

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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Park Electric Co-op selects new manager

Effective Jan. 18, Park Electric Cooperative will have a new manager. **Jim Krusemark**, who was hired last year from NorthWestern Energy (NWE) as the co-op's new manager has announced he will be returning to NWE. **Tim Stephens**, the co-op's operations supervisor, has been named the new manager at Park Electric. Mr. Krusemark said he will be returning to NWE as the utility's manager of substation operations for Montana. He will continue to reside in the Bozeman area.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Cheryl Carlson**, a 16-year employee at Hill County Electric and Triangle Telephone Cooperatives in Havre, who died Dec. 22 of complications from a heart surgery in Spokane. Cheryl was employed as an executive assistant at the cooperatives. Cheryl was a care giver to her family and extended family and was also a parent, coach and volunteer for Special Olympics and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Cheryl is survived by her husband of 25 years, **David Carlson** of Havre; sons **Gary (Jen) Evans** of Highwood, **Michael (Annie) Grubb**, **Mitchael Grubb** and **Jeffrey Carlson**, all of Havre; her mother, **Edith Braun** of Havre; her mother-in-law, **Dagney Carlson**, of Havre; brothers **Glen (Vicki) Braun** of Big Sandy and **Douglas Braun (Dave)** of Havre; grandchildren **Tanner**, **Maddie**, **Regan** and **Brielle**; sisters-in-laws **Charlene (Vern) Tolo** of Pasadena, Calif., and **Lenore (Robert) Davies** of Lark Spur, Calif.; and extended family which includes two special aunts, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

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CALENDAR

January

14	Montana Legislature's Energy & Telecommunications Committee Meeting	Helena, MT
26-28	OSHA 1910.269 Training	Heyburn, ID
26	Candidate School	Great Falls, MT
27	Candidate School	Missoula, MT
28	Candidate School	Bozeman, MT
29	Candidate School	Billings, MT

February

9-11	Lineman Basics Training School	Great Falls, MT
11-17	NRECA Annual Meeting	Atlanta, GA
16	CFC Annual Meeting	Atlanta, GA