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Central Washington
Agricultural Museum



MUSEUM NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Wally Moen

I hope everyone got through our winter as it was cold but with very little snow. Many other areas of the country have or are still being hammered by bad weather. The big concern is will we get enough snow in the mountains for irrigation that the farmers need for the coming year.

A lot of things have been going on at the museum. We have developed a Volunteer Handbook and Personnel Policies Manual for the volunteers, and we are working on how to get it distributed. All current and future volunteers will be required to abide by these policies. We are reviewing the Articles of Incorporation that have not been updated for 40 years and we are also reviewing the Bylaws again.

The 2024 Annual Membership Meeting will be held on March 23 at 1:00pm at the museum. Members whose dues are current as of that date will be eligible to vote for the three members of the board of directors whose terms have expired. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

The board of directors, with assistance from the attorney for the City of Union Gap, has developed a Release and Indemnity form that must be completed by all groups and all individuals that have any items left permanently at the museum. Everything brought to the museum must be approved by the accessions committee prior to being brought in. If the accession committee does not accept the items, they cannot be brought to the museum. This applies to everyone and includes items already on the grounds. The Release and Indemnity form is required and must be completed each year with pictures and is due at the museum on January 1. If the form is not completed each year, the item must be removed, or it becomes the property of the museum. The blank forms can be picked up at the museum office.

The museum volunteers have been busy fixing things up and keeping the museum working. We have installed a garbage disposal in the kitchen which will be useful to all. Electrical outlets were added in building 15 so the trams can be plugged in to charge the batteries. Very bright dusk to dawn lights were added at the front of the museum to provide better visibility at night. Last summer we removed several bins of trash and metal for recycling, but there is still more to do. We can always use help with this strenuous task. Three large trees were removed across from the visitor center due to age and damage. We hope to replace them with smaller trees.

The interior of the Lindeman building is getting a major makeover. All the current exhibits on the south and west walls have been removed to provide space to create a display focused on the Lindeman company history. Plans include having a Lindeman crawler next to a John Deere BO tractor to show the modifications made to the tractor to create the crawler. It is hoped this exhibit will be ready in time for our Season Opening Event on April 6.

The crew in the railcar are doing some painting and fixing up the displays. The crew in building 1 is working on a buggy that was in good shape when it was donated but needs some TLC. The sizing cups in the 1950s era apple packing line are worn out and new plastic cups are being manufactured by Yakima Plastics using a 3D printer. A golf cart has been donated and the crew in the Danner building has gotten it ready for use. The crew in the Klingele building is working on several projects. They took the large diesel engine apart to see what it needed and found major problems and now must figure out how to finance the project. We are planning on putting a frost-free faucet in for the Horse~n~Harness area as the water near the corral is not yet turned on for some of their events.

We are having early planning meetings for the major events at the museum, so they run smoothly. We have a new high-speed internet service and have installed eight security cameras throughout the museum. With Don's help, they are working now so we can see what's going on at the museum. In December, an automated external defibrillator (AED) was donated to the museum by Dan Mohrbacher of AED Advocates, Inc. This unit can mean the difference between life and death in the event someone suffers a sudden cardiac arrest. We will be mounting it on the exterior of the office so it will be readily accessible in the event of an emergency.

We are still asking if anyone has any split rail fencing that they have taken out, that the Civil War reenactors could have, as they would like to use it in the battlefield. The fence would be stored at the museum.

Thank you for your membership and a special thanks to those who volunteer, because they keep the museum operating.



Ron Miller and Vaughn Warren working on body of buggy



The sizing cups in the apple packing line are being replaced



Exhibits in the Lindeman building have been removed to make room for new displays

Operations Manager Report by Don Evans

2023 was a busy year for CWAM Operations, and several major hurdles and problems were resolved. This year promises to be just as busy, as we leverage the technological and logistical solutions to fine tune the museum!

