Watts New *A newsletter for customers of Klickitat PUD*

Keep Power Poles Free Of Debris

A wooden power pole might seem like a great place to put up a sign, but it is illegal to do so in the state of Washington. More importantly, it creates a danger to utility line workers.

Staples, tacks or nails used to attach signs, such as community event notices or garage sale signs, to power poles can trip up a line worker, or pierce and tear the worker's protective clothing or safety equipment, which could result in injury or electrocution.

Abuse of power poles also can cause premature damage and make it necessary to replace the pole.

Show the line workers you care: Keep power poles clean and safe. ■

KPUD Hires New Accountant

Mel Heuberger joined Klickitat PUD on April 27 as the new chief accountant.

Mel and his wife, Theresa, will relocate to the area from Overland Park, Kansas, where they have lived for the past 12 years.

Mel Heuberger

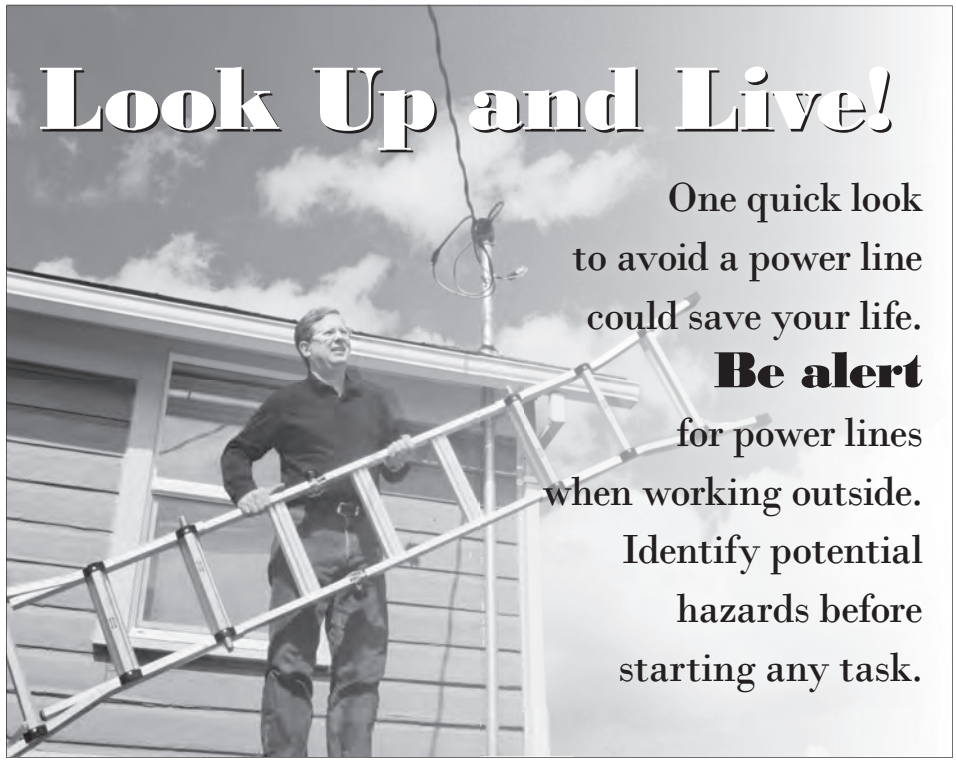
Although the Heubergers have become accustomed to the tornado warnings in Kansas, they both are ready to come back to the Pacific Northwest, where their roots are.

Before moving to Kansas, Mel worked in the Hood River area after graduating from Oregon State University with a degree in business accounting.

When he's not at work, Mel enjoys spending time outdoors, and is ready to hike some of the great trails the Columbia River Gorge has to offer.

Mel is also a sports enthusiast and is a lifelong Kansas City Royals baseball fan.

Mel has five children. In the past year, he and Theresa have enjoyed the thrills of being grandparents. They have one grandchild in Hood River and one overseas who they communicate with at least once a week via Skype—a software application that allows users to make telephone calls over the Internet.

"I'm happy to be joining the team," Mel says. "Everyone is really friendly and enjoyable to work with, almost like my own family."

Congratulations to Mel. Please join Klickitat PUD in welcoming him to the community. ■