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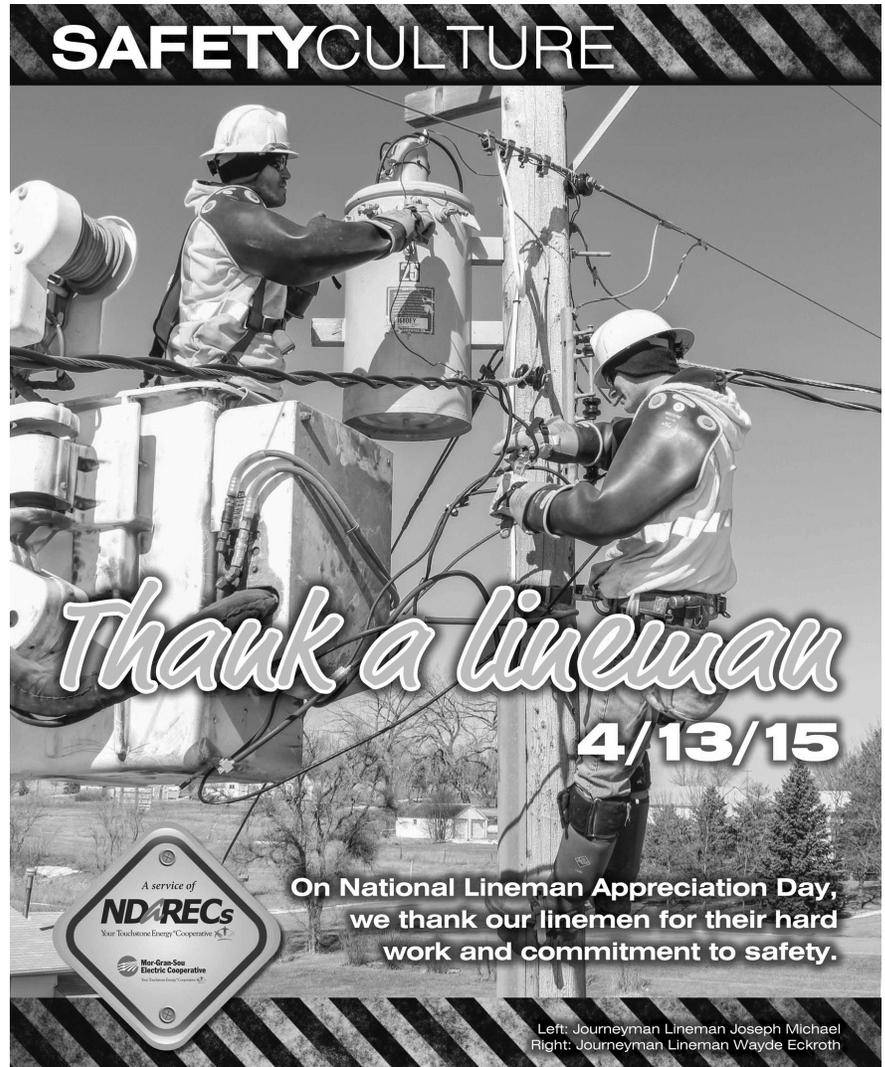
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Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.

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

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SAFETY CULTURE

Thank a lineman
4/13/15

On National Lineman Appreciation Day, we thank our linemen for their hard work and commitment to safety.

Left: Journeyman Lineman Joseph Michael
Right: Journeyman Lineman Wayde Eckroth

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SAFETY: KEEPING IT FRESH

Safety is an every day, all-day priority for every employee at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. Here are two of the many ways we stay mindful and up-to-date on hazard recognition and the actions we need to take, so we can send our employees home to their families every night:

Safety Committee: Mor-Gran-Sou has a Safety Committee that meets every month to identify and discuss potential hazards. Employees serve on the committee for one year on a rotational basis.

Safety Trainings: Mor-Gran-Sou partners with the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives to hold 10 safety trainings a year. Instructors visit the co-op and hold meetings on a variety of topics including pole top and bucket truck rescue, defensive driving, OSHA updates, substation safety, chainsaw safety and tree felling, hazard recognition (slips, trips and falls), CPR and AED training, and much more.



