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## Lineworker Appreciation Day is Monday, April 8

National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the nation, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's linemen are up to the task, because they are committed to safety and the various industry challenges.

Monday, April 8, is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of Mor-Gran-Sou's operations and support staff who keep your power flowing, please take a moment to acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local communities. They are here to serve you, our members.

## An easy DIY project can save energy and money

Spring is the perfect time to tackle a DIY efficiency project for your home!

■ Applying caulk around windows, doors, electrical wiring and plumbing can save energy and money. There are different types of caulking compounds available, and the popular choice is silicone. Silicone caulk is waterproof, flexible, and won't shrink or crack.

■ Before applying new caulk, clean and remove old caulk or paint with a putty knife, screwdriver, brush or solvent. The area should be dry before you apply the new caulk.

■ Apply in one continuous stream, and make sure it sticks to both sides of the crack or seam. Afterwards, use a putty knife to smooth the caulk, and wipe the surface with a dry cloth.

By completing simple efficiency projects, you can save energy and money, while increasing the comfort level of your home.



## Opt into the Operation Round Up program

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is offering Operation Round Up to its members. It is a program in which Mor-Gran-Sou members can voluntarily choose to round up their monthly utility bills to the next dollar and donate their pennies to the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation Board, who are also Mor-Gran-Sou members, will meet and disburse funds in the form of grants to non-profit corporations, organizations or agencies. All of the money raised by members stays in our local communities.

On average, participating members donate about \$6 a year. The most a member would ever contribute a month is 99 cents. The donation will be tax-deductible, and members who participate will receive a summary on their last billing statement of the year.

All rounded-up funds flow directly into the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc., and are overseen by the board of directors. Mor-Gran-Sou personnel will administer the program as a service to the foundation.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212. **If you haven't already done so and wish to opt in, fill out the form below and return it to the co-op.**

### I wish to participate in Operation Round Up at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.

☐ Yes, I agree that Mor-Gran-Sou, through the Operation Round Up program, has my permission to round up my monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. I understand I have the option to opt out with a 30-day written notice to the co-op.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email the form to [jarmijo@morgransou.com](mailto:jarmijo@morgransou.com); or mail to: Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. / P.O. Box 297 / Flasher, ND 58535

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Signature

## Leadership skills earn Madalynn Sauter the annual Youth Tour trip

Madalynn Sauter is already a student leader in the communities of Carson, Elgin and beyond. A sophomore at Grant County High School, she participates in speech, drama, 4-H and FFA, and serves on the student council. She's taken stats at basketball games, picked trash in ditches, and boxed supplies for the food pantry.

She doesn't have worldly experience, but the world already needs her — to continue saying yes, and doing, and helping — and ultimately improving the quality of life in our rural areas.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative has the honor of helping Madalynn gain some national experience and further develop those leadership skills. This year, she will represent our co-op on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, scheduled June 15 to 21.

Coordinated and paid for by electric cooperatives across the state and nation, the Youth Tour is an opportunity for students to watch history come alive as they explore museums, memorials and monuments for one amazing week. The contest is open to sophomores and juniors annually who are dependents of Mor-Gran-Sou's members.

The daughter of Mor-Gran-Sou members Jack and Bethany Sauter, Madalynn wrote this year's winning essay.

In this month's local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, learn why she believes the key to connecting with young adults is through social media, and what she is most looking forward to experiencing while on the tour.



## Harrison appointed to serve on RE&T Committee

Chad Harrison, a Mor-Gran-Sou board director from Sioux County, has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Rural Electric and Telecommunications Development Center (RE&T) Committee. He joins eight cooperative directors and managers from across the state to help grow and sustain rural areas, on behalf of the Center.

Sponsored by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC), RE&T provides federally supported technical assistance to rural areas. Networked with the state's 16 electric distribution cooperatives in North Dakota including Mor-Gran-Sou, and 12 telecommunications cooperatives, RE&T supports the development of cooperatives and economic development through consultation, technical assistance, financing programs and education.

Also in the April local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn more about RE&T's services and how to request assistance.



**Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month:** Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25 to 30 percent less energy than standard equipment.

### Also in the APRIL issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Adding a bin site or other new load? ■ Easter holiday closing
- Save the date for Mor-Gran-Sou's annual meeting: Friday, July 19, 2019
- Board meeting highlights, board minutes available ... and more