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THE CENTRAL WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM **RESTORES HORSE DRAWN FUNERAL COACH** FROM THE 1880's

The Central Washington Agricultural Museum is proud to introduce its most recent equipment restoration project, a horse drawn funeral coach.

The coach was built in the 1880's and was donated in 2019 by local business owner Dave Humphries, owner of Valley Hills Funeral Home in the Yakima Valley, with the prospect that the museum would restore it to working condition if it was possible.

The coach was in major disrepair and had numerous missing parts. Including elaborately carved wood panels.

A core volunteer team of 7 people embraced this project, and with the help of additional CWAM volunteers a plan was made to restore the coach. This included creating new wood panels by hand and with lathes and a bandsaw. Wagon wheels also needed to be repaired, and thanks to some recent projects, the museum fortunately already had some expertise in this area. These wheels proved to be even more difficult and the only way to prepare them properly was to build a Rubber Tire Machine which the volunteers did. Other major repairs included rebuilding the rope mechanism for pulling the casket into the hearse and replacing windows. For the windows, they ended up utilizing polycarbonate windows which are the same type used in race cars. They were less expensive and safer than glass. The finishing touches on the coach included two coats of shiny black paint, and hand-made purple velvet curtains hung inside.

The project was started in 2019, but due to Covid-19 shutdowns at the museum the project wasn't completed until July of 2021.

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Upon completion, Nick Shultz, museum President, summed up the project by saying “Talk about a variety of talent around this place!” Special thanks goes to Nick Schultz, Dick Drew, Lowell Romfo, Bill McLaughlin, Mike Haider, George Nix and Sandi Vogel who spearheaded this unique project.

The coach will be on display at the Central Washington Agricultural Museum during the Pioneer Power Show & Swap Meet August 21-22nd, amidst acres of vintage tractors & equipment, demos, exhibits & more. Admission is \$5 for adults, children 12 & under are free with adult. After this date, it will be displayed in the Horse & Buggy Exhibit on museum grounds and can be seen ‘in-action’ during select events. Admission to the museum during non-event days is always free.

Find out more about the Central WA Ag Museum at www.centralwaagmuseum.org

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Careful What You Flush!

Please remember, the only things you should ever flush down the toilet are toilet paper, urine and fecal matter. Items marketed as “disposable” are to be disposed of in the garbage can with the rest of your solid waste. Please do not flush any disposable items; this includes disposable mop pads, mop heads, diapers, facial wipes, etc. If you have any questions, please call Public Works Administration Office.



STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Fall will soon be upon us and that means days will be darker earlier. Please take inventory of your neighborhood and help us keep Union Gap well lit and safe for everyone! You can report any / all inoperable streetlights to the Public Works Administration Office.

To help expedite the repair, please provide the address closest to the pole and the pole number (*the metal orange tag*).

BE PRO ACTIVE!

It is never too early to begin preparing for the colder seasons that are quickly approaching. It is much more pleasant to winterize your water lines, pipes, windows, your outdoor pet areas NOW than it is when temperatures are freezing. Think about how you can avoid issues you may have experienced during previous winters.



FRIENDS OF Union Gap Library & Community Center 501 C3

BRIDGE THE GAP – 2021

It's hard to believe we are in the closing days of Summer 2021! Navigating the changing landscape of Covid 19, record breaking heat, and smoke, it's probably safe to say we will all welcome the cooler days of fall and the continuing journey towards the new "normal" of our daily lives.

Covid 19 has dramatically impacted the families and businesses of our Valley in a variety of ways and there will be stories to tell for years to come. And speaking of "stories" ... Covid has thrown its own unique twist into the progress of the Union Gap Library & Community Center (UGL&CC). As we all have experienced price increases from the gas pump to the grocery store, the cost of 2x4's and plywood has not gone untouched. So the Friends of UGL&CC and the City of Union Gap have been hard at work writing grants and fundraising to "Bridge the Gap" between the original cost estimates and the project bids from early spring. As we look forward to a second round of contractor bids in the fall, our hope is the cost of materials will continue to improve. In the meantime, we want to extend a huge "Thank You" to local Donors who have embraced the vision and partnered with us in our fund-raising efforts to see the Library & Community Center built, filled and open to serve the people of Union Gap.

THE FRIENDS OF UNION GAP LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER, A 501C3, WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE GENEROUS DONORS:



Pacific Power Foundation donated \$5,000 to the Union Gap Community Center! District Director Toni Petty gives the check to Treasurer Terry Osman. Thank you Toni and Pacific Power Foundation



Philip Fluaitt became a Platinum Donor for the Friends of Union Gap Library & Community Center 501 c3. His focus is rebuilding the library.



Toni Petty from Pacific Power talks to the friends group at the building site for the community center. A big thank you to Pacific Power Foundation for their \$5,000 donation to the Community Center Patio.



Friends of Union Gap Library and Community Center 501 c 3 treasurer Terry Osman gladly accepts the \$2,500 check from Pacific Power Director Toni Petty for the Union Gap Library Story Wall.

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August 14th was the date set for our big summer Book Sale. Sadly, due to smoke and unhealthy conditions, we had to cancel. However, we want to say a special **"Thank You"** to our gracious host LaSalle High School, Mr. K, Staff and Students! "We look forward to next time." Loading and unloading over 3,000 new and gently used books (with more coming all the time), and tapes and CDs, is no small feat. **"Thanks"** to the volunteers who were willing to help. The UGL&CC Book Sales are a great way to spend some time! Remember... Christmas is coming! Get a coffee, bring a friend, buy a book! Watch our Website and Facebook for details on our next sale.

friendsofuglcc.org

On a brighter note, we hope to be joining the wonderful Valley Mall Farmers Market in September and October with a smaller selection of our book collection. Stay tuned for more details!

