



KCHS NewsNotes 2020

Ron Ingraham Named State's #1 Volunteer

Ron Ingraham, our president of the board was honored at the November board meeting by a delegation from the Goldendale Grange #49. Lucille Bevis presented him with a plaque stating that Ron is the 2020 Washington State Grange Volunteer of the Year.

In other years, this award would be presented at the formal awards banquet but coronavirus restrictions dictated that the award had to be made locally. This seems a sort of poetic justice since Goldendale and the Presby Museum have been the recipient of much of Ron's volunteer efforts. He has given many hours at the host desk welcoming visitors, hours printing our publications and newsletters, hours of organizing funding appeals and grant applications not to mention one of his favorite activities, decorating the porch for Christmas.

Ron is an active member of the Friends of the Goldendale Community Library. While the library was closed for remodeling he used his KCHS connections to bring the FOL Ice Cream Social to the Presby front lawn. He is also active in the local American Legion Post, assisting in the displaying of 400 veterans' flags at the Mt. View cemetery.

He also helps with the preparation of hundreds of eggs for the annual public Easter Egg Hunt at the fairgrounds. He has also spent countless hours at the Legion-sponsored thrift store Aunt Jane's Closet.



Ron Ingraham accepts award from Lucille Bevis, Master of Goldendale Grange #49, looking on are Richard Lefever and Luann Whitmire KCHS Board members and also members of the Goldendale Grange.

To quote Richard Lefever, "It was truly an honor for the Goldendale Grange to submit Ron Ingraham's name for this statewide honor. The honoree cannot be directly affiliated with the Grange and that seems like about the only civic organization in Goldendale where he isn't an active member."



Happy
Hopeful
New Year
To All !



Memorial Donations

Our balance continues to grow as donations come in from friends and relatives far and near. Your thoughtful honorariums help us to continue to preserve and display the unique heritage of Klickitat County while remembering these dear people:

Our list for this year includes:

Jean Allyn Smeltzer

Patti Woodward Allyn

Linda Schroder Enderby

Tony Sarsfield

Theodor "Ted" Carratt

Charles Hocter

Ruth Wesley

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"Syb" Kayser Patnode

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The donations came from:

Chris Ballard, Jim & Bonnie Beeks, Sandy Bernier, Lucille Bevis, Dennis Birney, Ruth Bowlby, Dale Cameron, Kay Cameron, Mary Evans Childs, Terry Durgan, MaryAnne

Enyeart, Inez Freeman, Ron Ingraham, Ray & Marjorie LaFond, John & Audrey McEwen, Terry & Marilyn McKune, Phyllis Nelson, John Miller, James Radcliffe & Seisha Sok, Paul Sonker, Jean Smeltzer, Roger & Joan Telford, Kay Kayser Thompson, Luann & Myles Whitmire, Ada Ruth Whitmore.

Send Memorials to:
KCHS Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 86
Goldendale, WA 98620

Very Special Member Jean Allyn Smeltzer

It is with a great deal of sadness that we note the passing of Jean Allyn Smeltzer, one of our true icons at the Presby. Her contribution will last forever in the many books and compilations she did for the KCHS. Jean was a board member and also served as archivist at various times. She spent many afternoons here utilizing our research material. Ron Ingraham said, "Jean and I spent many Sundays visiting and retrieving bound volumes of the *Goldendale Sentinel* for her research projects such as the Main Street book and her articles about local families and books about "glimpses of local life". It was a pleasant break from my hosting duties. When her health curtailed her visits I truly missed the visits and her words of wisdom—so intellectual! What she saw in my home-town views I will never know but her attention was greatly appreciated."

Many of our members have reflected on how dedicated Jean was to recording our stories and how she set a standard for written material



Jean Allyn Smeltzer

Comments from President Ron

We are approaching the end of 2020, thank Heaven! As we near the Christmas holiday season we are aware we do have reasons to be thankful.

We're thankful we've survived the Covid-19 pandemic (so far); thankful that a vaccine for the deadly virus is well on its way.

We are thankful the U.S. election is finally over.

Closer to home, we are thankful for all the members and the supporters and donors who helped the Presby survive and thrive in a really difficult season.

We are looking forward to May, 2021, when we hope to be opening for a new season with the virus gone with last year's smoke.

We'll be re-opening the Annex with the new "Farm Office" display plus a refurbishing and re-installation of Goldendale Banks, Goldendale's Railroad and Dr. West's dental office plus the

Goldendale Sentinel.

The printing office is cleaned and redone by James Radcliffe and Seiha Sok complete with linotype and the pony press and stereotype fabricator. We are thankful to them and also to Ken Marvel and Mark Bryan for all the renovation work they did.

We have lost one of our hardest working members, Jean Smeltzer. Our memorial to her in next year's Klickitat Heritage will give further details of all her contributions. I, personally, will miss her character, humor and intelligence. Such assets are hard to find all wrapped into one person.



President Ron accompanies Jim Link in our 1926 Model T Ford in this year's Veterans' Day Parade.

This year marks the end of my tenure as president of the KCHS/Presby Museum. It has been fun and challenging to fill this role, but we will install someone younger and with more energy. Please support him as he will need it. I am certain we will have great leadership in the coming years.

The Brighter Goldendale Christmas Comes to The Presby

We were approached by Nancy Kusky of the Brighter Goldendale Christmas Committee to utilize our porch as the venue for a spot to feature Mr. and Mrs. Santa as a way of announcing the local parade and decoration winners, as well as James Ogden leading some Christmas music.

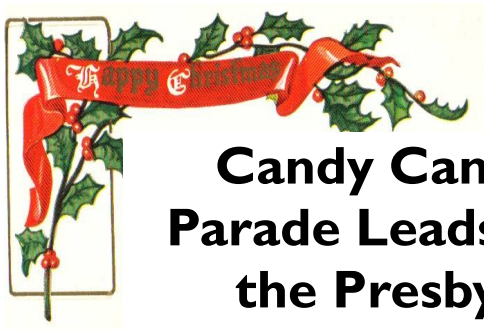
It was a new thing for us but it went very well under the supervision of the Kuskies, Lanae Johnson, Pat Shamek, Julie Vance and KCHS members Dennis Birney, Rich Lefever and Ron.

Goldendale Grange supplied cookies for all, the Rachael Starr family provided hot chocolate, the Eastern Star provided cups of soup, Taquiera Vela Cruz was there with the food wagon.

Dan Lefever and Bishop Services supplied hand sanitizing stations and a porta potty.



Donnie and Wendy Hodges photographed by Jeanne Morgan.



Candy Cane Parade Leads to the Presby

Mr. and Mrs. Santa (Donnie and Wendy Hodges) wait for the children to join the festivities on the Presby Porch Saturday, December 14. Behind them are Jeanne Morgan, and Patricia Shamek along with three rodeo princesses: Randi Vance of the Ketchum Kalf Rodeo, Bailey Dumolt of the West Klickitat Posse and Saddle Club and Natalie Schroder of the Klickitat County Fair.

Photo by Jeanne Morgan, Golden Photo



Merry Christmas and a Better New Year !!

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