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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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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

A biography of each candidate will appear in Mor-Gran-Sou’s annual report, scheduled to be mailed in late June.

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

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* in the “board meeting highlights” section on C8.

Members do have access to the approved monthly board meeting minutes in their entirety. Under present policy, members can request to come to the 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 at www.morgransou.com (click customer service and then forms/applications).

To review the minutes in Flasher, we ask members to call before stopping in, so the minutes will be available upon their arrival.

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. For further discussion, please contact Board Chairman Leland “Judge” Barth.

Safety poster contest winners announced

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative received 82 posters for the annual safety poster coloring contest. They were judged by employees during the all-employee meeting in March.

Students concentrated on the topic:

How do you stay safe at your home or farm when around electricity?

Mor-Gran-Sou hopes the contest made students aware of their responsibility in practicing electrical safety around their home and farm communities.

This year's winners include:

Preschool through kindergarten:

First place: Ruby Maher, daughter of

Cody and Tracy Maher, Selfridge

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

Third place: Aiden Meyer, son of Christy and Bill Meyer, Solen

Grades one through three:

First place: Traetyn Hatzenbuhler, son of Dallas and Joy Hatzenbuhler, Solen

Second place: Olivia Erhardt, daughter of Brent and Sarah Erhardt, Flasher

Third place: Matthew Gieser, son of William and Amy Gieser, Mandan

Grades four through six:

First place: Carter Bonogofsky, son of Art and Lisa Bonogofsky, Flasher

Second place: Laura Gieser, daughter of William and Amy Gieser, Mandan

Third place: Lezlee Isbell, daughter of Jerid and Melissa Isbell, Flasher

Also in the MAY issue of

North Dakota Living:

- Ag Day connects field and food
- Beware of dangers above
- Meeting minutes & more



Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will be closed

May 25 to honor Memorial Day.

Line crews will be available in case of an emergency.

SAFETY@MORGRANSOU.COM

Members, if 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!



Mor-Gran-Sou awards scholarships to graduates

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce the winners of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative/Mor-Gran-Sou scholarship awards. Four \$500 scholarships are awarded; two of the four scholarships are designated for qualified applicants who plan to attend a certified vocational or technical school.

This year's recipients include Emily Bendish, Mandan; Larissa Eckholm, Mandan; Serena Frederick, Flasher; and Justine Schaff, New Salem.

Emily Bendish plans to complete her general studies at Bismarck State College (BSC), and transfer to North Dakota State University to pursue a career as a large animal vet. Her parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members Russell and Debra Bendish, Mandan.

Larissa Eckholm plans to earn a degree in biology/pre-dental at the University of North Dakota. Her ultimate goal is to complete her residency and come back to North Dakota to work. Larissa's parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members Curtis and Lisa Eckholm of Mandan.

Serena Frederick, in pursuit of an undergraduate degree in accounting, plans to attend the University of Mary. Upon acquiring her college degree, she plans to become a certified public accountant and eventually live and work in rural North Dakota. Serena's parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members Wesley and Janelle Frederick of Flasher.

Justine Schaff also plans to attend BSC and earn an accounting degree, and work as a certified public accountant. Her parents are Mor-Gran-Sou members Jim and Jeanette Schaff of New Salem.

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 first 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