

WCHS Monthly Reports December 2024

Perkins House Report – Valoree

They had a great turnout for the fashion show and open house on Dec. 7th for Winterfest in Colfax. 50 to 60 people came through the house. Frank will be closing the house down for the Winter months. Nancy, Val and Frank will check on the house each week to make sure pipes haven't frozen. Clara will also still be doing after dark tours to raise funds for the house.

Directors Report

Jon, Linda, Kathleen, Ken and I had a zoom meeting with Innovia to finalize the contract. Attended the Holiday Open house at Perkins house. So did Mark and Krista. It was a nice turn out. I set up online ticket sales for them for the fashion show. Two deposits for the Perkins house from their donation box. Depot has had a good return on their mailing, so I have processed lots of gifts and letters. Ran monthly reports for the different locations and for Jon. Jon has a new email: jpacpa46@gmail.com.

We are paying \$83 a month at the Perkins house for the fire alarm system and security. We already have 3 cameras up outside that trigger my phone if someone is on the grounds after dark. I can set an alarm, if they don't leave I can call the police. We have signs up that say No Entry after business hours. I found wifi smoke detectors that will alert my phone if smoke is detected. We can buy 4 for \$65 and the annual fee is only \$19 a year. This would save a bunch of money and the poor fire department can stop coming to the Perkins House for false alarms. We have the system turned off right now.

Archive – Alex

We received this letter from Gladish.

Hello All,

Attached is a letter from our board president, David Harder. It reads as follows:

“As you know, the Gladish Community and Cultural Center (GCCC) has been a cornerstone of Pullman, providing a home for vital organizations like yours and offering spaces for our community to gather, create, and thrive. We are grateful for the important work you do and the role you play in making the Gladish Center a vibrant hub for the Pullman Community.

I am writing today to share some news about challenges we are currently facing. The sudden departure of Pullman Community Montessori has significantly impacted our revenue stream. While this has created a financial strain, we want to assure you that the Board of Directors and Gladish staff are fully committed to keeping this facility open and operational.

We are confident that the Pullman community, which has always rallied to support its own, will rise to this occasion as well. To address this situation, we are launching a community fundraising effort to secure the resources needed to maintain our operations and preserve this vital center. At the same time, we are exploring a number of other strategies to bolster our financial position.

As tenants of the Gladish Community and Cultural Center, your support is critical during this time. We ask that you consider reaching out to your own stakeholders, members, and supporters to encourage them to join this effort. Their voices, contributions, and advocacy will help demonstrate the importance of Gladish to the many organizations and individuals who rely on it. You can also guide potential tenants to Gladish, which will assist with the long-term fiscal outlook and community vitality.

Please rest assured that we remain fully committed to transparency and will keep you informed as we move forward. We are confident in the strength of this community to help us overcome this challenge. Your work is essential to our shared mission of serving the Pullman community and we deeply value your partnership in this effort.

If you have questions or ideas to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for being an integral part of the Gladish Community and Cultural Center. Together, we can ensure that this facility continues to serve as a home for nonprofits, events, and the people of Pullman for years to come.

With Gratitude,
David Harder

President, Board of Directors”

Thanks so much,

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Palouse Museum

The museum will be closed in January, primarily to save on heating costs during our slowest month. Reducing utility bills when possible is a priority. We were fortunate to have the past two years of AVISTA bills paid by someone else, now it's back to reality.

Weighing heavy on my mind is fundraising for the new roof.

As reported in the past, Don Myott and Alex Otero are both working every week on their special projects that will be invaluable for the museum. Now I get to be a part of Don's, by preparing a searchable database of the hand-written information he has meticulously gleaned from the Palouse newspapers.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Janet Barstow

