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ST. ANTHONY MEATS

CUTTING A NEW PATH

St. Anthony Meats opens

BY SAMANTHA VANGSNESS

North Dakota's strong agricultural background has long been rooted in both crop and livestock production, and meat processing has been an important piece of the state's rural economy.

Right off Highway 6 approaching St. Anthony, a new business, St. Anthony Meats, has planted its roots. The custom butcher shop is owned by brothers Scott and Steve Gotta, who opened the doors in May.

Beginning to butcher

Steve and Scott began their journey working in the meat department at a grocery store in Bozeman, Montana. Steve was presented with an opportunity while working at the grocery store to learn more about the butchering trade from a co-worker's husband.

While Steve sharpened his skills in Montana, Scott moved back to Bismarck to do the same. Scott began working for a butcher shop in New Salem and was joined by Steve a few years later. By learning the trade firsthand in butcher shops, they developed the skills and confidence to serve local producers and customers on their own.

Building St. Anthony Meats

Conversations between Scott and Steve began in the spring of 2024 about the potential of starting their own meat processing facility. With many meat processing facilities booked months in advance, the demand for additional processing options remained strong in North Dakota. This created a clear

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Brothers **Steve Gotta**, left, and **Scott Gotta** have combined their talents to open St. Anthony Meats.



opportunity for the Gotta brothers to open a butcher shop to serve local producers and customers in the area.

"Unlike trying to start a restaurant where you don't really know if it's going to be successful right off the bat, you're going to have the clientele who are going to get you through those first crucial couple of years. There's no lack of demand in this industry," Steve says. "You know you're going to be busy once you open your doors."

Along with the demand in North Dakota, Steve says there has been a bit of "changing of the guard" in the butcher industry, which opens additional opportunities for new processing facilities.

The brothers had been looking at a few locations, but St. Anthony had always been on their minds and the land was available.

"You can't miss it when people ask where we're at in St. Anthony when dropping off beef," Steve says.

The Gotta brothers took advantage of grant funding opportunities to further assist in the startup costs of the business. The Agriculture Diversification and Development Fund through the N.D. Department of Agriculture awarded them \$250,000 to establish their facility.

An additional source used to assist in funding was through the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives Rural Development Finance Corporation. The funding falls under the North Dakota Food Impact Fund and was used to support construction and equipment purchases.

"One of the owners of the plant that I was working at asked if I heard about what the rural electric co-op is offering, and it was much more enticing," Steve says. "So, we immediately hopped on that, and it was pretty streamlined."

Offerings to rural Mandan

St. Anthony Meats is a slaughter and processing facility, and the team can process about eight to nine beef a week with three butchers and a packer. They offer butchering and processing of a variety of animals, including beef, pork and bison, offering custom processing and cuts for customers. But there is an addition to the business the brothers weren't anticipating.

"We didn't anticipate doing retail off the bat," Steve says. "But there was a demand."

With a smokehouse already part of the business plan, the Gottas added a fridge and freezer to hold the retail products.

"It's been going a lot better than I thought," Steve says. "We have people coming from Mandan for the sausages and people out of Flasher have taken advantage of just grocery shopping and then picking up steaks from here. So, hopefully, we can keep

growing that over time."

The retail offerings include beef cuts, ring sausage and ground sausage, as well as convenient snack options, such as meat sticks and deli sausage. The success of the retail side of the business has Steve thinking they should have installed a larger smoker, he notes.

Having a convenient option for customers in the area has been well received by many in the community.

"I think they're excited that there's something new for people to try out in this direct vicinity," Steve says. "It's even just convenience for the people within the St. Anthony area itself. If you want to go pick something up while they're out and about, you can."

As the customer base grows, Steve would like the business to expand as well, with upgrading equipment, expanding the crew and adding new offerings for customers.

"A wider variety of product and a wider variety of what we can make off of people's beef or their pigs," Steve says.

Additionally, they would like to expand their slaughter facility to better accommodate large animals.

With steady demand and strong community support, St. Anthony Meats is working to grow at a pace that fits both its customers and its crew. As the Gottas look ahead to new products and future upgrades, they remain committed to meeting the needs of the surrounding area, but also hope to ensure longevity of the business.

"Hopefully, this business is something we can pass down to the next generation," Scott says.

Stop by St. Anthony Meats from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday to check out the retail offerings. Learn more about custom processing options and availability by calling the shop or visiting stanthonymeats.com, and find the business on Facebook at St. Anthony Meats. 



MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

Understanding your electric cooperative rates



Jason Bentz

Co-General Manager/CEO

As your electric cooperative, our mission is simple: Serve our members, not outside shareholders, while balancing reliability, affordability and long-term sustainability.

