

KPUD Float Shines at Area Parades

By Brandi Meech

After a lot of hard work by employees, Klickitat PUD (KPUD) has a new float to be proud of.

Bob Fitzsimmons, Julius Robison, Martin Taylor, Nadine Huxley, Miquette Ihrig and Dennis Fowler dedicated their time in making a float that was seen in parades around the county last year.

However, as 2004 ended and winter arrived, KPUD's float was in need of a little care before the next year's parade season. That is when Joe Loveland came to the rescue. Joe put a lot of effort into turning the old float into something amazing and fun for all of Klickitat County to enjoy.

Onlookers at both the White Salmon Spring Festival Parade and the Goldendale Community Days Parade may have noticed a few additions to the new float or simply noticed it for the first time. Joe fixed the tall power poles on the float to become collapsible, so the float could be transported. He gave it some taillights, so it could make the journey to other areas in the county in addition to Goldendale.

On top of all the maintenance work, Joe built new characters to join the float on its way. A new wooden beagle was added in honor of the Lovelands' family pet, Shi-



Above, Joe Loveland volunteered many hours to rebuild and improve KPUD's parade float. Left, the new float. Below, many KPUD employees have contributed to making the float a special part of community events.



loh, and with the dog came numerous wooden people and other animals.

Joe also was responsible for the cozy little house on the float, along with its wooden fence.

Joe voluntarily did all the hard work of building, cutting, painting and assembling the float, with no reward except the smiles of people who enjoy seeing it.

KPUD's float has been to two parades this year, with another on the way. It has been a big hit, winning a first-place ribbon in the Goldendale Community Days Parade sponsored by the Jaycees, and receiving many compliments from spectators.

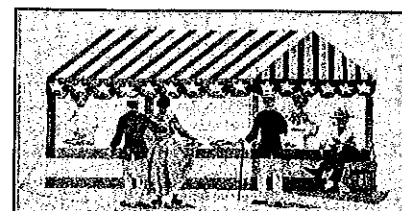
This would not have been possible without KPUD employees and Joe volunteering their hard work.

KPUD thanks them all for making KPUD more a part of the community and its float an enjoyable feature for all.

KPUD also thanks the participants of the Golden-

dale Parade, who rode along waving and throwing candy, including KPUD Commissioner Ray Mosbrucker, Brandi Meech, Kathy Loveland, Julius Robison, John and Toni Starr, and their daughters, Cynthia and Rachel, and their friends who rode in KPUD's big boom truck.

We hope to see everyone out enjoying our parade entries! ■



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