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Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.

We also aspire to meet the four Touchstone Energy core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE: your right and privilege

At the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative annual meeting scheduled for Friday, July 17, six co-op members will vie for one of three board director positions up for re-election. In 2015, the three board positions sought include: one for the At-Large position, one for the Morton County position, and one for the Sioux County position.

As a member-owner, it is your right and privilege to cast your vote for the candidates you believe will best represent your interests and guide Mor-Gran-Sou into the future.

This year's candidates include:

At-Large

Mark Doll, New Salem
Kevin Fishbeck, Mandan
Clyde Howe, Mandan

Morton County

Richard C. Tokach, St. Anthony
Bonnie Tomac, St. Anthony

Sioux County

Chad Harrison, Fort Yates

PLEASE NOTE that on July 17, when the meeting is called to order at 5:30 p.m. CT, no further ballots will be distributed at the registration table. Please plan on being there in time to vote.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, July 17, 2015

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's annual meeting will be held at Prairie Knights Casino and Resort. The address is 7932 Hwy. 24, Fort Yates.

Please note the meeting schedule:

3:30 p.m. CT – Registration begins
5:30 p.m. CT – Business meeting call to order; election of candidates
6 p.m. CT – Business meeting recessed; annual meeting banquet served
7 p.m. CT – Business meeting reconvenes

STATE WINNER, NATIONAL COMPETITOR

Clay Roper Gerhardt, a participant in the N.D. Junior High Rodeo, qualified for the Junior High Nationals in four events including Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Steers Saddlebronc and Steers Bareback.

In this July local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn what he and horses Rosy and Toad will experience at nationals, and why the opportunity means a great deal to this young man and his family, who are Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members from northwest of Mandan.

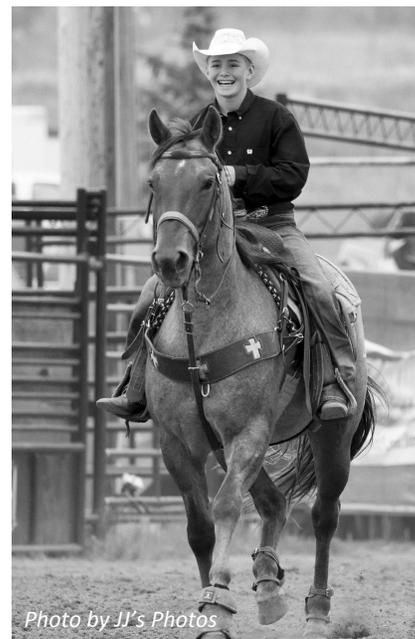


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See you at the fair!

The KX/Co-op Day at the N.D. State Fair will be held Wednesday, July 22, in Minot. If you plan to attend the fair that day, please stop by the Flasher office or the Mandan Service Center (2816 37th St. N.W.) and pick up reduced-price tickets for \$1 off gate admission, a free breakfast served near the Commercial II Building on the fairgrounds, \$5 off unlimited-ride wristbands for carnival rides, \$1 off the Ranch Rodeo admission and a free ice cream social at the KX/Co-op tent.

To print your tickets, go to <http://ndstatefair.com/>. Under "Plan" click on "Coupons and Promotions." Scroll down to KX/Co-op Day July 22 and click on "click here."



Make and haul hay with safety in mind

Electricity can be deadly if overhead power lines are touched by large equipment. Ranchers should always be 10 feet away from power lines on all sides while making and hauling hay.

Practice extreme caution and use a spotter to make sure you and your tall equipment have adequate clearance.

Another electrical hazard on the farm or ranch: Guy wires, used to stabilize utility poles, are grounded. When one of the guy wires is broken, it can become charged with electricity. If you break a guy wire, call Mor-Gran-Sou. Don't attempt to fix it.

Also in the JULY issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Friends & Neighbors Day
- How to size your water heater
- Meeting minutes & more

G&T REPORTS

Each year, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative asks our power suppliers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Western Area Power Administration, to update our members on the accomplishments and challenges of our generation and transmission cooperatives. The following is a condensed update. The full reports can be read in the July local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE

Our members created Basin Electric for a purpose – to provide reliable, low-cost electricity for your homes and businesses. It's what we've done for more than five decades, and it's what the board and employees focus on doing every day.

Every challenge faced and decision made has been done as a cooperative family. In 2014, some of those included the decision to join a regional transmission organization (RTO); a change of leadership; the retirement of long-time employees and addition of new employees; board approval of a new urea facility at the Great Plains Synfuels Plant, as well as new transmission and generation; proposed Environmental Protection Agency regulations and cyber and physical security standards; and meeting the needs of a growing membership.

Our facilities are relatively young, and we're very proud of their strong operating and safety records.

We are a family of cooperatives, and when our mission is to work for and look out for one other, we can't lose. We are member-owned, member-driven. We are a cooperative.

Thank you, members and our employees, for keeping Basin Electric strong.

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION

This year is exciting for Upper Great Plains (UGP) as we finish our 2021 Power Marketing Initiative (PMI) long-term power and associated interconnection/facility contracts, and transition our Eastern Interconnection facilities to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

We completed the 2021 PMI in November 2011, and spent time revising and standardizing power and interconnection/facility contracts to help our customers understand their allocations and services. Western expects Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will be offered new contracts in July or August, which gives member-owners access to clean, renewable, reliable, low-cost hydropower through 2050.

At the end of 2014, we completed our minor firm-power rate adjustment, which modified the drought adder and base rate components with no change to the overall rate.

UGP will become a member of SPP starting Oct. 1. By joining SPP, we will continue providing reliable, low-cost hydropower and related services by giving UGP more access to neighboring generation and transmission facilities.

In the Mor-Gran-Sou service area, UGP plans to replace a transformer and a circuit breaker, and add oil containment in the Devaul Substation. This will ensure reliable power delivery and reduce the risk of an environmental spill close to the Heart River.

Western appreciates Mor-Gran-Sou's support. Together, we will create a successful and relevant future for Western, UGP and its customers.

This summer, head west to Medora!

Electric co-op members are eligible for a 15-percent discount in association with tickets to the Medora Musical; a Pitchfork Steak Fondue; lodging at the Bunkhouse Motel, Badlands Motel or Rough Riders Hotel; Bully Pulpit Golf Course; and Cowboy Hall of Fame. Call 1-800-MEDORA-1 for reservations and use the code **TOUCH2015** to receive your 15-percent savings. Members also receive 20 percent off at the Cowboy Hall of Fame by providing the discount code **TOUCH2015** at the door.

