



Spring masterpiece

One of God's great wonders, the prairie crocus lasts a few fleeting days in April, and they're gone for another year. About 4" tall, the flowers are hard to see unless you walk the prairie. We thank the talented J.C. Balcom for sharing this work of art. Balcom is a Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative member from north Mandan.

What's inside:

- Learn the candidates seeking board positions
- Meet the scholarship recipients
- Enjoy some student safety posters
- Read the meeting minutes and more

PHOTO BY J.C. BALCOM



Mor-Gran-Sou announces candidates seeking board of director positions

The pursuit to earn a board seat begins for four Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members vying for one of three board director positions up for re-election in July. In 2017, the three board positions sought include: one for the Grant County position, one for the Mandan Area position, and one for the Sioux County position.

The board of directors set March 8 as the deadline for receiving members' completed declaration of candidacy forms. The Nominating Committee met for a final time on March 16. 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 29, the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors approved the following list of candidates:

Grant County:
Casey Wells, Carson

Mandan Area:
Thomas Anseth, Mandan
Bob J. Leingang, Mandan

Sioux County:
Lance Froelich, Selfridge

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



Becker



Hintz



Koeplin



Muggli

Mor-Gran-Sou awards scholarships to graduates

BY JACKIE MILLER

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce the winners of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative/Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative scholarship awards. Exemplifying the Touchstone Energy® Cooperative value of commitment to community, Mor-Gran-Sou offers four \$500 scholarship awards; two of the four scholarships are designated for qualified applicants who plan to attend a certified vocational or technical school. Those receiving a \$500

scholarship in the fall of 2016 include: Caitlyn Becker, Flasher; Mary Hintz, Flasher; Dillon Koeplin, Elgin; and Katelyn Muggli, Carson.

Caitlyn Becker plans to attend South Dakota State University in pursuit of an Animal Science degree. Caitlyn's parents are Joe and Jackie Becker, Flasher.

Mary Hintz, in pursuit of a degree in Nursing, plans to attend the University of Mary. Her parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members Robert and

Debbie Hintz, Flasher.

Dillon Koeplin plans to attend Bismarck State College (BSC) and earn a degree in Agriculture Industry and Technology. Dillion's parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members William and Linda Koeplin, Elgin.

Katelyn Muggli, in pursuit of an Elementary Education degree, also plans to attend BSC. Her parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members David and Heather Muggli, Carson. ■

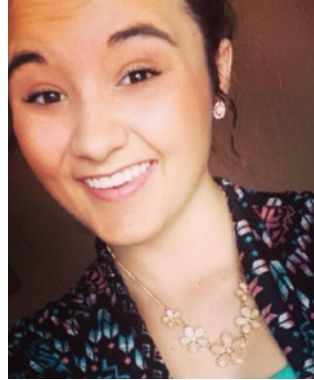


Two scholarship awards added in 2017

This year, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative was pleased to learn that the board of directors of 3C Construction and West Dakota Utility Services have each generously extended a \$500 scholarship to each of its owners, including Mor-Gran-Sou. The intention of the scholarship is for students entering into the lineman program, mechanic program, etc., at a certified vocational or technical school. We have incorporated this scholarship into our current scholarship program, which allows Mor-Gran-Sou to offer two more scholarship awards to member-dependents. Those receiving a \$500 scholarship include Lindsey Harrison, Selfridge, and Thad Norton, New Salem.

Lindsey plans to earn a degree in Welding at Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates. Her parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members Dale and Rachelle Harrison, Selfridge.

Thad, in pursuit of a degree in Diesel Technology,



Harrison



Norton

plans to attend the North Dakota State School of Science, Wahpeton. His parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members Clark and Debra Norton, New Salem.

