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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 Touchstone Energy® Cooperative core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

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Youth welcome and wanted at your annual meeting

Mor-Gran-Sou members attended their cooperative's 72nd annual meeting held July 19 at Prairie Knights Casino and Resort near Fort Yates. This year's theme was, "Inspired by innovation. Driven by service."

It was a family friendly event, with Mor-Gran-Sou offering several youth opportunities and gifts. Children were given crayons and coloring pages with electrical safety messages to pass the time, and older students learned about scholarships and the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. During the meeting, Kendra Miller and Alyssa Thompson were awarded Luck of the Draw scholarships, and as a surprise from the board, students Hunter Frederick, Claire Graner and Emily Tweten also earned \$100 to further their educations. Members, this is *your* meeting, and we thank you for bringing your family!

Members voted to fill four seats on the board of directors. Vernard Frederick from Flasher retained the Grant County position. Pam Geiger from Mandan was elected to fill the Mandan-Area position. Kathy Tokach from St. Anthony was elected to serve the two-year Morton County position, and Jay Larson from Almont was re-elected to fill the three-year Morton County position.

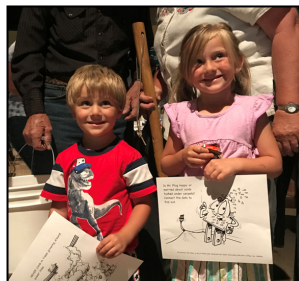
During the co-general managers' recap, Don Franklund discussed how people and partnerships make up the integrated network that provides members with reliable electric service. Travis Kupper gave state and national legislative updates.

Linda Urlacher, president of the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc., encouraged members to opt into the Operation Round Up program, and announced grant applications are being accepted.

The foundation had an additional surprise for members who signed up for Operation Round Up at last year's annual meeting. They were eligible for a drawing to win one of two \$50 bill credits.

Every member who registered and stayed for the duration of the meeting was a winner! At the close of the meeting, members remitted their registration stub to earn a \$20 bill credit on their next utility bill.






Read a complete annual meeting summary in the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*.



Tips for a Safe Harvest



Harvest season brings hard work and can be an exhausting, but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous (even deadly!) when working near overhead power lines. We urge farm operators and workers to keep the following safety tips in mind:

-  Use care when operating large machinery near power lines.
-  Inspect the height of equipment to determine clearance.
-  Always keep equipment at least 10 feet away (in all directions) from power lines.
-  Remember to lower extensions when moving loads.
-  If a power line is sagging or looks to be dangerously low, please call us immediately.

Source: SafeElectricity.org

ORU grant applications now being accepted

Operation Round Up is a voluntary, charitable co-op program that allows our members to round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. The spare change accumulates, and a board of directors will meet regularly to review applications and disburse funds in the form of grants.

To learn the details, read C5 of the September local pages.

The heating season is nearing. Is your electric meter breaker on?

Members, if your home or business has a sub-meter for the separately metered electric heat rate, please make sure your heat meter breaker is turned on inside your electric panel. In fact, if you have a heat meter, please make sure the breaker to the meter is turned on all year, to ensure Mor-Gran-Sou receives meter readings. If the breaker is off, your electric heat kilowatt-hour usage will not be reflected on your bill.

The Separately Metered Heat rates run Oct. 1 through April 30.

Mor-Gran-Sou is offering Pre-Pay Your Way

Simplify with prepaid billing

- Say goodbye to deposits
- No more monthly bills
- Monitor your electrical usage
- Customize a payment schedule that works for you

Mor-Gran-Sou is rolling out a prepayment option called “Pre-Pay Your Way,” which allows residential members to pay their utility bills in advance.

It can be compared to buying electricity like buying gas, before you use it. You monitor the “fuel” level and decide when you should re-fill. You can purchase small amounts every few days, or “fill up” the tank and not worry about it for several weeks. When supply is low, simply purchase more.

Purchasing electricity before you use it allows you to manage your budget and pay how much you want, when you want. In order to minimize transaction costs in the Pre-Pay Your Way program, each payment must be a minimum of \$25.

To learn more about this program or to sign up, read the September local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, or call Mor-Gran-Sou at 1-800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301.



IT'S A SCAM! Fraudulent callers target electric consumers

Scammers will do and say anything to make money, and some of their recent targets have occurred in neighboring co-op service areas. In July, one electric cooperative in North Dakota received a call from a consumer — who was not a member — who said she received a call from the local co-op stating she needed to provide her social security number or her account would be suspended. She didn't have an account.

When the threatening call ended, the woman called the number that appeared on her caller ID, and it was routed to the co-op, even though cooperative employees would never ask members for credit card numbers or personal information over the phone. Mor-Gran-Sou offers a variety of methods for payments that should be used by our members.

Scammers are getting smarter, and preying on good intentions of good people.

“We ask that members be aware of scams, and do not pay a bill until you've contacted our office at 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212,” says Manager of Member Services Julie Armijo.

“If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Mor-Gran-Sou, don't give them any personal or financial information. Instead, hang up and call us right away,” she says.

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

- SmartHub upgrades may require a browser update
- Farm equipment is on the move; look up and around
- Board meeting minutes and more

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cookware Tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Source: energy.gov

