

Depot Report for December 2025

The PDHC Steering Committee is forwarding three proposals to the WCHS Board for consideration:

- 1) Extend a new contract to Design West Architects to begin planning for interior restoration work - \$51,700.
- 2) Close out unfulfilled contract with Dan Thayer for work on the train cars - \$23,074.05.
- 3) Contract with Air Tech to do additional paint and blast material testing - \$3,520.00

PDHC was contacted by the Washington Department of Ecology pursuant to an anonymous complaint about our sandblasting. We are in the process of responding to the letter and providing information as to our procedures for proper disposal.

The Restoration Committee met with Ned Warnick, Design West Architects, and began discussions on our next steps to restore Zones 1-4, which includes everything from the baggage/express rooms to the far end of the building. It will also include remodeling the freight room to accommodate renters while the work is underway. As plans and budget become more defined, we will be applying for another Heritage Capital Grant to help support those efforts.

The Steering Committee is reviewing our current sub-committee structure, including the mission/focus, leadership, membership, recording methods, etc. for each.

A full page ad in the *Community Update* highlighted the events and accomplishments at the depot for 2025. Copies are mailed to every resident in Pullman.

Results from the first day of the Holiday Bazaar were encouraging. Sales will continue on Saturday, December 13 and 20.

Report from the Archive, December 2025:

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

12/4/2025, Thursday afternoon, Monica Peters of WCGS and I were interviewed with Emily Pearce and Olivia Anderson of the Moscow Pullman Daily News newspaper for an article about our new site, it came out 12/6/2025

11/05/2025, Wednesday, Met with Jason Refsland, a WSU University Marketing and Communications Video Manager about the displacement from the closing of the Gladish Community Center

12/13/2025, Saturday afternoon, met with Jason Refsland again due to the story he interviewed me for has been picked up by the Spokesman Review and they'd like some photos of our new space. Deadline is Tuesday 12/16/2025.

12/7/2025, Sunday afternoon, open house for WCGS/WCHS drew approx. 40 people

12/07/2025, Sunday, met with Matt Paxton, Founder and CEO of Clutter Cleaners who is putting History Channel program together about Roger Rosbo Three Forks Museum materials. Matt told me that he would save some of the historical items such as photos, post cards and books for the Archive collection. I was told to come back at 10:00 AM Friday and he would put everything he found in one corner in the house. Note: No one was allowed in the house except for his employees.

12/12/2025, Friday met with Matt Paxton at 10:15 AM, after meeting with him and was told that he needed to accomplish a couple of things first. I waited nearly three hours, ten minutes before they closed for the day, 1:00 PM before he asked me to send him an email reminding him what it was that we were seeking. He told me that all the items in the house were sold to the people who had a U-Haul parked within 30 feet of the front door. I thought to myself that we didn't stand a chance of acquiring any local historical items. GRRRRRRR! They are going home to Alanta Georga with plans to return in the spring.

Regards,
Alex

Directors report

Worked with Jon and the Coleman Family on the fiscal sponsorship agreement for the Cemetery project. Also worked with Nolan from Innovia on signing their document so that the funds can come to us each year. I added the Cemetery to our website and giving list for people to give online.

Sent this information to Kathy to add it to our next newsletter.

Met with the Mayor of Tekoa, City Administrator, and volunteers on the Tekoa Empire Theater. They are looking for a fiscal sponsor for one grant from DAHP. I am doing a zoom meeting with them again this Wednesday to see if they are going to be able to get the grant in by the 21st. If so, then I will have our board vote on the fiscal sponsorship at Wednesday nights meeting. If not, then we don't have to do anything.

Hearth and Home Magazine did a great article on the Perkins House. They interviewed Nancy and I and got some great photos of the completed project and history of the home. There are copies of the magazine at the Perkins House. They eventually put them online after the publication has been out for awhile.