

New Journeyman Wireman Arrives With Long Resume

By Lori Froehlich

Jim Brokaw is Klickitat PUD's newest employee. He began his first day on the job as KPUD journeyman wireman December 16.

His work history includes water and wastewater treatment for the city of Goldendale and KPUD. He also worked on the cell lines at the Goldendale aluminum plant. When the aluminum industry



Jim Brokaw

moved out of the area, Jim attended Perry Technical Institute in Yakima for retraining in the electrician program.

After attaining his necessary hours and training as an electrician, Jim returned to

Perry Technical Institute and tried his hand at teaching.

"I gained a huge respect for teachers," Jim says. "It takes a lot of patience and understanding."

Jim most recently has been with KEMCO, working at the Windy Point and Windy Flats wind projects near Goldendale. His primary duties were the electrical collection systems, which is what connects each turbine to each other and the substation.

Jim was born and raised in Goldendale and resides there with his wife and children. He commuted for eight years to the Yakima Valley, and is thrilled to find employment close to home, where he will be able to spend more time attending his children's school activities and enjoying the great outdoors.

Please help Klickitat PUD extend a warm welcome to Jim. ■

Top 4-H Leader

Helping youth succeed is important to KPUD employee

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Congratulations are in order for Martin Taylor, a Klickitat PUD employee since 1994, who was chosen as the 2009 4-H Leader of the Year for Klickitat County 4-H.

Martin is the 4-H Livestock Program leader. He makes an effort to get input from the various livestock project areas, which help to keep improving the county's 4-H program. He is a project leader in the Evergreen 4-H Club and is in his eighth year as a volunteer. Martin also is the 4-H Leaders' Council treasurer and previously served a two-year term as the 4-H Leaders' Council secretary.

"Martin is always an enthusiastic, willing volunteer at 4-H educational workshops, and especially on the day record books are turned in, checking 4-Hers' market records for completeness," says Lisa Harness of the Washington State University Extension Office. "His positive attitude and



Martin Taylor

dependability are very much appreciated. He is a great asset to Klickitat County 4-H."

Martin was honored at the 2009 Washington State 4-H Leaders Forum in October in Grand Mound.

Martin started his career as a meter reader, then completed the lineman

apprenticeship program to become a journeyman lineman. He now is a journeyman lineman on the KPUD construction crew.

KPUD encourages employees to take an active role and interest in civic, community and youth programs. Martin enjoys being a volunteer, pursuing many opportunities to help his community. He has mentored many 4-H members, including his daughter Tatiana, who was chosen for the PUD's 2007 4-H Power of Youth Award.

Please join KPUD and Klickitat County in giving Martin a tremendous "Thank you!" for all of his dedication, volunteered time and hard work. ■

Take Steps to Prevent Water Pipes From Freezing

Frozen water pipes are inconvenient and costly to repair. To prevent frozen pipes or thaw pipes already frozen, Klickitat PUD Water/Wastewater Department recommends the following:

- Let the water run at a slow, constant drip during extreme cold temperatures. This is cheaper than facing a repair bill.
- Insulate all water pipes from cold, moving air and keep them dry.



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- To thaw out a frozen pipe, heat the area around the frozen part with an electric space heater, a hand-held hair dryer or a heat lamp. If this is a problem, call a plumber.

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