

WCHS Monthly Reports March 2023

President's Report

Work continues on review of our volunteer manual, board function sheets, fund development and working plan as well as policy and procedure forms. Val has done a great job putting things together. The Executive Committee met this month to discuss policy. We will be meeting at the Perkins House on Wednesday.

Director's Report

We have received 42 renewals in from our membership mailing. I am working on a new website. Updating documents that go on the website. Visited with Alex to try figure out a fee structure for all of the research work that we do for visitors. And how they can pay online for the services. Wrote the Directors message for the newsletter. Process donations and thank you letters.

Report from the Archive, March 2023:

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

Staff have been present throughout working the following:

Although weather has limited volunteer attendance this past month,

Collating and cataloging donated collections and entering data into PastPerfect.

Dealing with selections of collection that has nothing to do with Whitman County or its people, to be deaccessioned and moved from collection.

Accomplishing online requests, research, and responses, consistently have several requests made by us each month. Fairly heavy request load recently.

Pullman Police representatives have been doing weekly visits researching information for a historical description on the Pullman Police department's history. They've been visiting weekly since the first week of the year.

Received a monthly rent bill from Gladish that had two issues that we didn't agree with:

- 1). Monthly rent for second year amount jumped to third year rate, six months early.
- 2). There is also a \$0.45 difference more than our figures.

In talking with the Gladish business office and handed them a copy of our cost per year spread sheet for the five year contract.

After looking at our cost by year sheet, she pulled us up on their billing software, she then stated "My Bad", She said she made the mistake and the rent should not have increase until next September. I asked about the \$0.45 difference. She said that it's no big deal, that she rounded up. I told her our

numbers were to the fourth decimal, she said she would resend the billing with the correct amount.

Lynsey and I spent couple of hours working in the Artifacts room in Colfax.

Perkins House, February 2023

The last weekend of February a small crew met to do a “spring cleaning” of the inside of the house as well as the porches. We packed up a few leftover items from the winter, then focused on wiping down surfaces, dusting, and vacuuming. I have made note that there will need to be some purchases made to replace some cleaning supplies. We did our best to make sure the house was ready for visitors once again. As soon as the weather is a little better, we will work on a deep clean of the windows, inside and out. Contact has been made with the 4H group that volunteers for yard work. Our initial date of yard work is April 16th; contact person is Rob Lustig. We informally discussed a few fundraiser ideas and plan on meeting in March to discuss details.

Lost Apple Project Committee report, March 12, 2023:

On March 11, 2023 members of the LAP committee met at the Roy Druffel farm and packaged nearly 400 grafting scions for customers all over the US. The committee has also received orders for over 100 apple trees.

We are waiting for the results of DNA testing before we announce the recovery of at least two more lost apple recoveries.

Dave Benscoter

WCHS Depot Report for March 2023

- Discussing WCHS Executive decision.
- Working with CMR Roofing as work in attic has begun, tile ordered, and April roofing set to start.
- Planning an April 22 Quilt Show.

March 2023 Roy Chatters Museum Report

- All is well at the museum.
- We had an unexpected gift in February. Local residents wanted to host a 70th birthday party at the museum, agreeing to make a donation. They requested guests to make a donation to museum rather than bring cards or gifts for the birthday guest of honor. Much to my shock, there was more than \$600 donated!
- Wheat Life magazine wrote a great article in the March issue about the museum.