

# Adventure Awaits KPUD Employee

After 29 years with Klickitat PUD, Julius “JR” Robison is retiring this month.

JR started with Klickitat PUD in June 1986 working as a groundman on the White Salmon crew. For 12 years, he installed line and helped during power outages.

JR says one of his favorite things to do during power outages was to patrol the power lines cross-country on foot. This allowed him to see many areas most people don’t get to see.

JR says he experienced one of his best memories after the flood of 1996. He and his crew were working to restore power in the Klickitat River area. JR says Highway 142 was still covered with water in places when the crew took the trucks in. JR was elected to sit on the hood of the first pickup and watch for holes under the water as the truck

drove through.

JR took a couple of years to pursue other interests, but returned to Klickitat PUD in 2001 when he was hired as the warehouseman. His background in ordering and supply and demand made him a great fit. He progressed to the position of senior warehouseman, his current position.

In his many years at Klickitat PUD, JR has seen numerous changes that have helped him accomplish his tasks. One of the major changes came with the increased use of computers.

In addition to technology changes, JR has taken note of how safety and training have significantly improved through the years.

Aside from his duties as senior warehouseman, JR has been an exceptional resource for Klickitat PUD staff. From assisting with booth setup for

the county fair to getting the meeting room ready for safety meetings to clearing sidewalks and putting out ice melt, JR is always willing to help.

“JR has one of the best ‘can-do’ attitudes that I have ever seen,” Klickitat PUD Materials Manager Jeff Thayer says.

“He is truly a joy to work with every day, and you will never meet a person with more honesty and integrity.”

This sentiment is shared by everyone at the utility.

In retirement, JR looks forward to riding bicycles, traveling, visiting family and exploring new areas.

We are all happy JR is



Senior Warehouseman Julius “JR” Robison retires from Klickitat PUD after 29 years.

going to do some of the things he has waited an entire career to do. At the same time, we are sad to see him go.

We appreciate JR’s volunteerism, support and experience. He will be greatly missed by all of us at Klickitat PUD.

Enjoy your retirement adventures, JR. You earned it! ■

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### April

- 1-29**—Tulip Festival, Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, Woodburn, Oregon
- 5-6**—TechFestNW, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Viking Pavilion, Portland State University
- 5-7**—Swap meet, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Portland International Raceway
- 6-8**—Swap meet, Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Portland Expo Center
- 7**—CGOA Jazz Collective swing dance concert, 7 to 10 p.m., Hood River Elks Club
- 7**—Pickin’Tri-Cities Vintage Show & Artisan Market, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., TRAC Center, Pasco
- 7-8**—Three Rivers Pet Expo, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

- Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick
- 10**—Klickitat PUD Commissioners’ meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 13-14**—Vancouver Brewfest, Friday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m., Esther Short Park, Vancouver
- 13-15**—Columbia River Cowboy Gathering & Music Festival, Friday, 12 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m., Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick
- 13-15**—WizardWorld, Friday, 4 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oregon Convention Center, Portland
- 14**—Second Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

- Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River
- 21**—Hood River Hard-Pressed Cider Fest, noon to 7 p.m., 3315 Stadelman Dr., Hood River
- 24**—Klickitat PUD Commissioners meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 27-29**—Goldendale Home, Garden & Sportsman’s Show, Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 27-29**—39th Annual Northwest Cherry Festival, Friday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown The Dalles