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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.

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

"Lights. Comfort. Connection."

Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. CT, broadcast by BEK TV

View your annual report for details.

ACTION NEEDED: Vote by mail now, and take part virtually, in the Mor-Gran-Sou annual meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the Mor-Gran-Sou membership will be held as a virtual meeting, televised on BEK TV on Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. CT. Voting will take place by mail, as permitted by your co-op's bylaws and policies.

Five Mor-Gran-Sou members are vying for one of three board director positions up for re-election. The board positions sought include: one for the Grant County position, one for the Mandan-Area position, and one for the Sioux County position. The approved list of candidates includes:

Grant County: Casey Wells, Carson Mandan Area:

Stan Boehm, Mandan

Sioux County:

Rodney Froelich, Selfridge Randal J. White Sr., Selfridge

The ballot packet and additional annual meeting details were printed and mailed to members around July 20.

Bob J. Leingang, Mandan

We look forward to your participation in this historic first-ever virtual annual meeting. Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this time of continuous change, and focus on safety.

Enjoy the show, members!

On June 29, Mor-Gran-Sou held a giveaway on Facebook for two sets of Medora Musical tickets. We offered to give two sets of tickets to two Mor-Gran-Sou members for commenting their interest under the post.

The deadline to enter was Monday, July 6. The winners were announced on Facebook on Friday, July 10.



Ticket Winners Announced!

Congratulations, Barbara Hintz from Carson and Tammy Henderson from Solen. Thank you for being active co-op members, and enjoy the show! Members, have you "liked" and followed Mor-Gran-Sou on Facebook? It is one of many ways to learn timely cooperative and community news!

ATTENTION MEMBERS: The enclosed Aug. 4 billing statement contains a line item indicating your 2019 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 2019 capital credit allocation. Please retain the August billing statement as a permanent record.

What is a capital credit allocation?

This information is provided each year as an official record of your capital credits. Since Mor-Gran-Sou 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 your cooperative.

Finalists selected for Conservation Award

Three finalists have been selected for the 2020 N.D. Leopold Conservation Award®, including Mor-Gran-Sou members Daniel and Tresa Paul from Carson.

The N.D. Leopold Conservation Award recognizes private landowners who inspire others with their dedication to land, water and wildlife resources in their care.

The \$10,000 award will be presented in November in Bismarck.

Mor-Gran-Sou congratulates the Pauls for their work in becoming a finalist for this esteemed award.

Read the August local pages of *North Dakota Living* for more information.



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.





Also in the AUGUST issue of North Dakota Living:

- N.D. Farmers Union camp still giving kids the ultimate summer experience
- Take care when using GPS around electrical infrastructure
- Holiday closing for Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 7; Board highlights and more

Apply now for an Operation Round Up grant

Operation Round Up is a voluntary, charitable program that allows our members to round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. The pennies, dimes, nickels and quarters accumulate in the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc., and a board of directors meet regularly to review applications and disburse funds in the form of grants.

Any person or group in the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative service area, or providing a service to the area, may apply to receive an Operation Round Up grant. Funds are disbursed in the general service area of Mor-Gran-Sou solely for charitable, educational, scientific, health or safety purposes.

All of the money raised by members stays in our local communities.

To opt into this program or to request an application, contact Jackie Miller or Julie Armijo by calling Mor-Gran-Sou at 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212, or emailing limitation morgransou.com or jarmijo@morgransou.com.