

## **GCPS Progress Report**

**June, 2022**

**By Diane Sterne**

- Thank you, Howard Peet for always thinking of the GCPS with your generous donations. We are so very grateful.
- I am saddened to report that a former member of the GCPS, Murv Baker (August 18, 1930 - April 26, 2022), has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Shirley. Murv loved learning about, and sharing with others, the history of our valley. His passing will be greatly missed.
- Thank you, Penny Goodfellow, for stepping in as our Secretary after Ole's passing. Penny will also have signing authority for cheques (together with Dawn Gardner and Bob Sterne – two signatures are required for cheques). Bob took a letter to Valley First today (signed by Dawn and him). They will contact Penny when they have the paperwork done. We will set up a date for our AGM once this is done.
- Our genius WebMaster, Ray Boyd, has been fixing the many glitches we had in the GCPS website. The page to become a member works better than it ever has. Thank you so much Ray for your amazing work!!! Our website just keeps getting better and better. The changes involved a lot of work, and I can't thank Ray enough for fixing all the broken links, etc. We are so fortunate to have you on our team!!!
- With the re-opening of the Granite Creek Cemetery, we will be adding a section to the website with information about it. It will contain the Cemetery By-Laws, a list of those interred and an up-to-date map of the Cemetery.
- Thank you, Bob Sterne for re-painting the Joe Delprato welcome sign that faded away last year. You did a better job than I could have done.
- We went up to the Cemetery yesterday to check on things there. A massive tree had come down and Maurice Chartrand offered to take it out for us as long as he could keep the wood. We gratefully agreed. The tree was gone, but damage has been done to the Holmes' burial area fence. Ernie Rice said he was in contact with one of the Holmes descendants and they will be coming up to fix it.
- Today we went to the Delprato cabin to see if the road was still there after all the flooding last year. It was. YAY! It looks like someone has taken out some trees that were down on the road and that was very nice. The road is fine in an ATV. There is one spot where it is soft and muddy with large puddles. In 4WD you slide a bit when going through that part. We checked inside the cabin and there were no mice in the trap and no signs of mice or rats in the

cabin. Outside, there were two holes to the cellar and I could smell pack rats, so I suspect they are down there. Next trip I will bring my gun.

- At some point we will need to have a clean-up party for the Cemetery. It will need weed whacking done inside and outside the fenced graves. Trimming should also be done at the Granite Creek Town Site near the cairn and picnic tables.
- Financial Report: 21 members have paid (4 have not renewed to date). Current operating balance: \$3,026.96. \$800 of that is set aside for Ernie Rice for the picnic table he is building for the Delprato Cabin. We will also need to have a couple of signs made for the Cemetery and are waiting for a quote from Auto Tac. The insurance has been paid.