

## Power Analyst Brings Banking Experience

Mike DeMott is the newest addition to Klickitat PUD's power management team. He joins KPUD as the power management analyst, and is responsible for assisting with the management of the utility's power supply and generation resources.

Mike, his wife, Anna, and their three boys have lived in Goldendale for the past four years. The small-town appeal attracted Mike and Anna, along with the hardworking people in the community and the good school system.

"There's not too many places left where you can have the quality of life you can get here," Mike says.

He spends as much time as he can with his family, and loves to goof off with his boys, ages 10, 7, and 7 months.

Born and raised in Montana, Mike attended the University of Montana and earned a degree in business/financial management. After college, he worked in banking and finance, most recently for Bank of the West.



Mike DeMott

Mike is an instructor at Columbia Gorge Community College at the Small Business Development Center.

"Most people do something to give back," he says. "I've just always viewed teaching as my way of giving back and helping others."

Mike enjoys teaching and plans to continue as long as he is able. He plans to become a student again himself in the near future to attain his MBA.

Please join KPUD in welcoming Mike. He expresses how glad he is to be with KPUD and looks forward to learning from his co-workers and contributing to KPUD and the community. ■

## Harvest Project Fights Hunger

The Washington Gorge Action Programs (WGAP) Gleaning Program has partnered with the Klickitat County Health Department to organize the Rainbow Valley Gleaners Harvest Project in an effort to prevent food waste and address food insecurity in Klickitat County.

As part of the Harvest Project, a registry was designed to connect neighbors who have extra fruit, nuts and vegetables with volunteer harvesters who can make use of food that might otherwise not be used. Volunteer harvesters will collect the fruit, nuts and vegetables from the yards of registry participants at a pre-arranged date and time, take a fair share in exchange for their work, and donate the rest to local WGAP food banks.

The Harvest Project is intended to create a cost-free way for low- and moderate-income people to obtain local, healthy foods.

As of 2008, Klickitat County is the fourth most food insecure county in the state of Washington; 17 percent of residents are considered food insecure. Demand for emergency food services at WGAP food pantries has increased in recent years. In 2008, the combined county food pantries served almost 10,000 food boxes to 6,799 households.

Community members throughout Klickitat County can add their fruit and nut trees and home gardens to the Harvest Project registry. Registration forms are available at [www.klickitatcounty.org/health](http://www.klickitatcounty.org/health) under the Rainbow Valley Gleaners Harvest Project link and can be saved and e-mailed to [rvg\\_harvest\\_project@yahoo.com](mailto:rvg_harvest_project@yahoo.com).

Forms also can be picked up at the WGAP office in Bingen or the Health Department office at the Pioneer Center in White Salmon. Registration information is kept private. ■

Learn more about the Harvest Project by calling the Klickitat County Health Department at (509) 493-6234.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### August

- 6-8—Trout Lake Fair, Trout Lake, [www.troutlake.org](http://www.troutlake.org)
- 8-7—Backyard Blues Bash at Pine Springs Resort, Goldendale
- 7—Natalie Merchant concert, Maryhill Winery
- 7—Tours of The Dalles Dam beginning at 11 a.m.
- 7—Chapeaus at the Chateau high tea and auction, Maryhill Museum
- 8—Kris Orlovski Band concert, Maryhill Winery
- 10—KPUD Commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 13-15—Cruise the Gorge Neon Nights, The Dalles
- 13-15—Skamania County Fair and Timber Carnival, Stevenson
- 14—The Slide Project concert, Maryhill Winery
- 15—Keizur and Steve Christofferson concert, Maryhill Winery
- 19-22—Klickitat County Fair and Rodeo, Goldendale
- 21—Wayman Chapman concert, Maryhill Winery
- 21—"The Comedy of Errors," Maryhill Museum
- 21-22—Maryhill Art Festival, Maryhill Museum
- 22—Bluestone Jazz Trio concert, Maryhill Winery
- 24—KPUD Commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 28—Alder Creek Pioneer Carousel Museum Car Show, Bickleton
- 28—Earth, Wind & Fire concert, Maryhill Winery
- 29—Portland Groove Collective concert, Maryhill Winery



To have an event listed in the Community Calendar, call Kathy Loveland at (509) 773-7606.