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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 Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 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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Mor-Gran-Sou holds 70th annual meeting

Members of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., met at the Pavilion of Prairie Knights Casino and Resort north of Fort Yates on July 21 to conduct their business at the cooperative's 70th annual meeting. This year's theme was, "Members — The Foundation of the Future."

During the meeting, members voted to fill three board director positions: one for the Grant County position, the Mandan Area position and one for the Sioux County position. Incumbents Casey Wells, Carson; Bob Leingang, Mandan; and Lance Froelich, Selfridge, retained their positions on the board. Wells is the Grant County representative, Leingang is the Mandan Area representative, and Froelich is the Sioux County representative. Mor-Gran-Sou thanks Tom Anseth, Mandan, for campaigning to serve his electric cooperative.

Co-General Managers/Chief Executive Officers Donald Franklund and Chris Baumgartner (now with Basin Electric Power Cooperative) captured the theme in their informative report to the membership. Franklund discussed rising rates, the importance of austerity, and how employees continue to show accountability and innovation at work to best serve the members.

Baumgartner updated the membership on state and national updates that have impacted Mor-Gran-Sou. Some included the status of the Clean Power Plan, and advancements in clean-coal technology and renewable forms of energy. He also noted how Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative allows Mor-Gran-Sou to stay current with technology, regulations, members' needs and more, which would be difficult to do without the cooperative partnership.

For a complete recap of the annual meeting, read the summary published in the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

This year, members who voted in person at the annual meeting or voted by mail-in ballot had the chance to win one of 15 \$25 bill credits. The \$25 bill credit was automatically applied to the winner's August electric bill. Some of the lucky winners are shown below.





SAFETY TIP

By Joe Meier, chief operations officer for WDUS, Mandan

When working on any type of equipment, make sure the engine is turned off before entering an area with moving components that can harm you. An on/off switch or control can malfunction. Always think ahead and work safely.

West Dakota Utility Services, or WDUS, is an independent business owned by Mor-Gran-Sou, Roughrider and Slope Electric Cooperatives. It services utility trucks, in addition to contractors and customers who have vehicles that need hydraulic repairs or N.D. Department of Transportation certification. WDUS also repairs welders, engines and utility tools including crimpers and hydraulic tamps, and is a distributor that can order hydraulic tools and generators.

If WDUS or Joe Meier can help you with a project or repair, call 701-663-4365 or email wdus@btinet.net.

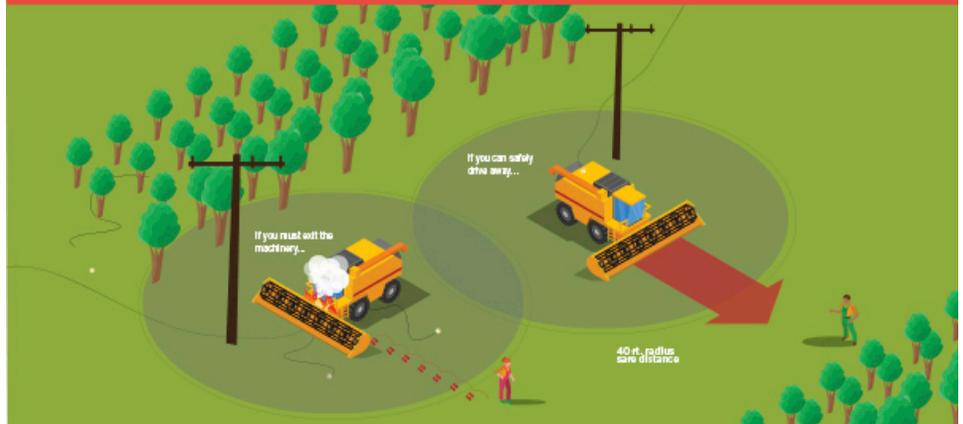
Cooler weather is on the way and the heating season is upon us. Is your electric meter breaker on?

Members, if your home or business has a sub-meter for the separately metered electric heat rate, please make sure your heat meter breaker is turned on inside your electric panel. In fact, if you have a heat meter, please make sure the breaker to the meter is turned on all year, to ensure Mor-Gran-Sou receives meter readings. If the breaker is off, your electric heat kilowatt-hour usage will not be reflected on your bill.

The Separately Metered Heat rates run Oct. 1 through April 30.

ALERT TODAY, ALIVE TOMORROW: HEADS UP FOR FARM SAFETY

Stay safe around downed power lines. Consider all lines, equipment and conductors to be live and dangerous.



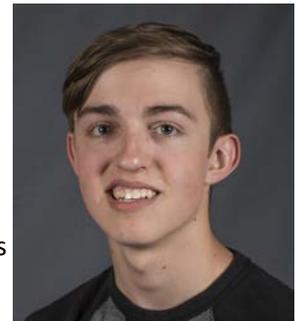
Washington, D.C., and what Sam Dart didn't learn in school

Growing up in a small, rural town in North Dakota, Sam Dart has known the same people his entire life: the kids at school, the people eating at Our Place Café, the teller at First International Bank & Trust, the nurse at Elgin Community Clinic. He is comfortable visiting with them because they are familiar.

When Sam stepped onto the plane headed to Washington, D.C., he stepped out of his comfort zone — on a trip of a lifetime sponsored by Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative.

Sam was one of 16 North Dakota high school students to attend the 53rd annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. In the weeklong adventure in June, Sam joined a record 1,800 students from around the nation to learn about history and American government; visit with area congressional delegation; become more knowledgeable about the cooperative business model; and tour museums, national monuments and memorials. While on the tour, students also develop leadership skills and a national network of peers.

Sam was certainly impressed by the massive size and architecture of the various memorials and monuments while on the tour — but he'll most remember the friendships he made and plans to keep. In the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*, read how the opportunity to network "opened him up" and will help mold him as a future servant leader.



School bus safety for your kids

For many students in the Mor-Gran-Sou service area, the school day begins and ends with a bus ride. To help keep your children safe, visit with them about these safety tips, supplied by the National Safety Council.

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic.
- Do not stray into streets, alleys or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus stops and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.