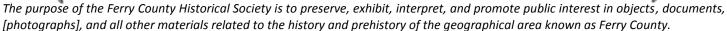


# The Nugget

Spring-2015

## Newsletter of the Ferry County Historical Society

Mission Statement





#### **Slagle House Schedule**

The J.W. and Elizabeth Slagle house in Republic will be open for guided tours on the fourth Saturday of the month from May through September or by arrangement. To arrange a tour please call Jean Delaney at (509) 207-0070.

The J.W. and Elizabeth Slagle House, seen here from the west, is Republic's only National Register property open for public tours.



## Work Day

There will be a FCHS yard work day at the J.W. and Elizabeth Slagle House on Saturday, June 20th from 10:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M. All members and other volunteers are welcome. Please remember to bring your gloves.



The new sign and support system for the restored panels



## A New Sign

## Ranald McDonald

The new roadside sign beside the Kettle River Road near Ranald MacDonald's grave is not a replacement for the panels that were removed last year for restoration. It's an enhancement for the original panels and it's providing information while the panels, beautifully restored by artist Charlene Payton-Holt, await installation.

The new and durable sign was produced by Nathan Agent as an Eagle Scout project. Nathan, a Curlew High School student, researched the production and content of the sign, organized and raised funds for its production assisted by a contribution from Kinross.

The sign was installed with assistance of the Curlew Job Corps. When the restored panels are replaced they will be sheltered by a roof now being designed for installation by the Job Corps. Thank you Nathan and Thank You Curlew Job Corps!

#### Oops!



The last issue's article about the Great Northern Railway Historical Society contained several errors. To begin with an ex-

tra zero made its way from notes into the text. The organization has between 23 and 24 <u>hundred members</u>, not 23 to 24 thousand members.

While the article stated that "all the Ferry County buildings and tracks associated with the Great Northern are gone", this is true only of the west half of Ferry County. The track between Laurier and the bridge at Barney's Junction is still traveled by the trains of the Kettle Falls International Railway.



River City Modelers

Learn, Build, Enjoy

The resources of the GNRHS were listed as including "a traveling model railroad exhibit". While the traveling exhibit exists, as does a larger stationary installation, they belong to the River City Modelers

club in Spokane. For more on the club and its activities visit http://www.rivercitymodelers.org/ or (509) 535-3462.

Watch the Summer *Nugget* for an account of the GNRHS two day visit to Republic, Curlew and local Great Northern sites. It was great fun and introduced a valuable new partner in our efforts to interpret Ferry County's history to the public.



Great Northern engines at the Republic depot



#### **Museum Hours**

Once again the staff of the Stonerose Fossil Interpretive Center will be opening and closing the Whittaker/Fletcher House and the Kaufman Cabin and referring historical questions to FCHS members. The hours will be the same as Stonerose, daily through September 6, 2015, 8 am until 5 pm.

Membership applications for the Ferry County Historical Society are available at the Stonerose Fossil Interpretive Center which adjoins the Museum.

Annual dues are payable at the following rates.:

Individual \$20.00 Family \$40.00 Business \$50.00 Donor \$100.00 Lifetime membership \$500.00

