

## WCHS Monthly Reports February 2025

### Depot Report for February 2025

#### Grants

The final edits on the USDA Rural Development Grant are being made. The letters of support are arriving. An endorsement for expenditures is needed from WCHS and on February agenda.

#### Endowment

Ken, Kathleen, and Linda are meeting with Nolan Glueckert from Innovia Foundation to explore available assistance. Some information was shared in the Annual Report being mailed shortly.

#### Annual Report

A tri-fold 2024 annual report is being printed and mailed to 397 previous and prospective donors. It highlights the accomplishments of the year, lists all the donor names by category, shows the year's income & expenditures, and projects plans for the upcoming year.

#### Restoration

A proposal for drainage upgrades has been received from Roach Construction and approved by WCHS. There are several projects, such as moving stacked bricks, removing platform bricks, and possibly lifting some track, need to be accomplished before work begins. The Restoration Committee is meeting to make plans for the upcoming year.

#### Programs

Trevor Bond and Phil Gruen are presenting a program on Ida Lou Anderson and the Architecture of the WSU Campus Thursday, February 29, 2025, at 7 PM. Anderson was a graduate of Colfax High School and taught at WSU from 1926-39, inspiring a generation of broadcasters.

### Directors Report

- Nancy Rothwell and I have been checking on the Perkins house weekly to make sure pipes are not frozen and heat is on. Jim Fitzgerald has been shoveling when he comes to town. Our Perkins House neighbor Fred Wilson passed away; I visited with his brother. His brother will still be staying in the home.
- Frank White (volunteer at Perkins house) had a major kidney surgery a couple weeks ago. It was a very risky surgery. Nancy and I have been checking in with him. He is doing well, but recovery is slow. He is hoping he can come back by the end of March to help at the house again.
- Sam's registration – This was not an easy process, but I finally got a number from them. But it looks like that is only one of the numbers that is needed. Apparently, there is another registration that is needed. Kathleen is helping to try and figure out to do this.
- Created the bunchgrass mailing list. But they did not use my list again. They used the old list that has 200 people extra who have not been members in over 8 years. We received 42 of these back in the mail because of wrong addresses or deceased. Not sure how to get them to use our current membership list. I will keep trying. Ed is still involved in the process and mailing.
- Got all the year-end checks in the bank for tax deductions.

- Sent reports to each location with year-end gifts for their areas.
- Mark helped me disconnect the ADT services at the Perkins house and take down the motion sensors. We put up the new wireless fire detectors on all floors. The detectors are connected to my phone. We also have Wyze cameras on the outside of the Perkins house at each door for security. Also connected to my phone.
- Sent out Newsletter for Kathy and added to our website.

**Palouse Museum:** Several fundraisers for spring/summer are being discussed for the roof project. More details to come.

**Archive:**

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

Archives have been experiencing an average of one to three visitations per week and Email requests at two to four per week this past month.

The power in the storage room under the stairs at the Gladish is not working, two light bulbs will not come on, installed a new bulb and it will not work. Reported to the Gladish through their online work order request over two weeks ago and have not received a response and the power is not working. I will contact them in person this next Wednesday to see what the status is.

The boiler for heat at the Gladish apparently has been shut down for the last 1-1/2 months or more. They have little portable heaters spread through the halls attached to power via small extension cords. We have none of the Gladish heaters in our suite. Three or so years ago, the Gladish maintenance crew came through and removed the two portable electrical heaters we had. Both Lynsey and Anette left after a short visit due to the room temperature.

Note: in my past employers, we had regular Fire Department inspections, and we would have received multiple write-ups and repeated noncompliance fines would be served upon seeing the same condition.

I was invited and attended our Bunchgrass Historian editor History Class at the University on Wednesday Feb. 12, 2025, representing the Archives for the WCHS. Lou came in early to cover my absents.