

# A GOOD START

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## Public utility district debate reignited

By **HOLLY DILLEMUTH**  
H&N Staff Reporter

A group of individuals is reigniting dialogue about pursuing a publicly owned electric utility in Klamath County. Klamath Independent Public Power (KIPP), a local nonprofit is aiming to

### Group presents plan to public June 4

form a people's utility district (PUD) and plans to make a presentation 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4 at the Klamath County Community Meeting Room, at Fourth and Pine streets.

The group has presented its concept to

form the district — which would include use of eminent domain if necessary — to a variety of local groups since forming in June 2014.

In essence it would wrestle away supplying electricity to the county from the current

provider, Pacific Power. A similar effort by the city of Klamath Falls came to a head in 2014 and was tabled by the city council.

“Our group (KIPP) is not going to be the people running this,” spokesman Art Martin told the Herald and News in an interview Wednesday.

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## Keeping kids safe



H&N PHOTO BY SAMANTHA TIPLER

Chiloquin Fire Chief Mike Cook checks on Chiloquin Elementary students during the evacuation drill on Friday.

## Chiloquin schools practice emergency drill

By **SAMANTHA TIPLER**  
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**CHILOQUIN** — If there was an emergency situation at a school, the Klamath County School District wants parents to know their children are safe. Chiloquin schools practiced that key element in a drill Friday, called a reunification drill.

“Fire drills, those type of hazards: evacuate, make sure the building’s secure, we go back in. Lock down: we stay in the building and then we evacuate,”



### MORE ONLINE

See more photos of the Chiloquin emergency drill in a gallery on the Herald and News website: [heraldandnews.com](http://heraldandnews.com)

explained Chiloquin Elementary Principal Travis Fast. “Reunification: we want to get both schools away from the sites to as safe a distance as possible.”

On Friday both the elementary and Chiloquin Junior/Senior High School practiced the emergency situation of a bomb threat.

### Safe, reunited

First the schools locked down. School officials checked all the classrooms to make sure they were secure. Then the schools evacuated to the football field between the two campuses. Lastly, students boarded buses and rode to the community gym, the reunification safe location.

“Where the schools are unsafe, we need to find a place to put the kids until we can get the parents here to pick up our children,” said high school principal Denise Brumels.

More **DRILL** | **A3**

## Kitzhaber email leaker goes public

State employee saved documents after getting request to delete them

**SALEM (AP)** — The man who leaked thousands of emails from the personal account of former Gov. John Kitzhaber to a Portland newspaper is coming forward publicly.



Kitzhaber

In a story published Wednesday, Michael Rodgers told Willamette Week that he wants to speak out because he’s worn down from months of isolation and investigation.

“Life has not been good for me,” Rodgers told the newspaper. “I can’t do this any longer.”

Rodgers is on paid leave from his job at the Department of Administrative Services, where he’s a senior administrator overseeing technology for state agencies. His staff is responsible for storing emails and data for tens of thousands of workers.

Rodgers told the newspaper that his lawyer met with a prosecutor from the Marion County district attorney’s office, who said Rodgers could resign or face one count of official misconduct for each of the more than 6,000 emails that he leaked. He refused the deal. The prosecutor, Paige Clarkson, did not respond to an email from The Associated Press. She confirmed to Willamette Week that a call took place but did not elaborate, the newspaper reported.

Facing mounting legal fees, Rodgers has turned to an online crowdfunding campaign to raise money.

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### DAILY BRIEFING

#### Hundreds of Oregonians protest pipeline proposals

Hundreds rally in Oregon to protest two proposed liquefied natural gas projects. Opponents are calling on Gov. Kate Brown to block both potential export terminals. **See page A5**

#### Klamath’s Got Talent Showcase on Saturday

Local entertainers will show off their best during the Klamath’s Got Talent Showcase on Saturday. The event supports the Sky Lakes Cancer Treatment Center. **See page C1.**

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