

## Shattuck Joins Goldendale Crew

By Brandi Meech

Darren Shattuck was recently hired by Klickitat PUD (KPUD) as the groundman for the Goldendale crew.

He is assigned to a crew working to replace conductor tie wires at the east end of Klickitat County.

KPUD uses aluminum tie wires to hold the electric conductors to insulators at each pole. Years of wind and adverse weather have loosened these ties on a section of the line west of KPUD's MA Collins Substation.

The crew is removing the old ties and replacing them while the circuit is still energized, which Darren says is "exacting" work.

Darren's job includes assisting the lineman, performing tasks such as framing poles and stocking the work trucks with the necessary supplies for the job.

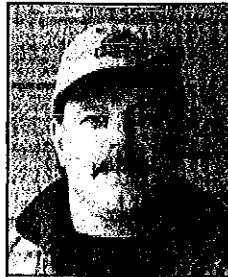
Darren, a Goldendale area native, is a licensed general journeyman electrician.

He worked at the Goldendale Aluminum Plant for 13 years, and most recently worked at the Hanford Reservation before accepting the KPUD job, which is closer to home.

Darren enjoys fishing on the Klickitat River and spending time with his two children, Sadie and Dillon.

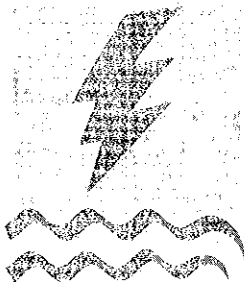
He also enjoys taking his daughter to her AAU basketball games.

"I'm thrilled to have Darren on board, and know he will be an asset to our crew," says Darren's supervisor, John Starr. ■



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National Electrical Safety Month will be observed May 6 at the Klickitat PUD Offices in Goldendale and White Salmon.



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## Keep Power Poles Free of Debris!

A wooden power pole may seem like a great place to post your signs. However, it is illegal to do so in the state of Washington. Most importantly, it creates a danger to utility line workers.

Staples, tacks or nails used to attach signs to the power poles can trip up a line worker, or pierce the worker's protective clothing or safety equipment, which could result in injury or even electrocution.

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

Klickitat PUD encourages all county residents to keep the poles clean and safe for our line workers, who are on the job in all kinds of weather to ensure you enjoy quality, efficient and dependable electric service.

Show them you care by keeping the poles clean and safe!

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