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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.



Mor-Gran-Sou employees **Lance Brown Otter, Doug Nagel, Charles Pesicka and Wayde Eckroth** accepted the Superior Safety Performance Award on behalf of the co-op.

Mor-Gran-Sou earns prestigious safety award

The North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) hosted the annual REC Apprenticeship Training and Safety Conference in January. The conference provided training on fault locating, self-rescue, reasonable suspicion, personal protective grounding and bonding, 200/600-amp product evolution and application, cutouts, and how safety empowerment is the key to preventing disasters.

At the awards banquet, Mor-Gran-Sou was one of five distribution cooperatives in North Dakota to be presented with a Safety Award. They were recognized for having zero OSHA-recordable injuries for one year, between the dates of Dec. 1, 2018, to Nov. 30, 2019.

This was the tenth year in a row Mor-Gran-Sou has received the award.

To commemorate this milestone achievement, Mor-Gran-Sou received a Superior Safety Performance Award. It is the first and only time NDAREC has conferred this award.

Congratulations, employees! You are part of the progress.

SAFETY@MORGRANSOU.COM

Mor-Gran-Sou is an advocate of working safely. It is our way of life; the culture of your cooperative. We look out for the safety of ourselves and others — before, during and after work.

Members also play a key role in keeping our system safe. At times, you are our eyes in the sky and on the ground. Should you see a power line issue that may need Mor-Gran-Sou's attention, please call 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212, or email at safety@morgransou.com with your concern.

This correspondence should include the description of the location, your name and complete contact information, and photo if possible. Working together helps ensure the safety of all!



A PHONE SURVEY MAY AWAIT YOU

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 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 members.

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 board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to spring forward on March 8! Set your clocks forward by one hour.



Vern Frederick recognized for community service

The North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives recognized Vernard Frederick, a third-generation farmer and lifelong resident of Flasher, with the Community Service Award at its annual meeting in January.

Serving his 24th year as a director for Mor-Gran-Sou, Frederick has lived a life of service to his country, his cooperative and his community. A military veteran, he served as part of the Honor Guard, leading parades and community events, and organizing Memorial Day services at the Flasher Legion Hall. A man of faith, he became an authorized lay worship leader for his church. As a cooperative director, he proved valuable to the early adoption of Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative, and has been instrumental in its growth and longevity.

Alan Malm, Flasher Masonic Lodge secretary, recommended Frederick for the award. He says there is no one more dedicated to community.

Congratulations, Vern, on receiving this recognition, and thank you for your service to our cooperative and area communities.



Vern Frederick



BUILDING LOYALTY ONE HEADLINE AT A TIME *Newspapers begin to thrive thanks to new ownership*

Jill Friesz, owner/publisher of the *Grant County News* and *Carson Press*, has been producing news in the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative service area for 24 years. By covering local events and printing highlights, she is recording more than community happenings — she is preserving history.

When she learned two weekly newspapers in the Slope Electric Cooperative service area were closing, she wondered why. To find the answer, she took a drive and visited with residents and business owners, who said they wanted more local and more affordable.

Feeling like she could provide what they were looking for, Friesz took a leap of faith and purchased the *Adams County Record* and *The Herald*.

In the March local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, meet the team that is making changes to these papers, and learn why readers and advertisers are celebrating their efforts.

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

- Flasher Public School students learn about dairy industry
- Save the date for your annual meeting: Friday, July 17
- Board highlights and more