One of the many commitments we had to the membership and the community was to obtain the internet accessibility that we needed to reach our goal of being able to do live demonstrations and stream them to regional schools. When we began, we had an internet service provider that delivered service incapable of this requirement. After researching many options, from fiber optics to several cellular internet providers, we decided on the Starlink satellite based solution; which I used for my remote property. I'm happy to say that we now have download and upload speeds roughly 20 times faster than our previous provider...More than adequate to place the museum on the list for regional school live streaming!

When I first started with the museum we also had purchased a state-of-the-art Power Over Ethernet (POE) surveillance system from a local vendor. The vendor, however, had arrived to install the equipment and found our internet download speeds to be inadequate (With our old provider). They had abandoned the project, leaving the equipment uninstalled, and were demanding payment for a partial install. I began negotiations with the vendor in summer of 2023, and despite some initial technical issues experienced by the vendor, I'm happy to say that the install was completed as per the system specs. We now have real-time surveillance on the property, and a real-time alert system for our caretaker (Jerry)!

Cheryl Reese and I had also highlighted a need for improved visibility and presentation for our event displays, after manning our info booth at the annual Cherry Institute convention last January. With the help of the CWAM board, we were able to secure updated signage and a video system that displays informational videos on the museum (A special thanks to Bill McLaughlin, who donated the big screen tv for this project)!

Finally, the museum has lacked name recognition and community awareness, in part due to the park trees obscuring the museum, setback from the highway, and advertising funds that had gone unspent on some occasions. We are investing in fixing this issue and are hoping that this trend will be remedied in 2023, with a dedicated advertising campaign that will target regional media outlets, and center on our many exhibits and public events in 2024. This campaign will be funded entirely by grant money, earmarked for this purpose.

Our goals in 2024 include improving communications between volunteers, board members, and members, and improving our event management by incorporating elements of true project management; an effort that began at the end of 2023. With the fine-tuning of event management, and the continued support of all of you, we are truly setting our sights on making the museum a regional attraction to any interested in the history of agriculture, and especially to future generations!

Thank you for your continued membership, and support!



Nick & Dick salvaged the black walnut wood



When a dying tree next to the gazebo was felled, it damaged the cedar tree which then had to be removed



The September 2023 wildfire came close but didn't enter the museum



Every January we attend the annual Cherry Institute meeting

The acquisitions since the last newsletter:

- Corn sheller from George Maul
- 2 Farmall tractors and other miscellaneous Farmall items from Wayne McCarty
- Cast iron motorized coal forge from Chuck Tripp
- LeRoi Stationary engine from Randy Schilperoort
- 2-cylinder Cushman engine from Randy Schilperoort
- Gravity pump from Dennis Albano
- Lane Hope Chest & contents from Fred & Helen Mahre
- Club Car golf cart from Tom Reil
- John Deere BO tractor from Johnson Orchards
- Chaps from anonymous
- Valve refacer from Jon Brulotte
- 1947 Farmall A from Shane & Tami Lewis
- Player piano from Dick Drew
- 1953 Ford Golden Jubilee tractor from Ken Baur

Memorials

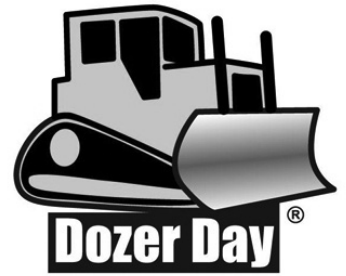
Bob Herber, Don Bird, Clara Gray

Remember a friend or loved one with a memorial gift to the Central Washington Agricultural Museum. Money from a memorial is used for additions and improvements unless otherwise designated. When you send a memorial gift it is helpful if you include the following information:

- Who to send the acknowledgment to along with the address.
- If available, we appreciate a copy of the obituary or a brief bio of the person.
- With a gift of \$25 or more the honored one's name will be placed on a memorial board. It is a tax deductible gift.

Administrator Report by Paul Strater

One of the offsite activities of the Ag Museum is participation in the Annual Dozer Days. Held on April 20 and 21 at the State Fair Park, this year the event will take place in the large unpaved parking lot at the northeast corner of the Fairgrounds. Heavy equipment like dozers, dump trucks, forklifts, and other construction equipment will be demonstrated—with opportunities for students to operate some machines. The Ag Museum will have a designated space to exhibit some of the vintage equipment from our collection. We will also feature our Education Program for kids and recruit volunteers from the professionals at the event.



