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

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## 'A good lady' – Laverne Seehafer retires

Everyone's favorite buddy is retiring from Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative.

Laverne Seehafer, cashier/receptionist, is friends with everyone she meets — and those she has never met. Whether she stopped by your home to check a water heater, kibitzed with you at a trade show or answered your phone call at the co-op, Laverne treats everyone with kindness and respect. An employee with Mor-Gran-Sou for more than 36 years, her last day at headquarters in Flasher is Jan. 31.

Laverne says she is excited to start the next chapter in her life. After she retires, she plans to stay close to home and relax for a couple of weeks. Then she wants to make some calls and volunteer — and find a way to make people smile and laugh.

"I want to make a difference, for myself and for the ones I volunteer for at hospitals and nursing homes," she says. Laverne also wants to volunteer in Fort Yates, working alongside many of the cooperative's members she has come to know and affectionately refer to as buddies.

In the January local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn about some of the laughs and tears experienced during Laverne's career, and read some tributes from cooperative staff who will greatly miss her.



Seehafer



## Keep snow and ice away from meters

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. reminds our members to inspect their electric meter on a regular basis; especially after heavy snowfalls when drifts can settle on your meter. It is important for you to carefully clear snow and ice away from the meter and surrounding area for these reasons:

- Accumulated snow places stress on your meter and wiring, and may harm the meter or cause an unnecessary power outage.

- The weight of the snow can pull the meter off its mount.

- Mor-Gran-Sou line crews may need you to clear access to your meter during an outage. This action alone lengthens the response time of an outage.

Meters are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, but we must remain vigilant in protecting them from snow and ice buildup. The next time you bundle up to go outside, take a close look at the electric meter. If there is snow or ice on the meter, gently brush it off with your hands or a broom.

Thank you, members, for your attention to this matter.

## Serve your electric co-op as a director Mor-Gran-Sou's annual meeting scheduled for July 21, 2017

It's time to consider serving as a board director for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. The initial commitment is a three-year term, with provisions in the bylaws limiting a director to serving six consecutive three-year terms, after which time the director is not eligible for another six consecutive three-year terms until one year has elapsed.

At the annual meeting on July 21, three board positions will be elected:

- The Grant County position presently held by Casey Wells;
- The Mandan Area position presently held by Robert Leingang; and
- The Sioux County position presently held by Lance Froelich.

Under the bylaws and due to the use of a mail-in ballot, no nominations are accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. Instead, the bylaws require the board of directors to appoint a Nominating Committee of five to nine members who geographically represent the cooperative. These members will provide a list of qualified and willing candidates to the board for approval and inclusion on the ballot at the board of directors' meeting scheduled for March 29.

The Nominating Committee will meet for the first time, set for Jan. 11. The members include Leslie Dirk, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Kathy Hoff, Leith; Jim Hopfauf, Flasher; Andrew Holle, Mandan; Rhonda Leingang, Solen; Garek Murphy, Fort Yates; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; and Travis Wilkens, New Salem.

To learn the process and procedure to be nominated as a board member, read Mor-Gran-Sou's January local pages in the *North Dakota Living* magazine. Or, contact one of the Nominating Committee members or call Jackie Miller at Mor-Gran-Sou at 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301 or email Jackie at [jlmler@morgransou.com](mailto:jlmler@morgransou.com).

All qualified and willing candidates who have completed and submitted the required form by the March 8 deadline will be included in the list the Nominating Committee will provide to the board.

## Bylaws and resolutions for the annual meeting

Under the bylaws, any bylaw amendments or resolutions must be presented to the members in writing in advance of the annual meeting scheduled for July 21. The board of directors has now charged the Nominating Committee with reviewing and advising the board of any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions. Therefore, any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions should be submitted in writing no later than **March 16**, and/or they can be presented in-person at one of the following in-person meetings of the Nominating Committee:

- Jan. 11 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT
- March 16 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT

If you do wish to submit a bylaw amendment or resolution in writing, please forward it to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND, 58535-0297, before March 16. Thank you.

## The "Big" Chill

Members – when looking at your electric bill, please keep in mind that this month's bill will reflect not only those twinkling lights, but also those December sub-zero temperatures we recently experienced. Record-breaking, sub-zero temperatures were reported throughout the state.



## DEADLINES APPROACHING ON YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES!

For details, read the January local pages of *North Dakota Living* or call Jackie or Julie at 597-3301, 663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

### *Electric Cooperative Youth Tour*

High school sophomores & juniors: Write an essay and win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C., scheduled for June 10-16. The deadline to enter is Jan. 31.

### *Co-op scholarships*

Mor-Gran-Sou is again offering four \$500 scholarships to qualifying seniors, in partnership with Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The deadline to apply is Feb. 17.

### *Safety poster coloring contest*

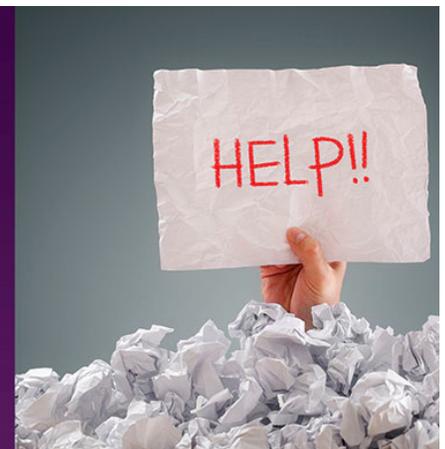
Kids, draw a poster that tells our readers how you play and work safe around electricity! It should display the Touchstone Energy Cooperative logo. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28.



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- Need help with heating costs? LIHEAP can help.
- Statement of non-discrimination
- Board meeting minutes & more

