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

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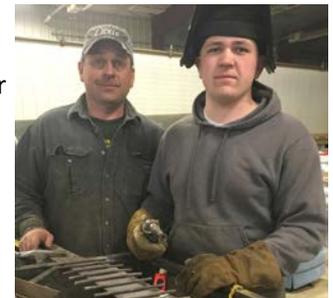
Evan Friesz wants more help for veterans — and earns this year's Youth Tour trip

Evan Friesz, a sophomore at Grant County High School, was inspired by a veteran he knows well to be patient ... offer help ... and say thank you.

He shared some ways we can support our military men and women in his Electric Cooperative Youth Tour essay, in honor of his dad, Eric Friesz. A farmer and Mor-Gran-Sou member from New Leipzig alongside his wife, Jill, Eric served as a sergeant with the N.D. National Guard's 141st Engineer Combat Battalion in Iraq from 2003 to 2005.

In the April local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn how Eric's service in the N.D. National Guard was the inspiration behind Evan's essay on helping veterans — and how Evan hopes to follow in his father's footsteps.

Congratulations, Evan, for earning this year's Youth Tour trip. This summer, we'll visit with him again and learn the highlights.



Evan (right) and Eric Friesz

Grant County Coyotes make history winning their first-ever State Championship in girls' basketball history

By Coach Nicole Bentz

"This group of girls played with more heart, composure, self-confidence, determination, desire, and just the "will to win" than I can ever remember. What an accomplishment for a school our size! This has been an unbelievable experience for the basketball program, school and communities."

To learn about this incredible journey, read Coach Bentz's recap in the April local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

Mor-Gran-Sou congratulates all those who worked together in the cooperative spirit to earn this championship title.



Craigmile returns to distribution roots

Alex Craigmile has returned to the Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative family.

Formerly the business manager at KEM Electric Cooperative, he is now the chief financial officer for the alliance. He filled the position vacated by Travis Kupper, who was promoted to co-general manager and chief executive officer. Craigmile's first day with the alliance was March 5.



Craigmile

Craigmile holds an accounting degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He worked at the state tax department in Bismarck before being hired by KEM in June 2010 as an accounting clerk. He was promoted in 2014 to assistant office manager. In that role, he oversaw the general ledger and accounting, approved checks, made payments, assisted with billing, and answered members' questions. He was promoted to office manager in 2015.

After six years with KEM, Craigmile resigned to accept a job with National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC) in Mandan. He installed billing software for 18 months before joining the alliance.

In total, he has more than seven years of cooperative experience. Welcome, Alex!

Also in the APRIL issue of North Dakota Living:

- Annual meeting notification
- Adding a grain bin or other load?
Contact Mor-Gran-Sou first.
- Board meeting minutes & more

Have a power outage? CALL US!

Members, if you have a power outage, please CALL US ... do not contact us via a Facebook comment or message, as our page is not monitored 24/7. By calling us, employees will log the call and alert the line crews. **701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212**

Electric cooperatives across the state and nation are celebrating National Lineman Appreciation Day on April 9. Mor-Gran-Sou is highlighting our general foreman, area foreman, leadmen, journeyman lineman, senior engineering tech and engineering tech who maintain 3,844 miles of power lines in our service area.



NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY #THANKALINEMAN

Opt into the Operation Round Up program today

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is now offering Operation Round Up to its members. Operation Round Up is a program in which Mor-Gran-Sou members can voluntarily choose to round up their monthly utility bills to the next dollar and donate their pennies to the newly formed Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc.



The Foundation Board, who are also Mor-Gran-Sou members, will meet throughout the year and disburse funds in the form of grants to non-profit corporations, organizations or agencies. All of the money raised by members stays in our local communities.

On average, participating members donate about \$6 a year. For example, if a member's monthly electric bill is \$89.64, the amount would be "rounded up" to the next whole dollar, \$90. The most a member would ever contribute a month is 99 cents. The donation will be tax-deductible, and members who participate will receive a summary on their last billing statement of the year.

Mor-Gran-Sou does not receive monetary or in-kind reimbursement from the Operation Round Up Charitable Foundation. All rounded-up funds flow directly into the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc., and are overseen by the board of directors. Mor-Gran-Sou personnel will administer the program as a complimentary service to the foundation.

We are excited to get started. Members, if you have any questions, please call the office at 663-0297, 597-3301 or 1-800-750-8212. To opt in, fill out the form below and return to the co-op. Every member's donation make a difference.

I wish to participate in Operation Round Up at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Yes, I agree that Mor-Gran-Sou, through the Operation Round Up program, has my permission to round up my monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. I understand I have the option to opt out with a 30-day written notice to the co-op.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Account #(s): _____

Email the form to jarmijo@morgransou.com or jlmliller@morgransou.com; or mail to: Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. / P.O. Box 297 / Flasher, ND 58535

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