installed – one new camera above the freight room door needs a new conduit line added. We are exploring means to hook it to the internet and our phones.
- Max Kirk continues to coordinate efforts with Electrical Contractors NW and Avista for the planned electrical upgrades.

#### Programming

- Plans for Depot Days (August 16-17) are well underway – Friday, 6PM, Chamber Walk of Fame Ceremony, including the induction of Ken Vogel; Saturday, 10-4, Speeder Cars on display, freight room and passenger car adorned with activities and displays, USDA and Palouse Prairie volunteers with exhibits.
- Working on plans for a book talk by Richard Scheuerman on Chief Kamiakin in September to be held at Kamiak Elementary School.

#### Other

- Finalizing designs for three outdoor interpretive signs financed by a Meter Foundation grant is in process. The services of a drone pilot to take shots of the restored roof and building has been donated by local realtor Mick Nazareli.
- Finalizing a design for an interpretive panel highlighting the Palouse Prairie flowers on the hillside is also underway.
- We are continuing to promote the Vogel Campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the passenger car and make plans for how that project can be achieved.
- A workday is planned for Saturday, July 27 – 8-10 AM – to clean outside and basement.
- We will participate in the Chamber of Commerce's non-profit showcase on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Report from the Archive, July 2024:

Open to Public, regular posted hours Wednesdays, 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM.

### **Archive – July 2024**

Archives has experienced a much heavier visitation and requests this past month, I'd guess 3 to 4 times more than a standard month.

Have supported research for several members of the Pullman historical preservation Commission over most of the Wednesdays in this reporting period.

## **Directors Report**

Thank you to Kathy and Debbie for the great newsletter. I got that sent out last week.

I have been working on getting the Bunchgrass PDF's on our website. It is slow going but I am getting there. I squeeze it in after I get my other stuff done.

Perkins house fire alarms triggered on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ronda and I took the fire department through the whole building. Everything looked good. We just got new sensors a couple years ago. So hopefully it is not that. So far no more false alarms.

I put up three cameras outside the Perkins House. Frank reported that our well handle had been taken off, but he can fix it and it looked like someone was trying to get in the back door. Since I put the cameras up, we are surprised at how many people come to the Perkins house after dark. The cameras trigger my phone, they also have a motion sensor light, and I can set an alarm on them manually. I am putting up signs in the parking area and the front walkway that say "No Trespassing after business hours"

I checked around on insurance. Most of the non-profits use the same company that we use.

Dayton said that they have been looking but can't find anyone who would even insure the building besides the one they have. Even the Washington Museums Association said the same thing. They said this has been a problem across the board.

I met with Katy Whalen at the Perkins house to talk about the bunchgrass. She will be taking over after Ed retires. She was wonderful and has some great ideas. A big thank you to Donna for finding her for us.