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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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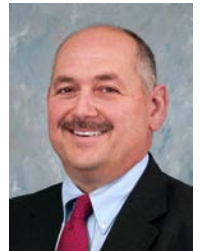
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YOU are the reason Mor-Gran-Sou is special

By Don Franklund, Co-General Manager and Chief Executive Officer

Every year, there are events and milestones we look forward to celebrating: a birthday, a family vacation, a parade or firework display. As electric cooperatives, we look forward to October, when we celebrate National Cooperative Month and what makes us special.

Do you understand the cooperative difference, and what makes your membership in Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative special? A cooperative is owned by the members it serves, so YOU are the reason a cooperative is special. You own us. You govern us, by electing directors to the board of directors who represent your interests.



Those local directors ensure the rates are sufficient to operate with safety and reliability in mind; not to make a profit. The money that is earned after expenses have been paid is returned to our members in the form of capital credits checks. The board of directors, at its discretion, decides whether to allow a general retirement of capital credits for that calendar years.

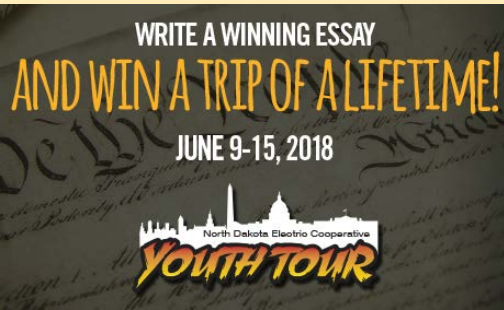
The people who work for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric are another reason your cooperative is special. Our 21 employees are dedicated to the communities they serve, and when they're not working you'll often find them volunteering their time with some local organization or activity.

There are many more cooperative employees working for you, and Mor-Gran-Sou Electric. Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative is approaching its 10-year anniversary in 2018, and that's another milestone to celebrate. The alliance is a management and shared services cooperative that is owned by Mor-Gran-Sou, Slope, Roughrider, and KEM Electric Cooperatives.

What does that mean for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric members? Your cooperative has access to 14 additional employees who are specialists in their fields — from engineering and safety to information technology and human resources ... all doing what's best for Mor-Gran-Sou's members.

YOU are the reason we exist. Electric cooperatives were formed in the spirit of coming together for the greater good. Electric cooperatives accepted the challenge and built an electric system in some very rural areas where others would not go — not to make money, but to bring families power on the farm, in the home, at a business — and ultimately improve their quality of lives. We continue with the same goals today.

Electric cooperatives *are* special. This October and every October, and every day in between, let's celebrate the business model that makes this journey possible.



2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is sponsoring a student on the 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C.

From June 9 to 15, students nationwide will spend a week learning about history and American government; visiting with their state's congressional delegation; becoming more knowledgeable about the cooperative business model; and touring museums, national monuments and memorials. They will also develop leadership skills and a national network of peers.

To earn the trip, students must enter an essay-writing contest. To qualify, the winning student must be a sophomore or junior in high school, and his or her family or guardian must receive electric service from Mor-Gran-Sou.

The deadline to enter is **Jan. 31, 2018**. For instructions on how to apply, read the October local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine or call Mor-Gran-Sou at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

For more information on the tour, visit www.ndyouthtour.com.

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

- Safety is success by purpose
- N.D. Native American Hall of Honor
- Board meeting minutes & more

FALL BACK!

Daylight saving time ends this year on **Sunday, Nov. 5**. Don't forget to "fall back" one hour on Saturday evening before you go to bed.

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS Rural lifestyle, city opportunities possible due to electric service

In commemoration of Mor-Gran-Sou's 70th anniversary, we looked back on the meager beginnings of rural electrification in July, and why women were motivated to get central station electricity in their homes. In the October local pages of North Dakota Living, we featured Beth Roth, a member who shares how electricity allows her to live in a rural area, yet write for regional and national publications, and market her business — all thanks to reliable electric service.



You can't beat the view from Beth Roth's office. When she looks out the window, she can see her husband working, their boys playing, cows feeding, and prairie stretching for miles. Her office is the loft in their home, and the only supplies she needs are her laptop and electricity.

Beth is working her dream job, staying at home with her husband, Lincoln, and sons. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members from north of New Leipzig, Lincoln and Beth farm and ranch in partnership with his parents, and brother and family. A farm girl who grew up south of Elgin, Beth is busy this fall operating the corn cutter and taking care of the boys — and when time allows, supplementing their income as a freelance artist and business owner.

Beth does contract work for agriculture publications. When time allows, she writes for *Cattle Business Weekly*, based in Philip, South Dakota, and *Working Ranch Magazine*, with headquarters in Henderson, Nevada. Also a Thirty-One Gifts consultant, Beth sells bags, totes, and home-organization tools online.

"It's amazing what you can do with technology," she says.

Beth and Lincoln also use the computer to keep crop and cattle records, and do their taxes.

Having access to those records 24/7 is important to their livelihood, so when the power goes out, "life is hard," says Beth. Learn how the family copes with the occasional power outage—and why Beth wouldn't trade her rural lifestyle for a big-city opportunity—in the October local pages of *North Dakota Living*.

