

Walkley Scholarship Nominee Selected

Eric Dohrman, son of Holly and Bob Dohrman of Goldendale, was selected to be Klickitat PUD's (KPUD) nominee for the 2007 Walkley Scholarship drawing.

Eric's name was drawn from a pool of four eligible high school seniors of KPUD employees, including Devon Moore, Melissa Garrigus, and Eric's twin brother, Nick Dohrman. Their names were announced at the September 25 board meeting for the drawing.

The scholarship is sponsored by Glenn and Elvira Walkley. Glenn was a Franklin County PUD commissioner from 1945 to 1980.

The Washington PUD Association will hold the final 2007 drawing for the scholarship in December. Nominees included in their drawing are submitted from all Washington

public utility districts.

Eric has participated in several sports during high school, including basketball and track. He is the associated student body president at Goldendale High School and plays the trumpet in the concert and jazz band. His Future Business Leaders of America team placed seventh in the nation last summer in Chicago. He has also been involved in the drama club for three years, playing the lead in this year's play, "Blythe's Spirit."

In his spare time, Eric enjoys reading, cooking and writing science fiction stories.

Eric's goal is to become a lawyer. He received good news recently, learning he has been awarded a four-year scholarship from Washington State University.



Eric Dohrman

Good luck to Eric in the 2007 Washington PUD Association's scholarship drawing! ■

Protect Your Voltage-Sensitive Equipment

External Power Surges

External power surges can destroy or damage equipment in your home, such as washers, dryers, refrigerators and other motor-driven appliances, computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, microwaves and heat pumps.

Forty percent of home electrical problems are caused by external events such as lightning, power line switching, and "bumps" caused by power lines slapping together. Problems also can occur when power is restored after an outage.

A power "surge" causes elevations in voltage lasting longer than 20 milliseconds, and may damage delicate electronic circuitry.

Your sensitive electronic equipment can be protected with a meter-base surge arrester available

from Klickitat PUD (KPUD) for only \$4.50 a month.

The devices are for 200-amp residential services and protect your home against external power surges.

The surge arrestors come with a warranty against damage from power surges that come through your home's electric meter. The warranty covers damage to electro-mechanical equipment, including home appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators and other motor-driven appliances. It also covers electronic equipment such as computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, microwaves and heat pumps.

The warranty is good for up to \$50,000 for each event, as long as your building wiring and other

connections to protect equipment conform with NEC codes.

Installation of the surge-arresting device is free. If a problem occurs with the surge arrester, KPUD will be happy to replace it at no additional charge, and will process all of your warranty paperwork.

To make arrangements for installation, contact Sharon in KPUD's Energy Services Department at (509) 773-7622.

Internal Power Surges

It is also important to protect against internal power surges. KPUD recommends that, in addition to your meter-base surge arrester, each piece of equipment in your home be connected to a plug-in surge suppressor. ■