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Electric Cooperative**

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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, employer and lender.

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Attend — and vote — at the annual meeting

At the annual meeting on **July 20** at **Prairie Knights Pavilion** near Fort Yates, five Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members will vie for one of three board director positions including: one for the At-Large position, one for the Morton County position, and one for the Sioux County position.

The board of directors set March 7 as the deadline for receiving members' completed declaration of candidacy forms. The Nominating Committee met for a final time on March 14. At that meeting, the committee declared that the candidates' names they received be forwarded to the board of directors for approval. Upon confirmation of eligibility at its regular board meeting on March 21, the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors approved these candidates:

At-Large:

Mark Doll, New Salem
Tim L. Kuntz, Mandan

Morton County:

Bonnie Tomac, Mandan

Sioux County:

Chad Harrison, Fort Yates
Marcie Kahl, Solen

A full biography of each candidate will appear in Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's annual report, scheduled to be mailed later this month.

Clint Begger accepts position with Vigilante

There are 833 distribution cooperatives across the U.S., and the employees who are the process behind the power are often such a tightknit group, their co-workers become like family. While there are lots of job opportunities within the electric cooperative network, there is only one true family.

Clint Begger, lead man with Mor-Gran-Sou in Mandan, is moving with his wife, Jada, and their three children, to southwest Montana to be closer to their families. His last day with Mor-Gran-Sou was March 23.

On April 2, Clint joined a new co-op family at Vigilante Electric Cooperative. With headquarters in Dillon and service centers in Townsend and Whitehall, Vigilante provides electric service to more than 10,150 meters in some of nature's most beautiful (and challenging) places.

In the June local pages, learn about Clint's 15-year career at Mor-Gran-Sou, and how his family's move is a collective loss for this cooperative and community, and a gain for another.



Clint Begger

Also in the June North Dakota Living local pages ...

- Medora Touchstone Energy® discount
- Still to come: Luck of the Draw scholarships
- Board minutes ... and more

Happy Father's Day June 17

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

~ Clarence Budington Kelland

Highway 21 Treasure Hunt

Discover treasures and have fun during North Dakota's 100-mile rummage sale, the Highway 21 Treasure Hunt. It will be held Friday and Saturday, **June 15 and 16**, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT, along Highway 21 in southwestern N.D.

Learn more details in the June local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

Idle services to be retired

Mor-Gran-Sou continues to retire idle services in our service area.

An idle electrical service does not make any payment to the cooperative, but still receives regular maintenance. Mor-Gran-Sou's procedure is to post a detailed list to keep members informed of those idle services that will be retired. This is the second notice of this particular group of idle services to be retired.

Prior to this detailed listing, Mor-Gran-Sou personnel have already contacted, or tried to contact, the property owner and affected property owners based on the information available. If someone comes forward and is willing to pay the line retention fee, we no longer consider it an idle service. However, if no one comes forward, the line is then put on a list and will be retired. The following idle services will be retired at the cooperative's convenience:

Grant County

T133 R85W Section 12 NE 1/4

Morton County

T134 R84W Section 3 NW 1/4

T139 R83W Section 28 SE 1/4

Sioux County

T130 R80W Section 12 SE 1/4

T130 R80W Section 14 NW 1/4

T131 R80W Section 27 NE 1/4

T133 R79W Section 8 NE 1/4

T133 R79W Section 11 SW ¼

T134 R79W Section 23 SW 1/4

T134 R79W Section 29 SW 1/4

T134 R82W Section 22 SE 1/4

Holiday closing

Mor-Gran-Sou will be closed to honor the July 4 holiday. Line crews will be available in case of an emergency electrical outage on Wednesday, July 4.

STAY AWAY ... STAY SAFE



Members, if you see downed or damaged electrical infrastructure, do not assume it is de-energized. Keep a safe distance and call Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative at 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301 or 1-800-750-8212.

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

Signature