The Heritage Network Meeting on March 20, 2023

In attendance: Bill Sebright, Lynne Wells, Sue Richart, Joe Barreca

Stevens County Historical Society Museum

The SCHS needs $20,000 to finish upgrading the HVAC system. Smokey the Bear will be the theme for SCHS museum in 2023.

HBC Fort Colville

Sue Richart talked about the live action museum at Gettysburg. Something similar would be a good way to get high school pupils involved in the history surrounding the fur trade leading up to the bicentennial commemoration of the establishment of HBC Fort Colvile. An art or computer class could be involved. Don Birch has high school contacts in Colville.

Joe is in contact with history teachers in Curlew. THN could put up money for prizes in a contest between schools. A critical part is finding a teacher with passion for this topic.

The Indian Agency Cabin

The cabin now has a beam installed to support the ceiling. Washington State people are coming in April. It might be a good time for a "reveal" of the age of trees used to build the cabin. More dirt for the grounds is still needed. The inside needs trim.

Research

Work is being initiated to digitize the Marcus Messenger from paper copies at the SCHS research center. There are about 1100 pages to scan. There are also about 500 pages of handwritten documents to scan dating from 1903.

The assessor "dead file" of old building sheets and images in 11 archival boxes has been completed. Glass negatives are also being scanned. Several local towns also have a lot of documents to scan.

Another trip to WSU for Winnans papers is planned.

The NewGS records are coming to the SCHS museum.

Clayton

Burton Stewart was a close friend of Leno Prestini and went on many adventures with Leno. His daughter has artifacts that Leno gave to the Stewarts. She will bring them to the Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society when the weather is better.

They plan to get the cover over the Clayton Eagle this summer.

The Facebook page is really working out. It reaches a different group than the website does.

They received more Wild Rose Orchard pictures. It was a dry land orchard southwest of Deer Park about the same time the Arcadia Orchard was in operation.

Dick Purdy was murdered in his house near Deer Park. He was one of the Society's main historians.

The Valley Historical Society has materials for restoring the Little White Schoolhouse in a grant from Lowes.

TumTum

The new issue of the Pacific Northwest Westerners has a masters thesis on the Mullen Road monument. They have been meeting at the Corbin Senior Center. It is a difficult drive in the winter. A guest speaker will be Tim Conner who wrote a book, Beautiful Wounds, about the geology of the Ice Age Floods.