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*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 receives powerful #WhoPowersYou nomination for Michelle Erickson and AARC staff

Michelle Erickson, executive director at Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC), is a nominee in the final #WhoPowersYou contest. It honors people who power our local communities.

The mission of AARC is to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking and dating violence by establishing and maintaining a program that will provide temporary shelter, crisis intervention, prevention, education, support and hope as a vision to eliminate violence.

Erickson was nominated by Chantelle Charging, a Mor-Gran-Sou member from Sioux County.

In her letter of nomination, Charging shares a personal journey of abuse, which started at home as a child, and continued at the hands of a man into adulthood. She decided to share her story because she wants victims to know they are not alone.

"Abuse touches so many walks of life. It can touch anybody. I want people to know they are not alone," she says. "There is nothing wrong with you. You didn't do anything wrong. You are not the bad person your abuser says you are. You are a human being."

In Mor-Gran-Sou's November local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, learn how Erickson and AARC staff helped change Charging's life by listening to her and believing in her — and how a special man has taught her that a good man will not hit.



Michelle Erickson

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

- The 'pest control' Army
- Condensed meeting minutes and more



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Heating assistance may be available with LIHEAP

The Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help eligible low-income households with home heating costs. The program can help with:

- Heating assistance;
- Weatherization services;
- Furnace and chimney cleaning;
- Furnace repair and replacement;
- Emergency assistance.

Visit www.communityoptionsnd.com for information. For help filling out and submitting the LIHEAP application, call 800-823-2417 ext. 140.

Gift certificates available

The holidays are just around the corner. Light up a Mor-Gran-Sou member's holiday season by giving a gift certificate that can be used toward an electric bill!

For assistance, call Julie or Jackie at Mor-Gran-Sou at 800-750-8212. They can help you "lighten" the holidays!



Holiday closings

Mor-Gran-Sou will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Line crews will be available in the case of an emergency or power outage.

Veterans and service men and women ... we thank you for your service and sacrifice!

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.


Source: www.energy.gov



Washington, D.C. / See you in 2022?!

Due to the pandemic, the Youth Tour essay-writing contest and trip has been sidelined for 2021.

Safety is the culture of Mor-Gran-Sou, and while we are disappointed at this turn of events, better years are ahead for our students and our chaperones.



Noteworthy: National Apprenticeship Week

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is celebrating the sixth-annual National Apprenticeship Week Nov. 8 to 14, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor. Apprenticeships provide demand-driven education, allowing apprentices to earn while they learn – helping to close the gap between the skills job creators seek and jobs seekers need.

National Apprenticeship Week spotlights how apprenticeships help employees grow in knowledge and skill to succeed in today's workplace. In exchange, these employees have the opportunity to learn from veteran employees and mentors, and earn wages and benefits that sustain families.

Those family members work, go to school, purchase goods from area businesses, volunteer in our communities — and ultimately sustain our smaller towns and improve our quality of life.

Mor-Gran-Sou regularly hires apprentices. At this time, we have one apprentice lineman, Charles "C.J." Pesicka, who works out of the Mandan office.

Congratulations and thank you for your work!



C.J. Pesicka

Winter driving safety

Compromised roads can lead to accidents. Be aware of electrical hazards you may encounter on the road.

If you are driving after a storm, stay away from downed power lines, poles and related equipment. Do not assume it is de-energized. Call 911 immediately to report the damage and protect the public. If you know the system is Mor-Gran-Sou's, call 701-663-0297, 701-597-3301 or 800-750-8212.

If you are in a car accident with a power pole, do not leave the vehicle until professional personnel tell you it is safe to exit. If the car is in contact with a power pole or line, it could be energized. Stepping outside could be deadly if your body becomes the path to ground for electricity. Remain inside and call 911, and wait for utility personnel to arrive and ensure the line is de-energized.

For more information on winter driving conditions and safety, visit www.morgransou.com and click Your Safety and Storm Center.

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