2024 Annual Membership Meeting. March 23, 1:00pm at the museum

Education Coordinator Report by Cheryl Reese

Happy new year, everyone! I hope that your 2024 is off to a great start.

Before I get into 2024, I want to share how we ended 2023. We jumped right into the holiday spirit, bundled up, and participated in two lighted parades, the Yakima Holiday Lighted parade, and Union Gap's Old Fashioned Lighted Parade. Special thanks to everyone who helped decorate the entry. All those lights took a lot of time! Thank you to Tami Walker and Lori Leach for braving the cold and riding on the trailer and to Greg Wilder for driving the truck that pulled the trailer. We had such a great time, and my hope is to create a new parade committee that can participate in parades all year. What a fun way to let everyone know that the Central Washington Agricultural Museum is still going strong. If you are interested in being part of the parade committee, you will find my contact information near the bottom of this article.

As in years past, we also had a display at the Holiday Light Fest at State Fair Park. It's fun to walk through the museum grounds with the representatives from State Fair Park while they pick out items for the yearly festivities.

It's going to be a busy year at CWAM. One of my big projects for the year revolves around Senate Bill 5813. This bill states that beginning no later than the 2025-2026 school year, school districts in Washington must offer instruction in agricultural literacy during grades 7-12. We would like to see that expanded to include at least two visits to a Washington State agricultural museum or learning center during grades K-12. I am working with LTAC member Tom Denlea and Union Gap Tourism Director Eric Patrick on this exciting assignment.

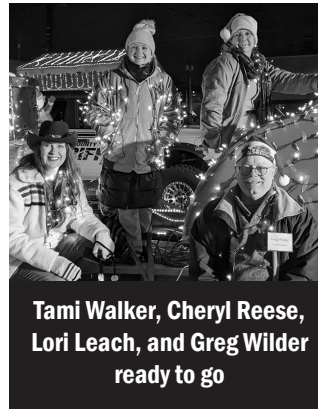
School field trip requests should start rolling in any time now. We already have a field trip scheduled for May 29. Lincoln Elementary in Ellensburg had such a great time during their spring 2023 trip that they have decided to make it an annual adventure. They had their 2024 trip scheduled before 2023 ended.

With all our yearly events on the calendar, planning is in full swing. We have already had our first Old Town Days meeting! It took place on the evening of January 25th and was open to the public. As this is a large-scale community event, we encourage and invite everyone in Union Gap, as well as museum members, to participate in the organization and running of this event.

The first major event on the calendar is the Season Opening on April 6, and planning is underway for that event as well. This fun day, along with all the other exciting activities on the calendar can't happen without volunteers. Do you have a passion for trains? Let us teach you how to drive the kiddie train! Maybe you have an interest in local history and would like to talk to visitors about the Amos cabin or the Keys homestead or the Youngs cabin. Whatever your interest at CWAM, we can teach you to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with others. You can contact me at cwam.ed.coordinator@gmail.com.

To get the museum in tip top shape for the Season Opening, I am reaching out to many different groups and organizations in the area to coordinate a museum clean-up day. I am aiming for Saturday, March 30th. We would love to have you on site if you are available and we can find you a project that suits your needs and abilities. If you are available on another date and would like to help, please contact me and we can make arrangements. We can also chat at the Annual meeting on March 23.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!



