

## Jonah Humphreys Named New Landfill Gas Plant Supervisor



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Jonah Humphreys recently joined Klickitat PUD as the supervisor for the H.W. Hill Landfill Gas Power Plant.

Jonah comes to us from Battle Mountain, Nevada, where he and his wife, Brenda, worked in the gold mining industry. Their son, Logan, is 17 and is a junior at Goldendale

High School. He is active in student council, basketball and football, which all provide entertainment for his two biggest fans.

When he's not watching sports, Jonah enjoys the outdoors, whether it is camping, berry picking or just spending time with his family.

Jonah is excited about his career

change and is ready for a new challenge that will employ all of his skills.

Please join us in welcoming Jonah to Klickitat PUD, and welcoming his family to Klickitat County. ■

## Rusty Hicks Joins KPUD Line Crew

Klickitat PUD recently added a new member to the White Salmon line crew.

Rusty Hicks filled the open position of temporary journeyman lineman. He has worked in six states and for three companies during the past six years in the lineman trade, where he has gained much of the knowledge and many of the demanding

skills necessary to his job.

In 2007, he was on the construction crew for Klickitat PUD.

Rusty lives in Husum. He is excited to be working closer to home so he can spend more time with his wife, Christina, and children Kelsey, Rusty Jr. and Jodee.

Rusty enjoys bow hunting, working on his home and spending time

in the outdoors.

Rusty looks forward to the challenges of his new job, and is excited to be a part of the Klickitat PUD team. ■



*Rusty Hicks*

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## Protect Your Electronic Equipment With Surge Arrester

You can protect your sensitive electronic equipment with a meter base surge arrester from Klickitat PUD. For \$4.50 a month, we will install and maintain a device on the electric meter that stops most external power problems before they can get into your home.

Up to 40 percent of home electrical problems are caused by external events, such as lightning, power line switching and "bumps" caused by power lines slapping together.

Other causes are line frequency problems, voltage spikes, high-frequency "noise," short circuits, and the ups and downs during outages and when power is restored.

All of these incidents can cause

surges, which are elevations in voltage that last longer than 10 milliseconds. Surges can fry delicate electronic circuitry. All of them can be stopped by a meter base—or whole house—surge arrester, with the exception of high-voltage lines coming into contact with low-voltage lines.

For added protection, the devices are warranted against damage from power surges that come through the home's electric meter after passing through a failed arrester. The warranty covers electro-mechanical equipment, including home appliances, such as washers, dryers, refrigerators and other motor-driven appliances; and elec-

tronic equipment, such as computers, televisions, VCRs, DVD players and stereos.

The warranty is good for up to \$50,000 for each event, as long as building wiring and other connections to protect equipment conform to NEC codes.

To protect against internal power disturbances, we recommend each piece of equipment be connected to a plug-in (point-of-use) surge arrester.

Buy a point-of-use surge arrester that fits the device you are going to plug it into, such as one with a phone line port if it is for your computer, because surges can get in via the phone line. ■