

# Big Skylights

An internal newsletter of the STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES



A report from your Chief Executive Officer Dave Wheelihan

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## Sun River co-op reelects trustees

Sun River Electric Cooperative members reelected **Herb Pasha** and **Mark Lindberg** to the board at the co-op's annual meeting Monday, March 28, in Fairfield. I was pleased to be able to provide a legislative update to the membership regarding issues of concern to Montana's electric cooperatives.

## Seminar set on energy audits

The MECA Education and Training Committee will sponsor a two and a half day seminar May 10-12 in Fort Benton entitled "Small Commercial Energy Audits." The course is provided through NRECA and prepares staff to conduct a complete, professional energy audit for small-to-medium size commercial members. Contact MECA's **Sharon McDonald** for more information or to register.

## Condolences

**William Edward Billingsley**, a Joliet rancher and dedicated director at Beartooth Electric Co-op, passed away March 20 in Red Lodge. He became a director on the board of Beartooth Electric in September, 1995, replacing his father who retired from that position. He was elected three terms as director, the last reelection occurring in September 2004. He attended many classes and training sessions to become a certified director. Memorials may be sent to Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center in Billings, PO Box 369. The zip code is 59103.

**Raymond Hyvonen**, a retired manager of Beartooth Electric, passed away March 3. Mr. Hyvonen began his 39-year career with Beartooth Electric in 1943, first as a meter reader, then as bookkeeper and later as manager, retiring in 1982. After retiring, he enjoyed traveling and fishing with family and friends. Memorials may be given to the Red Lodge Community Church Elevator Fund, PO Box 786, Red Lodge, MT, 59068.

## Job Market

Park Electric Cooperative in Livingston, Montana is now accepting applications for a Work Order /Operations Assistant. Strong computer skills with proficiency in word processing and spreadsheet programs required. Successful applicant must have detailed accounting experience with material accounting a plus. Strong interpersonal skills required. Must be highly organized and detail oriented. Full time competitive salary and benefits package. Deadline April 26, 2005. Application and job description available at 5706 US Highway 89 South, Livingston or online at [www.parkedelectric.coop](http://www.parkedelectric.coop). Mail to P. O. Box 1119, Livingston, MT 59047. Call (406)222-3100.

## 2005 CALENDAR

### April

16	Glacier Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Cut Bank, MT
22	Marias River Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Shelby, MT

### May

1-4	NRECA Legislative Conference	Washington, D.C.
7	Northern Lights, Inc. Annual Meeting	Sagle, ID
10-12	NRECA's Small Commercial Energy Audit Workshop	Fort Benton, MT
11	Western Montana G & T Annual Meeting	Missoula, MT
14	Hill County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Havre, MT

### June

1	Lower Yellowstone REA Annual Meeting	Sidney, MT
3	Southeast Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Ekalaka, MT
3	McCone Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Circle, MT
9	Fergus Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Lewistown, MT
11	Ravalli County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Corvallis, MT
18 – 23	NRECA Youth Tour	Washington, D.C.
20-22	MECA Manager's Group Conference	East Glacier, MT
22	Northern Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Opheim, MT