**Tami Walker, Cheryl Reese,
Lori Leach, and Greg Wilder
ready to go**



**Cheryl Reese and Lori Leach
light the way in the Yakima
Lighted Parade. Photo by: Evan
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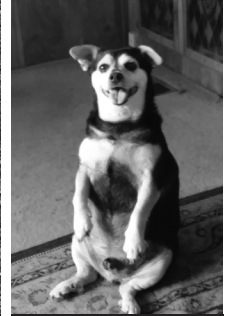
**The crew in building 1 created
several large wooden
Christmas displays**

CENTRAL WASHINGTON AG MUSEUM GREETERS

On Sept 28, 2023, the museum lost its mascot, official greeter, and our host Jerry's faithful companion, when Mr. Pibb passed away. The chubby little fellow, with tail constantly wagging, was always friendly and happy as he rolled over for belly rubs and sat on his butt begging for treats. In October 2020, he survived a coyote attack and bounced back to his normal happy self. Mr. Pibb was always the center of attention during school field trips and he greatly enjoyed all the petting he received. In his later years, Mr. Pibb developed diabetes and was completely blind, but sniffed his way around the grounds so effectively that most were not aware of the thirteen-year-old dog's limitations. He is missed by all, but especially by Jerry.



Mr. Pibb 2010 – 2023
Special thanks to Vaughn Warren who made this wall hanging as a memorial to Mr. Pibb



Sitting on his butt waiting for treats



Always happy Mr. Pibb



Belly rubs are good

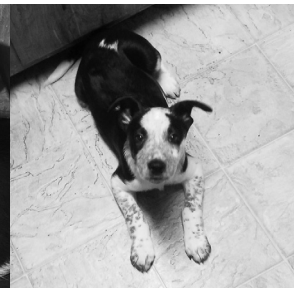
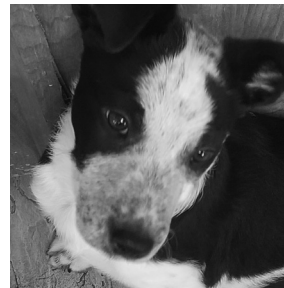


Center of attention at field trips

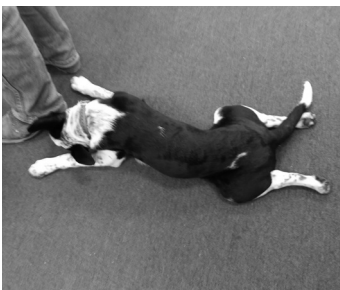
Jerry always knew he was going to get another dog, but the choice couldn't be rushed. He said he wanted a dog a little bigger than Mr. Pibb, but not a large animal. He didn't want an older dog, nor did he want a puppy. Jerry visited the Yakima Humane Society several times exploring his options. On November 30, he brought home an energetic, playful, enthusiastic 2-month-old mixed breed puppy. Yes, puppy; so much for that idea. The first attribute noticed about the new arrival was his penchant for staying right at the heels of anyone and everyone. He literally became your shadow and it only took a couple of days for him to earn his name of – Shadow.

In the first weeks after Shadow arrived at the museum, Jerry "lost" him several times because if the dog was outside and a visitor came through, the puppy was on their heels. More than once, a visitor came to the office to ask "Do you know who this dog belongs to? He's really friendly and followed us all the way out back." Shadow is learning to come when called and usually stops following people when Jerry says, "Come Shadow!" One of the more unusual things the puppy did in his first days here was very quickly, and expertly untie people's shoes. Shadow's training is progressing and now at five months he has doubled in weight and is much calmer, though he still has a long way to go.

There are several people who come to the museum every day to play with and walk their dogs, or walk the trails on the ridge. It has become a routine for some to take Shadow with them on these excursions. Jerry had hoped this exercise and socialization with other dogs would tire Shadow out, but it doesn't seem to do so. Shadow is beginning to fit in nicely and is a welcome addition to the museum "staff".



Shadow was two months old when he joined the family



Licking at the bottom of people's feet



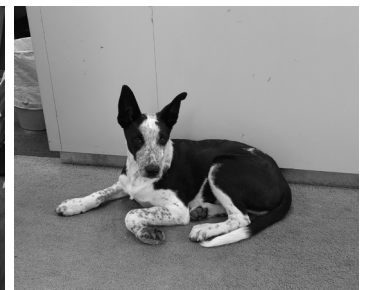
Belly rubs are good



Cute Shadow



Chewed up stuffed toy



Much calmer at 5 months

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Season Opening April 6
Old Steel Car Show April 28
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Sponsored by the Antique Truck Historical Society
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