

WCHS Monthly Reports September 2024

Depot Report for September 2024

Restoration

- We continue to press our current contractors to complete work. Galexis is installing the final security cameras. Roach Construction will perform the next exploration of the block downspout situation.
- Max has obtained help from some mechanical engineers to make further recommendations as to what we need to upgrade all the electrical systems. This will provide the necessary information needed by Avista. As a result, we are not pressing Electrical Contractors NW to begin work on building improvements.

Grants

- Plans are underway to apply for a USDA Rural Development Grant which is due in January – looking at asking for \$70-75,000 for the restoration of the train cars.
- We also will be applying for a T-Mobile Grant in early 2025 to support train car restoration.
- The final paperwork for the current HCP Grant is near completion, so we can recover that \$237,000 back into our coffers.

Other

- Our annual fundraising campaign is scheduled for early October.
- Richard Scheuerman will be giving a program at Kamiak Elementary School on Thursday, October 10 – 7PM. The subject will be Chief Kamiaken.
- We continue to gather facts about setting up an endowment plan for the depot.
- The train bell donated by Suzanne Mykelbust has been restored and placed on a movable platform – thanks to All Fabrication & Supply Co.

Palouse Museum Report

The museum had an outstanding turnout for Palouse Day and we're looking forward to hosting the Annual Meeting.

There is interior brick damage that needs to be addressed.

Directors Report

- A huge branch fell in the Perkins House yard. I got Steve Larkin to remove it.
- Mark, Krista, Nancy and I set up the schoolhouse and blacksmith shop at the Fair on Wednesday. I assisted with the 3rd grade classes on Thursday. The lights went out in Colfax at 1am on Sunday, Sept. 8th. Our back up battery was dead, so I sat at the Perkins House until about 3:30am so our alarms wouldn't wake up the entire neighborhood. The backup battery is now charged and in working order. After a short 3-hour sleep, I covered at the Fair on Sunday and helped clean up. Thank you to Janet, Nancy and Jim for helping with the clean-up. The Fair was a huge success. A big thank you to Krista for leading the project. All our slots were filled with classes.

- Worked with Janet and Krista on awards for the Annual meeting. They are all ordered and should be done by this week.
- Created an ad for the annual meeting. Sent it to the Gazette. It will be in the paper the week of Oct. 1 and Oct. 7.
- Added the Annual meeting to our website, will promote on Facebook and send out an email blast next week.
- Working with Nancy Rothwell on Advertising for the Perkins House Vintage Holiday open house.
- Working with Clara on the Perkins House after dark tours.
- Let Allison Munch-Rotolo know that she has been awarded the Volunteer of the Year award and invited her to attend the Annual meeting for an award presentation. She was thrilled and honored. She will be there.