You can always donate safely and securely through our website, **friendsofuglcc.org** or at **Heritage Bank, Union Gap.**

Finally, don't forget to purchase your **LEGACY BRICKS!** For \$100, a personalized, engraved brick will be placed along the Library & Community Center Walkway.

Check our website, **friendsofuglcc.org**, or get a form from one of our local partners! Order soon - Quantities are limited.

Old Town Station Jean's Cottage Inn Pepp'r mint Stick Drive In
First Baptist Church Heritage Bank



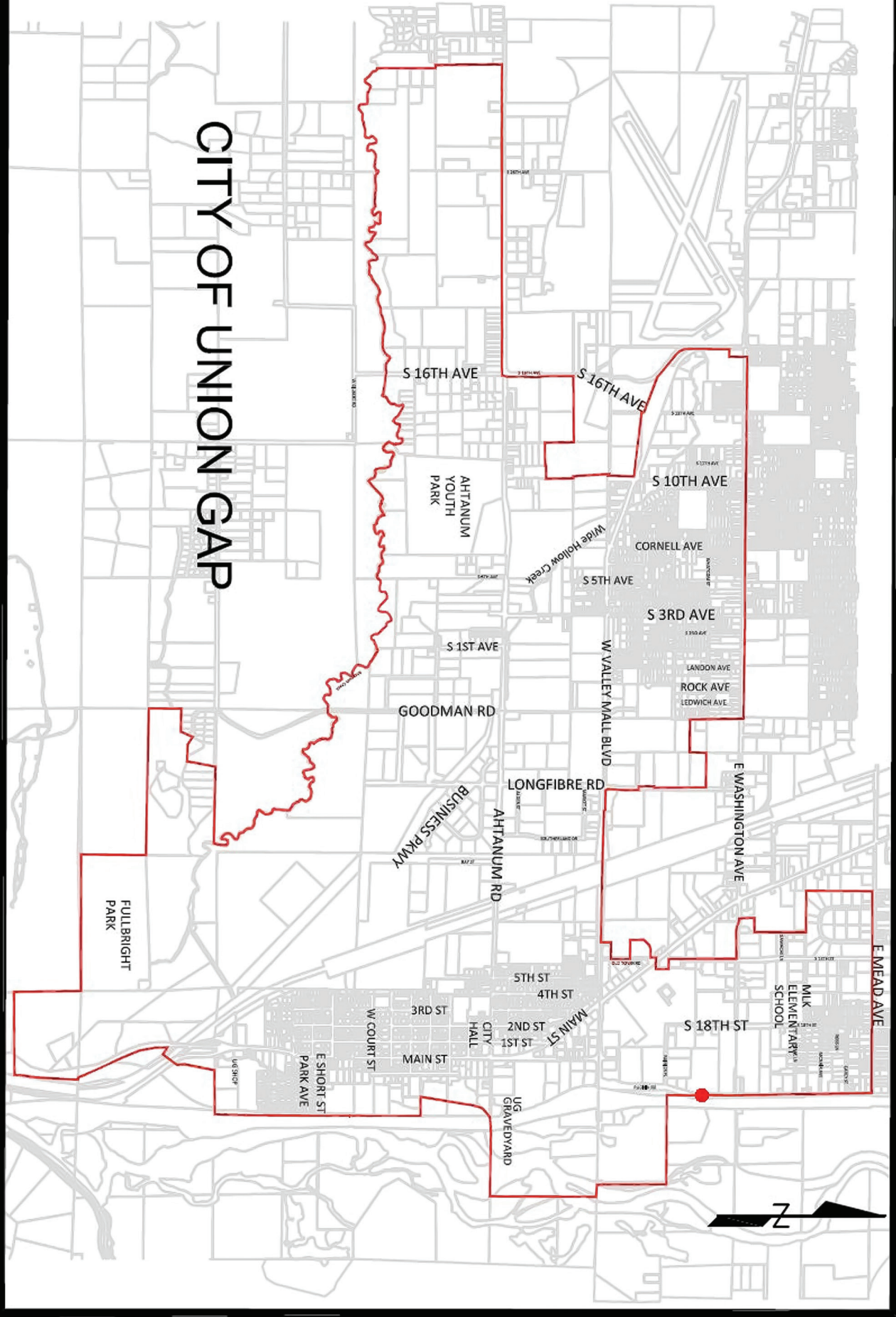
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR SENIORS!

The employees of the Union Gap Police Department would love to partner with the community to adopt the nursing home residents at Arcadia Medical Resort of Parkside for Christmas. Our hope is that it brightens their holiday season and they feel cared about by their community.

We're collecting stocking stuffers. Please bring safe items that could fit inside a stocking. (no candles for grandma or pocket knives for grandpa) Comfy socks, chapstick, crossword puzzles, small journals, book marks, the list could go on and on. Most importantly, we want each stocking to have a homemade card from a child.

If you feel led to donate some stocking stuffers or your children want to make some Christmas cards you can drop them off at the Union Gap Police Department. Monday through Friday from 8am -5pm. Donations due by Tues Nov 30th 2021. Thank you!!

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Fire	575-6060
Park Reservations	248-0432
Treasurer / Clerk	248-0432
Utility Billing	248-0434
Newsletter	248-9202

Building / Planning	575-3638
Code Enforcement	248-0430
Public Works	225-3524

Police	248-0430
Crime Prevention	457-5927
Animal Control	248-0430

1000 AHTANUM ROAD

Senior Citizen Center	248-2668
Activities/Barn Rentals	248-0432

TOURISM & TRANSIT

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Union Gap Transit	574-8000
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