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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.*

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an
equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Eckroth earns journeyman status

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative Lineman Wayde Eckroth has graduated from the Apprenticeship Training and Safety (AT&S) lineworker program administered by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.

Hired in January 2012, Eckroth works with Joe Michael in Flasher and the surrounding communities to build and maintain the co-op's electrical system.

As a graduate of the AT&S program, Eckroth has logged 8,000 hours of supervised training on poles, tower and construction; line hardware and framing; overhead conductors; tools and equipment; transformers; oil circuit reclosers, regulators and capacitors; metering and instrument transformers; rolling stock; engineering; records; safety meetings; hot-line maintenance; troubleshooting; underground; substations; lighting; and service.

Since graduation, Eckroth has experienced an increase in duties and expectations at Mor-Gran-Sou. He says he feels comfortable with the tasks, thanks to his education and on-the-job training. He's also come to know the co-op's member-owners and service area better over the years.

Mor-Gran-Sou congratulates Wayde on this milestone achievement.



Keeping our electric system as reliable as possible

Tree trimming is a regular part of your electric cooperative's operations.

Mor-Gran-Sou, like all electric utilities, is required to maintain appropriate clearance between trees and electric transmission and distribution lines. Trees need to be trimmed, and in some cases removed, to minimize potential power outages and to eliminate fire and safety hazards due to trees contacting energized electric lines.

Mor-Gran-Sou typically uses local contract tree-trimming crews to perform this task. Bullinger Tree Trimming will have crews operating within our service area again this year.

Please know that they are working on your cooperative's behalf to help keep our electric system as reliable and safe as possible.

Mor-Gran-Sou will be closed to honor the July 4th holiday

Mor-Gran-Sou line crews will be available in case of an
emergency on Friday, July 3.

Idle services to be retired

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative continues to retire idle services that are not making any payment to the cooperative, but continue to receive regular maintenance. Our procedure is to post a detailed list in our communications material to keep members informed of idle services that will be retired. This is the second notice of this particular group of idle services to be retired.

Co-op personnel have already contacted, or tried to contact, the property owner and affected property owners based on the information available. If someone is willing to pay the line retention fee, we no longer consider it an idle service. If no one comes forward, the line is put on a list and will be retired. The following idle services will be retired at the co-op's convenience:

Grant County

T135N R90W SECTION 34 NE 1/4
T136N R89W SECTION 10 NE 1/4

Morton County

T134N R84W SECTION 03 SW 1/4
T135N R79W SECTION 14 SW 1/4
T136N R81W SECTION 06 SE 1/4
T137N R80W SECTION 08 NE 1/4
T138N R82W SECTION 05 NW 1/4
T139N R82W SECTION 08 SW 1/4
T140N R89W SECTION 10 SW 1/4
T140N R89W SECTION 15 SE 1/4
T140N R83W SECTION 23 NE 1/4

Sioux County

T130N R80W SECTION 12 SE 1/4
T130N R80W SECTION 13 NE 1/4
T130N R80W SECTION 25 SW 1/4
T130N R80W SECTION 26 NW 1/4
T130N R81W SECTION 33 SE 1/4
T131N R80W SECTION 02 NE 1/4
T131N R80W SECTION 27 NW 1/4
T132N R79W SECTION 17 SW 1/4
T132N R82W SECTION 16 SE 1/4
T133N R79W SECTION 08 NE 1/4
T133N R79W SECTION 14 SW 1/4
T134N R79W SECTION 27 SE 1/4
T134N R79W SECTION 34 SE 1/4

Also in the JUNE issue of

North Dakota Living:

- Flasher community hub remains open
- Family Wellness coming to Mandan
- Kat Perkins brings social media safety message to area schools
- Meeting minutes & more



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.

Co-op announces candidates seeking board positions

The pursuit to earn a board seat begins for six Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members vying for one of three board director positions up for re-election in July. In 2015, the three board positions sought include: the At-Large position, one for the Morton County position, and one for the Sioux County position.

The board of directors set March 5 as the deadline for receiving members' completed declaration of candidacy forms. The Nominating Committee met for a final time on March 10. 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 25, the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors approved these candidates:

At-Large:

Mark Doll, New Salem
Kevin Fishbeck, Mandan
Clyde Howe, Mandan

Morton County:

Richard C. Tokach, St. Anthony
Bonnie Tomac, St. Anthony

Sioux County:

Chad Harrison, Fort Yates

Please note the meeting schedule:

3:30 p.m. CT – Registration begins
5:30 p.m. CT – Business meeting call to order; election of candidates
6:00 p.m. CT – Business meeting recessed; banquet served
7:00 p.m. CT – Business meeting reconvenes

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

Highway 21 Treasure Hunt: June 19-20

Discover treasures and have fun during North Dakota's 100-mile rummage sale, the Highway 21 Treasure Hunt, on June 19-20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT.

Communities along Highway 21 in southwestern North Dakota will host citywide rummage sales. Participating communities include Flasher, Carson, Elgin, New Leipzig, Mott, Regent and New England. Rural residents host sales, too, so watch for signs along the route for additional sales.

For more information, contact Luann Dart at 701-584-2172.

This summer, head west to Medora!

Electric co-op members are eligible for a 15-percent discount in association with tickets to the Medora Musical; a Pitchfork Steak Fondue; lodging at the Bunkhouse Motel, Badlands Motel or Rough Riders Hotel; Bully Pulpit Golf Course; and Cowboy Hall of Fame. Mor-Gran-Sou members: Call 1-800-MEDORA-1 for reservations and use the code **TOUCH2015** to receive your 15-percent savings.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Sunday, June 21