We congratulate Caitlyn, Mary, Dillon, Katelyn, Lindsey, Thad and McKenzie on winning this year's scholarship awards. Mor-Gran-Sou wishes them and all graduating seniors well on their plans for the future. ■

Employee scholarship honor goes to McKenzie Kuhn

Mor-Gran-Sou was delighted to learn that McKenzie Kuhn earned a \$1,000 scholarship from Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Each year, Basin Electric also offers an opportunity for children of member-cooperative employees to apply for one of 20 scholarships available to them. Now in its 26th year, the scholarship program remains focused on recognizing and encouraging academic and community achievements of students in the region. It is also considered an investment in the economic future of rural areas.



Kuhn

McKenzie, whose ultimate goal is to become a full-time therapist, is working toward her Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training at the University of Mary, Bismarck. Accepted into the athletic training program as a college freshman, McKenzie maintained a 4.0 GPA while taking 21 credits.

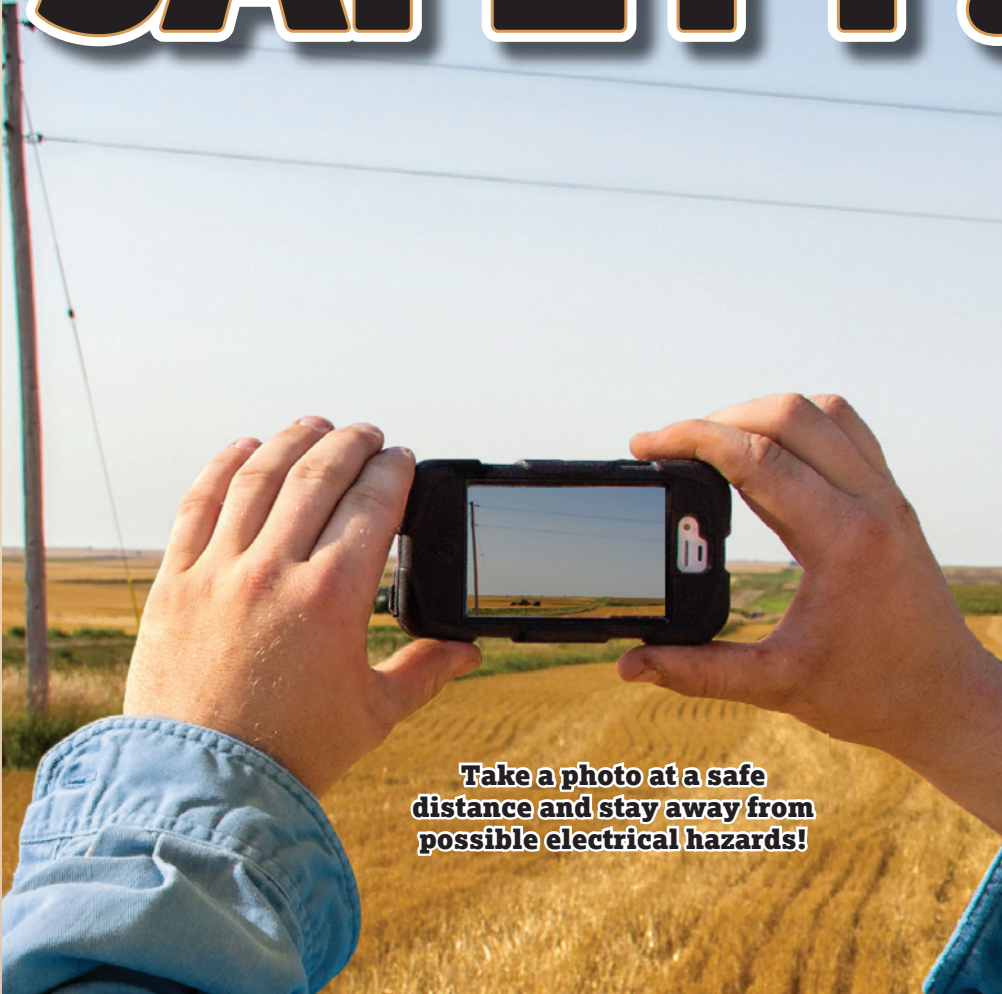
She is the daughter of Michelle and Jesse Kuhn of New Salem. Jesse is the engineering technician for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. ■



**ALWAYS
CALL
BEFORE YOU
DIG**



Don't be silent about SAFETY!