John Rath, Meter Technician



SAVE THE DATE!

WHAT:
Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's annual meeting

WHEN:
Friday, July 17, 2015

WHERE:
Prairie Knights Casino and Resort, Fort Yates

WHY:
To learn about co-op issues; to cast your vote and elect three members to serve on the board of directors; and to enjoy a hearty meal.

Also in the APRIL issue of North Dakota Living:

- Mor-Gran-Sou's culture of safety
- Cooperative employees involved in community events
- Spring field safety
- Meeting minutes & more

Plan, then plant

Trees can filter sunlight to help cool your home, and break winds to lower your heating costs. But before you plant that tree, look up. Is there a power line nearby? If so, you may need to change your landscaping plans.



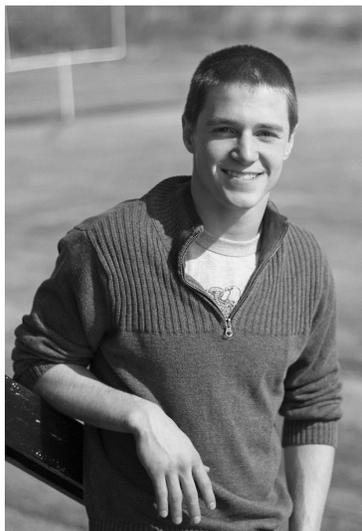
Always consider the mature height of the trees and shrubs you plant.

Ask professionals how tall your sapling will be when it's mature. If it is expected to reach within 25 feet of a power line, plant it somewhere else. Also find out how sprawling the tree's branches will be at maturity. A tree planted 25 feet away from a power line could still interfere with the wires.

'Get familiar with the real world'

Andrew Schafer earns Youth Tour trip

Why should area students take an interest in the cooperative that provides electric service to their family? Because as a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative,



Mor-Gran-Sou operates under the core values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. To show that commitment, the co-op supports youth: by teaching electrical safety; by developing leaders through scholarships; by sponsoring students on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Our cooperative knows that today's students are tomorrow's leaders. They will be the next generation of member-owners who will help carefully decide how to best provide affordable, reliable and safe electric service.

Andrew Schafer recently gave the topic of students and electric cooperatives a great deal of thought. A junior at Flasher Public School who is starting to make plans for his

future, Andrew knows that in the near future he will be paying bills and signing legal documents.

Traveling this summer without family will be a first major step in feeling what it's like to be independent. From June 13 to 19, Andrew will tour Washington, D.C. with 1,500 peers from across the state and nation who are representing their family's electric cooperative on the 2015 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

The son of Mor-Gran-Sou members Mark and Nola Schafer, Andrew entered the co-op's essay writing contest and answered this question: "If you were asked to influence other students your age to become more actively involved in their electric cooperative — including attendance at the electric cooperative annual meeting — what would you tell them and why?"

Andrew wrote a thoughtful essay, encouraging other students to discover what electric cooperatives do for their families and communities — and what they can do to help.

"You can't be a kid forever, so take some initiative and start getting involved," he wrote. "It is a co-op, after all; you are a part of it, and have the right to know what decisions are being made and what's being done. There's no homework to do and there's no pop quiz at the next meeting. There is just you getting familiar with the real world. Find out what Mor-Gran-Sou does. Find out what decisions they make and if they affect you. See if you can make a positive difference in your community by taking part in something. Attending annual meetings is a good way to start."

In the April local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn more about Andrew and what he is most excited to see while on the Youth Tour. After his trip in June, we'll visit with him again to share his highlights.



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Mor-Gran-Sou is an advocate of working safely. In fact, it is our way of life; the culture of your cooperative. We look out for the safety of ourselves and others — before, during and after work.

Did you know that members also play a key role in keeping our system safe? At times, you are our eyes in the sky and on the ground. Should you see a power line issue that may need Mor-Gran-Sou's attention, please call the office or send us an email at safety@morgransou.com with your concern. This correspondence should include the description of the location, your name and complete contact information, and a photo if possible. Working together helps ensure the safety of all!