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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.



Manage Your
Account



View and Pay
Your Bill



Monitor Usage
24/7



Report Service
Issues



Receive Important
Updates

Sign up for SmartHub choosing ACH and receive a \$10 bill credit

Members, if you haven't already signed up for SmartHub, download the app and open an account in the month of February, choosing Automated Clearing House (ACH) as a payment preference. You will receive a \$10 bill credit from Mor-Gran-Sou! ACH is an electronic payment that withdraws funds directly from your checking account.

Or, if you already have a SmartHub account and are paying with a credit card, switch to an electronic check as your ACH form of payment and you will also receive a \$10 bill credit.

Innovation is one of four Touchstone Energy® Cooperative values, and we are proud to offer this service to our members.

A PHONE SURVEY MAY AWAIT YOU

Members: Mor-Gran-Sou is conducting a random residential Member Satisfaction Survey, in partnership with Odney Advertising and the University of North Dakota. It is scheduled to be performed in March. If you receive a call from Odney or UND on behalf of Mor-Gran-Sou, please take time to answer the questionnaire. Your feedback gives us insight into how we can better serve you, our member-owners.



DIAL THE 2-1-1 HELPLINE

FirstLink's **2-1-1 helpline** is a free phone service available 24/7 to the public.

Call specialists offer supportive, non-judgmental listening ears and information about community programs statewide.

Text your zipcode to 898-211 or Dial 2-1-1 or 701-235-7335
to get connected to help & hope.

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Scholarships get you one step closer to graduation.

Apply today for co-op scholarships that help take you there and beyond.

Student scholarships

Mor-Gran-Sou will award nine \$500 scholarships to qualified applicants whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are members of the co-op. Students should contact their school counselor for deadline information. Mor-Gran-Sou will also award a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Basin Electric, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by 3C Construction, and a \$500 scholarship sponsored by West Dakota Utility Services. The deadline to apply is **Feb. 14.**

Read the February local pages, visit www.morgransouelectric.com or call Mor-Gran-Sou at 597-3301, 663-0297 or 800-750-8212 for details.

Safety posters

Kids, draw a poster that describes how you play and work safe around electricity! The deadline to enter is **Feb. 20.** Read the February *North Dakota Living* local pages for details.

Holiday closing: Presidents Day

In observance of Presidents Day, Mor-Gran-Sou will be closed Monday, Feb 17. Line crews will be available in case of a power outage.

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

- Line crews are patrolling power lines
- SAFETY@MORGRANSOU.COM
- Board meeting highlights ... and more

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Let the sunshine in! For additional warmth, open drapes over windows that receive sunlight during the day. Close them at night, which can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10%.

Source: energy.gov

Serve your electric co-op as a director

Consider serving as a board director for Mor-Gran-Sou! 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 17, these 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 co-op. 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 25.

The Nominating Committee was appointed by the board, and met for the first time on Jan. 13. Members include Bryce Allen, Mandan; Jennifer Bonogofsky, St. Anthony; Jackie Buckley, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Alan Malm, Flasher; Garek Murphy, Fort Yates; Rodney Nelson, Almont; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; and Shari Striegel, Carson.

To learn the nomination process, read Mor-Gran-Sou's January local pages or contact a Nominating Committee member. Or call Jackie Miller at 800-750-8212, 663-0297 or 597-3301, or email jlmiller@morgransou.com.

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. The board of directors has 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 19, and/or they can be presented in-person at the following in-person meeting of the Nominating Committee:

- March 19 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT

If you 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 19.

Co-op grant funds history lessons at Carson Public School

Students at Carson Public School recently learned about the Great Depression: the dust storms, the drought and the despair. "It was a bad time in North Dakota," Barry Striegel told them. He brings North Dakota Studies traveling trunks to the school each month, including this one featuring the 1930s.

The trunks are a hands-on history lesson assembled by the State Historical Society in N.D. Carson Public School is able to rent trunks, thanks in part to an Operation Round Up grant supplied by Mor-Gran-Sou members.

In the February local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn how the trunks bring the state museum to the classroom, and how your pennies donated through Operation Round Up have great impact.