Take a photo at a safe distance and stay away from possible electrical hazards!

Following are some of the conditions you should report to us immediately:

- Downed or sagging power lines or broken wires
- Kites or balloons entangled in power lines
- Broken insulators
- Broken power poles or dangerously leaning poles
- Cracked or damaged utility poles
- Antennas near power lines
- Dead or leaning trees close to power lines or trees entangled in power lines
- Loose guy wires
- Vandalized equipment
- Cut wire or broken locks at electrical substations
- Unlocked underground
- Anyone climbing utility poles or substation fences

Safety is everyone's job! Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's system covers a large territory, with thousands of utility poles, hundreds of miles of power line and numerous transformers and other equipment.

As a cooperative member, you can provide

a valuable service to your cooperative by observing and reporting hazardous conditions that may threaten electric service reliability or endanger public safety.

Members who notice anything potentially unsafe involving Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's

power lines are asked to contact the cooperative – either call the office or take a photo with your smartphone and send it to us via email. Please include a general location description and/or your phone number so the cooperative can reach you.

Call Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative immediately at 800-750-8212 or email safety@morgransou.com.

Together, we can keep everyone safe!



5 tips to spring into summer

Now is the perfect time to begin saving energy around the home. By taking advantage of the mild weather, you can make the improvements needed to transition into summer. Here are five ways to spring into summer:



- 1. Replace your air filter.** Replacing a dirty, clogged air filter allows your system not to work so hard to circulate the air. Spring is also a great time to get your HVAC system serviced to make sure it is operating most efficiently.
- 2. Seal the cracks and gaps.** Keep outside air from leaking into your home. Inspect the cracks and penetrations around the home. You may need to re-apply caulking or foam where cable lines, dryer vents and telephone lines may penetrate your home. Look around windows for gaps and install door seals to the exterior doors.

- 4. Lower your water heating costs.** Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting of 120 degrees. Washing clothes in cold water will help save energy and money.
- 5. Save in the laundry room.** The dryer is one of the larger appliances in a home. Make sure your dryer is operating at full efficiency by inspecting the dryer vent and cleaning the lint trap after every use. Air drying your clothes will help limit your laundry costs.



- 3. Install a smart or programmable thermostat.** No need to cool an empty home. Installing an advanced thermostat can yield significant savings when programmed to work around your schedule.

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For more ideas to save energy, visit www.touchstoneenergy.com.



Safety poster contest winners announced;

Area youth offer ideas on safety around electricity

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative continues to receive a strong message from children in the area, as 89 posters were received for the annual poster coloring contest. The posters were judged by employees during the all-employee meeting in March.

Students were instructed to concentrate on the following topic: How do you stay safe at your home or farm when around electricity? We had a wide variety of scenes showing safety around the home and farm communities.

Mor-Gran-Sou hopes the contest made the students more aware of their responsibility in practicing safety around electricity. We wish our young people a great summer, and remind them to stay safe when working or playing around electricity.

This year's winners include:

Preschool through kindergarten:

- First place:** Brinley Meyer, daughter of Josh and TaSheena Meyer, Flasher
- Second place:** Jordan Meyer, daughter of Jessy and Stephanie Meyer, Shields
- Third place:** Jett Weinhandl, son of Logan and Serena Weinhandl, Shields

Grades one through three:

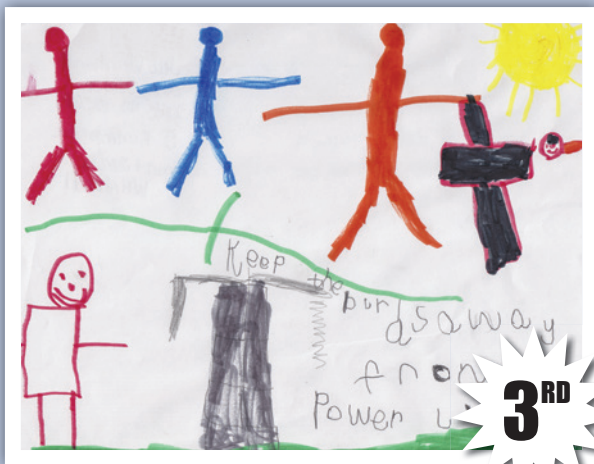
- First place:** Aaron Fitterer, son of Lee and Jeannie Fitterer, Flasher
- Second place:** Gentry Schmidt, daughter of Dar and Dawn Schmidt, Flasher

Third place: Jocelyn Rossow, daughter of Travis and Jessica Rossow, Flasher

Grades four through six:

- First place:** Carter Bonogofsky, son of Art and Lisa Bonogofsky, Flasher
- Second place:** Jade Edinger, daughter of Dwight & Gequita Edinger, Carson
- Third place:** Chris Becker, son of Joe and Jackie Becker, Flasher. ■

Winners: preschool-kindergarten



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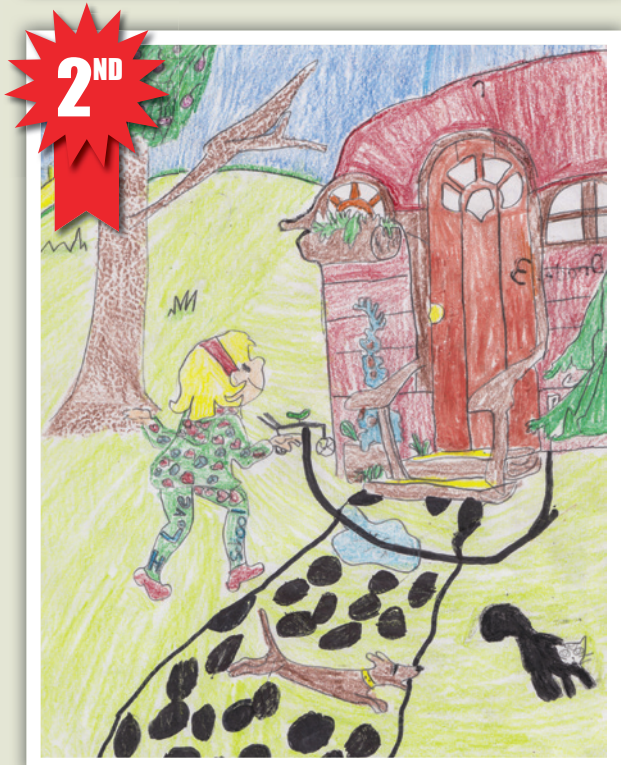
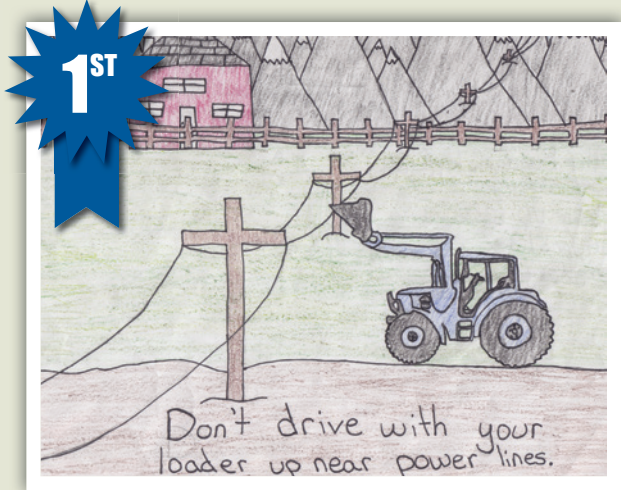
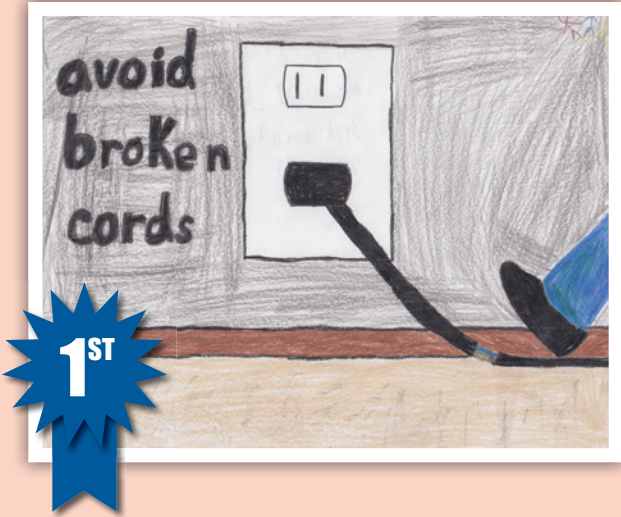
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Winners: grades one through three

