

# Big Skylights



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

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A report from your Chief Executive Officer Dave Wheelihan

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## Co-op members meet new general manager

Members of Northern Electric Cooperative were introduced to their new general manager, **John Hofman**, at the co-op's 62<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting June 20. Mr. Hofman recently returned to Opheim from Walla Walla, Wash. He is a former office employee of Northern Electric, having worked there from 1973 to 1975. In 1975, he became office manager at Big Bend Electric Cooperative in Ritzville, Wash. He then moved on to Nespelem Valley Electric in Nespelem, Wash., and became that co-op's general manager. Mr. Hofman subsequently became manager of assets and financial management for the Walla Walla Housing Authority in Walla Walla. John grew up on a wheat farm in McCabe, Mont., and attended high school in Culbertson. He went on to school in Williston, N.D., to the University of North Dakota – Williston Center. He and his wife, Judy, have four grown sons. John and Judy's parents live in Plentywood and Culbertson and they both have sisters in eastern Montana.

Also during the co-op's annual meeting, the membership re-elected incumbent trustees **Rick Stahl** and **Bob Fouhy**. Central Montana Electric Power Co-op Manager **Tom Huntley** updated the members on wholesale power issues. MECA Assistant General Manager **Gary Wiens** updated the members on state legislative issues.

## CALENDAR

### July

10	NRECA Directors Course – Introduction to Computers & the Internet	Dillon, MT
11	NRECA Web Conference on FEMA assistance	
11-12	MECA Board and Committee Meetings	Dillon, MT
14	Tongue River Annual Meeting	Ashland, MT
16	MECA Fitness Challenge Begins	
16-17	Member Services Training	Great Falls, MT

### August

6-8	Office Managers & Accountants Conference	Great Falls, MT
30	MECA Fitness Challenge Ends	