

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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Three electric co-ops hold annual meetings

Lower Yellowstone REC, McCone Electric Cooperative and Southeast Electric Cooperative all held their annual meetings last week. MECA appreciated being able to provide legislative updates at all three annual meetings.

At the Lower Yellowstone annual meeting June 1 in Sidney, **Greg Rauschendorfer**, **Dennis Nelson** and **Allen Thiessen** were re-elected to the board. At the McCone Electric Cooperative annual meeting the afternoon of June 2 in Circle, two new trustees were elected to replace retiring trustees. **Carla Delp** was elected to replace **Don Bogar** and **Kenneth Ehli** was elected to replace **Dean McCabe**. Also, **Ruth Hinnaland** was re-elected. Southeast Electric Cooperative's annual meeting was held the evening of June 2 in Ekalaka. **Leroy Jardee** and **Albert Paul** were re-elected to the board.

Job Market

Journeyman Lineman

Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative is seeking a safety-conscious, highly motivated individual to fill a lineman position with its West Yellowstone crew.

Key responsibilities and requirements include being physically able to safely perform maintenance and construction work on overhead and underground transmission and distribution systems; skill in safe operations of all applicable equipment; assist with outage restoration, line switching, tree trimming, etc.; and take rotating on-call duty. A certified journeyman lineman is preferred, but a third- or fourth-year apprentice may be considered. The person hired must possess a working knowledge of applicable codes and safety rules and use them; must live within a 15-minute response time to their assigned office in West Yellowstone; have strong verbal communication skills in order to deal with a vast range of personalities, both inside and outside of the organization; be capable of working outdoors in harsh weather conditions and strenuous situations; have initiative to recognize and present plans to improve efficiencies, reduce costs, improve communications, and provide outstanding member service; and must have or be able to obtain a valid Montana CDL. Competitive salary, paid time off and comprehensive benefits are offered, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance and retirement plans.

To apply, send resume by June 16, 2017, to: Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative; Attention: Human Resources; P.O. Box 736; Milville, UT 84326. Resumes may also be emailed to: melanienichols2@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

June

8	FEMA Training	Great Falls, MT
8	Fergus Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Lewistown, MT
10-16	Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.	Washington, D.C.
22-23	MECA Managers' Group Summer Meeting	Helena, MT
24	Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Ashton, ID

July

6-7	MECA Summer Board and Committees Meetings	Kalispell, MT
13	Goldenwest Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Wibaux, MT
22	Tongue River Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Broadus, MT

August

5-8	Statewide Editors Association Institute	Whitefish, MT
8	Winter Survival Training	Lewistown, MT
9	Co-op 101 Class	Havre, MT
11	Co-op 101 Class	Dillon, MT
17-18	MECA Office managers & Accountants Summer Meeting	Fairmont Hot Springs, MT
22-23	OCR School	Kalispell, MT
29-30	OCR School	Huntley, MT