



Vickie and Skip Mulrony are the 2016 Klickitat County Fair and Rodeo grand marshals. They have been involved with rodeo and other community activities for many years.

## Royalty Among Our Ranks

*Recently retired KPUD employee Skip Mulrony and his wife, Vickie, were given the honor of serving as grand marshals for the 2016 Klickitat County Fair and Rodeo*

### Courtesy of the Goldendale Sentinel

Skip Mulrony has been involved in the Klickitat County Fair and Rodeo for as long as he can remember. He began his cowboy career showing 4-H animals and later competing in rodeo.

Skip's leadership skills were apparent right away as he took on the role of treasurer for his 4-H group. Those skills would serve him well as an adult as he would go on to serve on the fair board for almost a decade, serving as second vice president, first vice president and later president. His longtime love of rodeo continues as this year marks his 20th year as the Klickitat County rodeo chairman.

When Skip met the love of his life, Vickie, he got her involved with the fair and rodeo. She is always there to load and move panels, help move stock and assist in any way possible.

Skip's love for the Klickitat County Fair and Rodeo is not only shown by his volunteer work, but by the countless hours devoted to mentoring friends and family with their rodeo and 4-H activities. It was not uncommon for someone to stop by the house to borrow rigging gear or to seek advice

on bareback or bull riding. He was also known to shuttle family and friends from rodeo to rodeo during his days judging junior and high school rodeos throughout the Northwest.

Skip is a lifelong resident of Klickitat County who devoted years serving the farming community as a diesel mechanic for Halton, and then later becoming the mechanic for KPUD, from which he recently retired.

Since moving to Goldendale in 2004, Vickie has given back to the community by teaching youth both in the Bickleton and Goldendale school districts, finally retiring a few years ago. You can often spot her on their farm teaching someone to ride, and encouraging a new generation of cowboys and cowgirls.

Skip and Vickie remain committed to helping with the rodeo for as long as we will have them.

We consider ourselves very lucky to have a couple as devoted as they are to help put on the fair and rodeo. They have done such a great job putting on the rodeo that the rodeo has received lots of recognition in the past few years from competitors.

Please help us in thanking Skip and Vickie for a job well done and for a lifetime of service. ■