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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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Thanks, members!

The Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors, management staff and employees thank you, our member-owners, for attending the 69th annual meeting of the membership held July 15. We appreciate the interest you continue to show in your electric cooperative!



L-R: Vernard Frederick, Jay Larson and Leland “Judge” Barth

This year, Mor-Gran-Sou members were asked to vote for three board directors: one for the Grant County position, one for the Mandan Area position, and one for Morton County position. Incumbents Leland “Judge” Barth, Mandan, and Vernard Frederick, Flasher, retained their positions on the board. Barth is the Mandan area representative and Frederick is the Grant County representative. New to the board is Jay Larson, who will serve his first three-year board term as a representative for Morton County. He fills the position previously held by Pam Geiger, who reached her term limit of six 3-year terms. We thank Dennis Dutke, Mandan; Cody Hatzenbuhler, Mandan; Clyde Howe, Mandan; Delwin Petrick, Elgin; and Travis Wolf, Mandan; for campaigning to serve their electric cooperative, and for being active and involved cooperative members.

To learn more about Mor-Gran-Sou’s annual meeting, read a complete summary in the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: The billing statement you received on or around Aug. 5 contains a line item indicating your 2015 capital credit allocation. The information shown on that billing statement is not the retirement, but the allocation. This is the only statement you will receive concerning your 2015 capital credit allocation. Please retain the August billing statement as a permanent record of your 2015 allocation.

What is a capital credit allocation?

This information is provided each year as an official record of your capital credits. Since Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is a member-owned cooperative, at the end of each year we allocate all our profits (the money left over after all expenses are paid) to you, our member-owners, based on how much energy you bought during the year. These allocations are called capital credits. By allocation, we mean that we assign your share of the margins to a holding account in your name. Capital credits are used by your cooperative for operating funds, and at some later date, paid back to members as the financial condition of the cooperative permits. These amounts are not payable at this time and do not represent cash, but rather your equity in our cooperative.

Also in the August issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Thank you, Director Geiger!
- The N.D. State Railroad Museum preserves history, offers family fun
- Board meeting minutes and more



Porcupine woman makes history, inspires others

History was made when Danielle Ta'Sheena Finn became the first woman to represent the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe as Miss Indian World, and earn a seat at the table at the nation's largest powwow.



In April, she competed against 23 Native American women who represented their families, communities and tribes in the Miss Indian World Pageant, held in New Mexico.

In the most prestigious cultural pageant for young Native American women, Danielle claimed the crown.

Danielle will spend her 1-year term traveling throughout the United States, Canada and the world, representing the beauty and diversity of Native American, Aboriginal and Indigenous cultures and the Gathering of Nations, Ltd., Powwow.

As a role model for all young women and girls of all ages, Danielle proudly tells all who inquire that she is from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

In Mor-Gran-Sou's August local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, learn why this pageant title means so much to Danielle — and how she is using her pageant platforms to inspire and teach important messages to people of all ages.

Electrical safety warning for Pokémon Go players

Mor-Gran-Sou is reminding players of Pokémon Go to stay away from electric substations, power plants and other electric equipment. The new smartphone-based augmented reality game sends players to real-world places to "catch" Pokémon.

Pokémon turn up everywhere — from grocery stores to hospitals. But they're also appearing at electric substations, drawing players into dangerous situations.

"Electric utilities cannot control where the Pokémon appear, and players should make sure they catch their Pokémon from a safe distance," says Jackie Miller, chief of staff and manager of member services for Mor-Gran-Sou.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY: Use extra caution when school is in session

Later this month, back-to-school season is in full effect. Remember to safety share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists, and provide children with the necessary knowledge to stay safe at school.

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they — and the motorists around them — take proper safety precautions.

— Courtesy of the National Safety Council



Look up and look around ... Farm equipment is on the move

While farmers focus on the ground when sowing and harvesting, looking up is just as important — especially when operating farm equipment near power lines.

For your safety, make sure you have at least 10 feet of clearance between power lines and your combines, grain augers, pickers, balers and front-end loaders.

Keep in mind that uneven ground and shifting soil conditions can put you in harm's way.

Look up and look around when operating equipment. Power lines and poles may be closer than you think.

If you see a power line issue that may need Mor-Gran-Sou's attention, please call the co-op at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212. Or, send an email to safety@morgransou.com with location information and a photo, if possible. Working together helps ensure the safety of all.

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HOLIDAY CLOSING: MONDAY, SEPT. 5

In observance of the Labor Day holiday in September, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5. Members, line crews will be available in case of an emergency electrical outage.