

The Pony Express

***Newsletter of the Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame Association
Special Membership Meeting Edition***

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You're invited to our November 7 Annual Membership Meeting! As Lifetime and Sustaining members of the Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame Association (ERHOF), you have the right to nominate and vote for Board members and nominate (in writing) future inductees to the Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame. We will meet Thursday, Nov. 7, 5:30 pm, in the Driver House (7th and Main) meeting room (enter at southwest corner astride parking lot). You will also hear the latest news about our move into the old 'Downtown Pharmacy' space. Read on...

ERHOF 'Downtown Pharmacy' Update: As we announced at the Induction banquet, your support has made our shared dream come true. We are leasing and moving into the old Downtown Pharmacy Building, owned by the Clymer Museum. ERHOF, the Clymer Museum, and Western Art Association now share the Western Culture and Art Center (WCAC) in the historic Ramsay Building, 416 N. Pearl, in downtown Ellensburg and the expanded Pharmacy location will become a dedicated Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame. A new entryway will connect the ERHOF and Clymer galleries. ERHOF stores its valuable collection of rodeo artifacts in the WCAC's spacious upstairs, part of which is currently under renovation thanks to a Washington State Historic Preservation grant. ERHOF's Mission Statement calls for "establishing a permanent museum of Ellensburg Rodeo history open to the public on a year-round basis," and we plan to be up and running this winter!

2019 Rodeo Wrap-up: Our "Volunteers of the Ellensburg Rodeo" show in the WCAC's McGiffin Room was a big success, as was the official Ellensburg Rodeo Royal Court Poster and quilt raffle (courtesy of quilt maker Kathi Murray), both ERHOF fundraisers. We also published feature articles on our inductees in the *Daily Record* and worked the Repp WestStar Ranch Roping. Our 23rd Annual ERHOF Induction Banquet at CWU spotlighted Flint Rasmussen and the Burkheimer Family and a Boxes of Fame fundraising auction. The banquet was a sell-out and raised nearly \$40,000. The Ellensburg Rodeo weekend featured Hall of Fame Inductees in the rodeo parade and at the rodeo, articles in the Ellensburg Rodeo Program, and a Hall of Fame display in our Western Village rodeo weekend headquarters.

Don't Forget Our Website and Face Book Page: Our site provides historic photographs, biographical essays of ERHOF inductees, a virtual museum tour, ERHOF membership info, important links, and much, much more c/o www.erhof.com. We are on Face Book at <https://www.facebook.com/BootsOfFame/> and erhof97@gmail.com.