

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN OTHER CO-OPS



### Tongue River Electric

#### Bucket truck for sale — 1989 GMC 7000

And what guy wouldn't want one for Father's Day? Call Alan See, manager of TRECO, based in Ashland, 784-2341.

- Manual Transmission
- 8.2 liter turbo diesel
- 1989 Telelect Model T4042, 42" to the bottom of bucket
- Tool Jib with 2000-pound Ramsey winch
- Upper hydraulic tool circuit
- Two-speed control in bucket and back of truck
- Engine shut-off in bucket
- Upper, lower controls

## Lincoln Electric

These transformers aren't for kids, writes Tim Engleson, member services manager at LEC.

There are toys called Transformers, he points out, but the transformers we're talking about aren't playthings. Distribution transformers reduce voltage for delivering electricity to consumers, normally 240/120 volts for most services.

The most common transformer, the can-shaped steel tanks on a utility pole.



Pad-mounted transformers, mounted on concrete pads, are found in neighborhoods where co-op power is delivered through underground lines. Teach your children never to play around these transformers, Tim advises.

## Fergus Electric

Ron Peevey, a general contractor from California, relocated to Utica but didn't want to retire, according to Judy Byrne, writing news for FEC, based in Lewistown.

So Peevey went to work drawing up plans, hiring sub-contractors, enlisting support, and creating a budget to renovate the Utica Community Center. FEC is a donor to the Utica fund.



Ron Peevey at the site of Utica Community Center, now being renovated for use.

## Glacier Electric

Lanaia Lewis of Cut Bank won a Youth Tour to Washington trip with an essay telling how she would cope with rationing power limited to two hours a day. Excerpts from her essay appear here:

*I would first hold a town meeting to discuss the following: what has happened, how long it will take for recovery efforts to be completed, where to get emergency updates, how much electricity we have each day and how it will be dispersed, best ways to utilize electricity, where displaced families can go for food and shelter, and give out emergency help-line numbers.*

*In summer, I would split the two hours into four half-hour blocks from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The power would be distributed mainly during meal times to ensure that the town's people were fed properly.*



Lanaia Lewis

*In the winter, electricity would also be needed in the night for warmth and to help keep pipes from freezing. I would split the power into four half-hour blocks throughout the day. Half-hour blocks are enough time for people to cook, take showers, provide warmth in homes, and help keep water pipes from freezing.*

*People should have three priorities: eating, showering, and keeping their houses warm, Lanaia wrote.*

## Miscellaneous Co-op News

### Sun River Electric

SRE, based in Fairfield, announced the hiring of a new office manager, Leona "Lee" Huidekoper, who previously worked for the City of Choteau. She has a business administration degree.

Huidekoper joins her husband, Dan, a SRE meter/account specialist. She is an EMT and a member of Search and Rescue.



Leona "Lee" Huidekoper

### McCone Electric

McCone's manager, Mike Kays, announced the Rural Utilities Service loan approval for the co-op, based in Circle.

The loan of \$6.47 million will finance new construction and system improvements and replacements. Funds were delayed to the co-op because of the impact of hurricanes in the Gulf region.

### Beartooth Electric

BEC, based in Red Lodge, advises newsletter readers of a lunar eclipse March 3 and the changeover to Daylight Savings Time March 11. It's a month earlier in 2007

because of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

