

# Donations fund memorial scholarships



Since 1987, members of the rural electrification family have been able to honor deceased workers, trustees and family members through the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA) Memorial Scholarship program. Each year, two \$500 scholarships are awarded to deserving Montana students to help them with their post-secondary education.

The program is funded by donations honoring the deceased. The donations flow through local electric cooperatives to the state-wide association which administers the program. Those honored may be anyone who has ever been involved in the rural electrification movement in Montana whether they were employees, trustees or individuals who served in some other way.

For more information about the scholarship program, contact your local electric cooperative or Niki Schultz at MECA, Box 3469, Great Falls MT 59403, email [meca@sofast.net](mailto:meca@sofast.net), telephone (406) 761-8333.

## Great Northern Carousel provides unique family activity

Recalling the days many American towns centered their community spirit around an old-fashioned carousel, the Great Northern Town Center in Helena, brings back that time-honored tradition.

From buffalo, bighorn sheep and grizzly bears to rabbits, fish, horses and even a dinosaur, The Great Northern Carousel has become one of Helena's favorite entertainment attractions.

The facility is open 365 days a year and houses a 40' diameter, hand-carved carousel complete with bright flashing lights and grand-sounding organ music. It consists of 37 hand-carved animals, one chariot and a spinning tub. Custom stained glass running boards depict Helena area

landmarks and many Montana-native animals. A stained concrete floor pattern is interspersed with sandblasted animal and people tracks.

Helena artist, Mary Harris, made the glass scenery panels, which include murals of the State Capitol, the fire tower, the civic center, elk and grizzly bear. The west facing windows of the building are original stained glass from the Old Broadwater Hotel of Helena and are over 100 years old.

In addition to the carousel, visitors can indulge in their favorite ice cream at the Painted Pony Express Ice Cream Parlor. Guests could also remember their visit by purchasing a gift from the Carousel Gift Shop.



**Manager/CEO** - Tongue River Electric Cooperative, Inc., Ashland, Montana. Electric distribution cooperative serving 5,000 consumers in southeastern Montana seeks an experienced leader to replace its retiring manager/CEO. Position is available November 15, 2004 and successful applicant will work with the present CEO until his retirement on December 31, 2004. Manager/CEO reports to a nine-member board of directors. The Cooperative has 20 employees, 3 field offices and 2,700 miles of line. A Bachelor's degree in Management or Engineering plus five years of management experience is preferred. Applicant must have basic knowledge of finance/budgeting, power supply and utility engineering/operations. A non-degree applicant with at least 10 years of electric utility experience will be considered. Applicant must have excellent communication and personnel management skills. Utility offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience and qualifications, and an excellent NRECA benefit program. Please submit cover letter, resume, three references, and a five-year salary history by August 1, 2004. An Equal Opportunity Employer. Jack Knobloch Sr., TREC Board President, P.O. Box 138, Ashland, MT 59003.