Winners: grades four through six



MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

board meeting highlights



Meeting date: March 29, 2017

- Approved the Feb. 22, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes
- Approved a work order inventory and a special equipment inventory
- Approved capital credit refunds to estates and those age 80 and over
- Heard final report on 2017 Nominating Committee meetings
- Accepted qualified 2017 candidates for the Mor-Gran-Sou Board of Directors, submitted by the Nominating Committee
- Reviewed request for candidates for the RESCO Board of Directors
- Discussed alternate energy sources
- Heard Co-General Managers/Chief Executive Officers' update and report on several meetings attended
- Heard and accepted the February financial report
- Reviewed and accepted director's expense report for February
- Reviewed department reports
- Held Executive Session for results of annual director evaluation

Upcoming regular board meeting date:

May 30 in the Flasher board room at 9 a.m. CT

June 29 in the NDAREC board room in Mandan at 9 a.m. CT

Members are welcome to attend the board meetings at any time. Please contact Mor-Gran-Sou at cternes@morgransou.com, or call 800-750-8212 or 701-597-3301 to confirm the meeting date and location if you wish to attend.

To place an item on the agenda, please contact Board Chair Leland "Judge" Barth or Co-General Manager/Chief Executive Officer Donald Franklund at least one week in advance.

Members may obtain a copy of approved Board minutes by completing and returning the "Request for Information or Data" form. You can find this form at www.morgransou.com, or call the office for a copy.

Board minutes available to Mor-Gran-Sou members

Each month, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative publishes highlights of the monthly board meeting in the local pages of *North Dakota Living*. This information is presented under the caption "board meeting highlights."

Mor-Gran-Sou reminds members that they do have access to the approved monthly board meeting minutes in their entirety, if they wish to see them. Under present policy, members can request to come to the Mor-Gran-Sou Flasher office and review the approved minutes, or have the approved minutes mailed to them upon completing a request for data form. They can also find the Request for Information or Data form on our website at www.morgransou.com (click Your Power in Membership and then forms/applications).

If a member wishes to review the minutes in Flasher, we ask that he/she call before stopping in. This gesture of courtesy will make the visit more efficient, as the minutes will be readily available upon the interested member's arrival.

Members, to request to review the approved monthly board minutes at the office or to obtain a copy by mail, please direct your calls to Manager of Administrative Services Cindy Ternes at 701-597-3301 or 800-750-8212. She will be happy to assist you. For further discussion, please contact Board Chairman Leland "Judge" Barth.



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Directors Mark Doll,
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Mor-Gran-Sou will be closed on Memorial Day, to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

MONDAY, MAY 29

Happy Mother's Day

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