One of the most important topics we evaluate is rates and how they affect our members. We are committed to keeping rates as low as possible while continuing to deliver safe, dependable service. This year, our cooperative experienced a rate increase driven primarily

by rising wholesale power costs. We anticipate an additional wholesale rate increase in 2027 that is expected to put further pressure on our rates, likely necessitating another rate adjustment.

Several key factors are contributing to these higher costs.

- **New generation and transmission:** Basin Electric Power Cooperative, one of our wholesale providers, is investing more than \$10 billion over the next 10 years to expand and maintain generation and transmission infrastructure. These investments are necessary to support growing demand and ensure long-term reliability. Additionally, the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is investing billions to modernize aging hydroelectric generation and transmission systems. While these upgrades come at a cost, they are essential to maintaining safe and reliable service for the future.
- **Inflationary pressures:** Like many industries, we face increased costs for labor, materials, contracted services and maintenance. Higher interest rates have also raised the cost of borrowing, adding to overall expenses.

- **Market volatility:** Power markets have become more unpredictable, with prices influenced by fluctuating natural gas markets, increased intermittent generation and rising electricity demand. Managing this volatility requires additional resources and planning.

We are also seeing impacts from new regional requirements to maintain higher reserve capacity margins, essentially a reliability "insurance policy" to help ensure power is available during unexpected outages or peak demand.

Despite these challenges, we are focused on controlling costs wherever possible. We partner with other cooperatives for bulk purchasing, share services through Innovative Energy Alliance Cooperative and utilize specialized contractors and maintenance providers to improve efficiency and control expenses.

Strong financial management allows us to continue investing in infrastructure and managing risk while working to stabilize rates. Looking ahead, our management team and board of directors will carefully evaluate potential rate adjustments for 2027. Our recent cost-of-service study provides valuable guidance as we plan for the future.

We know these changes matter and we remain committed to transparency, thoughtful planning and responsible decision-making. Thank you for your continued support of your cooperative as we work together to provide reliable, affordable power for years to come. 



FACTORS THAT IMPACT YOUR ELECTRIC BILL



Wholesale Electric Provider | Changes in rates charged by wholesale providers directly impact our costs.



Market Conditions | Fluctuations in the market influence wholesale rates and, consequently, member rates.



Contractual Agreements | Long-term contracts with providers shape rate stability or volatility.



Inflation | Inflation impacts the costs of materials, labor, and equipment needed for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.



Weather | Extreme weather conditions can affect energy demand and supply, impacting rates.



MOR-GRAN-SOU
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MESSAGE FROM OPERATIONS: **Guiding hands-on experience**



Gary Fitterer

Manager of Operations

Rooted in the cooperative principle of education and training, electric cooperatives offer seasonal apprentice lineworkers opportunities to help them build skills and advance their knowledge.

This year, Lane Teddick joined Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative crews as a seasonal apprentice lineworker in May. This is an opportunity for apprentice lineworkers to gain 1,000 hours of in-field work while also working to achieve

journeyman status. By working alongside experienced crews, apprentices gain valuable field hours, learn essential safety practices and develop skills critical to the trade.

This experience helps recent lineworker graduates gain valuable skills in maintenance, troubleshooting and safety, which can't be replicated in a classroom. This hands-on exposure allows apprentices to build confidence and proficiency, reinforcing technical knowledge while exposing them to on-the-job expectations and responsibilities.

While working at the cooperative, apprentices experience a variety of tasks, which can include construction of new services, retiring aging infrastructure, working alongside contractors and answering member requests.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric line crews work around the service area every day, which means they visit with our members frequently. By joining the crew, apprentices are not only learning about the technical side of the cooperative, but also about the cooperative principles.



Lane Teddick is gaining valuable experience in his career as an apprentice lineworker at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative.

Fostering mentorship and skill development of apprentice lineworkers helps ensure knowledge is strengthened. Apprentices not only gain the hours required for advancement, but also insight into the membership and cooperative model and other values that make a successful lineworker. Through these efforts, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric continues to invest in education while maintaining the level of reliability members rely upon every day. 

REPORT OUTAGES

If you experience an outage, it is important to call the outage in so our team is aware.

To report an outage, call us at:
1-800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or
701-597-3301.

Please keep in mind, our social media pages and emails are not connected to our dispatch center. Call one of the numbers above to ensure your outage is reported.

