

HR Manager Grew Up in Klickitat County

Gwyn Miller filled the human resources manager position at Klickitat PUD on February 28. She brought a wealth of knowledge with her from Klickitat Valley Health, where she had been human resources director for eight years.

She is grateful for her time at Klickitat Valley Health and everything she learned as she oversaw the ambulance, pharmacy, physical therapy, infection control and employee health.

Gwyn was born and raised in Centerville and attended high school in Goldendale. She received her associate degree from Clark College in Vancouver, then transferred to Portland State University.

Gwyn admits she always has been a bookworm, and enjoys adding to her extensive library and learning new things. She keeps up her overall well-being and health by running, and



Gwyn Miller

takes part in the Hood to Coast Relay every year with her family.

Hood to Coast is an overnight, long-distance relay and one of the longest major relays in North America. The 200-mile course spans from Timberline Lodge on the slopes of Mount Hood through Portland and over the Oregon Coast Range to the beach town of Seaside.

Gwyn is excited about her role at KPUD.

“It has been such a positive transition,” she says. “There is a great team in place here at the PUD, and I am proud to be able to work with such a group of wonderful people.”

Gwyn has focused on staff management developing training, and policies and procedures to help keep KPUD up to date with current regulations. She keeps her Senior Professional Human Resources certificate current, which helps keep her informed about changes in the field of human resources that affect the utility and the community.

Please join Klickitat PUD in congratulating and welcoming Gwyn to her position at Klickitat PUD. ■

Landfill Gas Support Assistant Spent Time at Sea

Klickitat PUD welcomed TammyRae Sykora to its ranks on March 1. She reports to the PUD’s H.W. Hill Landfill Gas Facility in Roosevelt, where power is produced from methane gas at the Allied Waste landfill.

TammyRae’s position is LFG support assistant. She is responsible for supporting operators and managers at the LFG site, which includes helping to keep the plant in compliance with state and federal regulations. She also helps with any task that comes up in bringing Phase II of the LFG project online.

TammyRae was born and raised in the Northwest in a big family, with four older brothers, two younger sisters and two younger twin brothers. She grew up on a small farm in Poulsbo, where she and her siblings raised cattle, pigs, chickens and vegetables.

She has had relatives in Goldendale for more than 40 years, and her dream was always to return there. After two years in Waco, Texas, TammyRae and her husband, Daniel, found their way back and are working on building their home, Sykora Lone Star Ranch. The Sykora family consists of six cats and four



TammyRae Sykora

registered Texas longhorns.

TammyRae has had varied and interesting jobs throughout her work history, including commercial construction testing and inspection, assistant project manager of custom home building, supporting trades with safety and training on submarines, customer service and retail sales.

Her adventurous spirit shines throughout her resume and she finds her experiences prepared her well for working and supporting a power plant in “the middle of nowhere.”

One of her favorite positions through the years was being a purser on the Bering Sea. She worked out of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, on commercial fishing vessels for the American Seafoods Co. She reported directly to the ship’s captain and was responsible for administrative duties that included documenting all of the different fish caught, shipping documents for processed product, maintaining the ship’s store, coordinating crew travel and new crew orientation, as well as safety and training. Normal rotation would find her at sea for 60 days.

TammyRae and Daniel enjoy taking care of their longhorns, hiking, mountain biking, bee keeping, kayaking, bird-watching and watching sunsets.

Congratulations to TammyRae. Please join Klickitat PUD in welcoming the Sykoras to Klickitat County. ■