SAFETY STARTS WITH ME: Importance of harvest safety



Jesse Kuhn

Engineering Technician

Across the bountiful fields of our service territory, harvest is underway. Whether crops are being trucked to the farm for storage or heading to the elevator, this is a busy time in the field and on the roadways. We know this is a crucial time in every producer's operation, but safety cannot take a backseat.

Throughout the year, we get reports of outages related to animals, farm equipment and vehicles. We know accidents happen and it is important

to report any damage to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative as soon as possible, so crews can repair the issue and ensure further damage does not occur.

At Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, safety is a top priority for employees, members and everyone in the community. Before crew members hop in the vehicle every day, they do a 360-degree safety check. The 360-degree safety check is a complete walk around the vehicle to check for hazards or anything misplaced. Due to farm equipment's large size and additional extension, this is something that could benefit producers. No matter how familiar you are with a piece of equipment or area, it is important to identify clearance and know where power lines, utility poles, transformers and other cooperative equipment are located in the

farmyard or fields.

Here are additional electrical safety tips to keep in mind this harvest season:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Keep equipment and materials at least 10 feet from power lines, at all times, in all directions.
- Look up and use care when moving any equipment, such as extending augers or raising the bed of grain trucks, around power lines.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.

Keep in mind if your equipment does make contact with a power line, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away and wait for the utility crew to terminate power. If you must exit the cab, such as in the case of a fire, jump off the equipment with your feet together, without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

Putting safety first requires alertness, focus and knowledge of potential hazards and safety steps. Slowing down and taking a few extra minutes to survey your equipment and surroundings can help ensure everyone can go home safely at the end of the day.

If you see cooperative electric equipment that needs attention, please call the office at 800-750-8212. From all of us at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, we hope you have a safe and bountiful harvest season. 



MESSAGE FROM MEMBER SERVICES: Unclaimed capital credits



Julie Armijo

Chief of Staff/Member
Services Manager

The following list contains the names of current or former Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members who had unclaimed capital credit checks mailed in December 2025.

These checks have either been received, but not cashed, or returned to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric by the postal service, because it could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric personnel has not turned up their whereabouts. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list, please have them contact Mor-Gran-Sou Electric at 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301.

Please keep in mind not all of the capital credit amounts are large, but we would like to get these checks to the proper parties. Persons who wish to claim checks from the following list should be prepared to provide proper personal identification.

A searchable list of unclaimed capital credits is now available on our website, morgransou.com.

3D CONTRACTING
ABDULLAH, KAY
ABERNATHEY, CHASE
AGARD, DELLIS M.
AGARD, KEM
AGUON, AMANDA
ALKIRE, LEONICA
ALYEA, TODD
ANTELL, LINDA
ARCHAMBAULT, DAVE
ARCHER DANIELS
MIDLAND
ARNDT, BRADY
ASANTE, ERNEST
BALANGA, ROBERT
BALLIET, RICHARD
BALZER, JENIFER
BANNING BROTHERS INC.
BARNES, JAMES L.
BARTH, DUANE
BAUER, CARISA
BAUER, JAMES J.
BAUER, RAYMOND
BAUMGARTNER, RANDY
BEATY, DIANE
BECHER, DOROTHY
BEER, KATHY
BEIERLEIN, ANN M.
BERG, KYLE
BERGSTROM, MICHAEL
BISMARCK TELEVISION
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY
BOB'S REPAIR
BOEHM, DELVIN
BOFF, WILLIAM G.
BOHL, GERALD
BOSWORTH, JOEL
BOUCHER, KASEY
BRANDENBURG, MELVIN
BREINER, JAMES
BRIGGS, MARK
BRUCE, RANDY
BRUINGTON, DORAN

BRUNELLE, LAKAYLA
BRYAN, KELLY
BUCHHOLZ, JONNY
BUFFALO BOY, THOMAS
BULLER, LARRY
BULLINGER, ROBERT JR.
BUREAU OF INDIAN
AFFAIRS
CALHEIM, DEREK
CAMPBELL, CHRISTOPHER
CANNARD, ALBERT
CANNONBALL WORSHIP
CENTER
CASS CLAY CREAMERY
CHARGING, DOROTHY
CHASE, KEITH
CHASING
HAWK, ERNESTINE
CHRISTIAN, GARY
CLAMPET, COLIN B.
CLARK, STUART
CLEVELAND, W.E.
CONDON, MIKE
CONKLIN,
RICHARD, DECEASED
CONRAD, KARI
CONZEMIUS, JASON
COOMBS, CHRIS
COTTINGHAM, SHAWN
DECKER, VINCENT
DECLOEDT, JACOB
DELEON, JUAN
DINNEEN, DAN
DISRUD, JAMES
DOGSKIN, SERAPHINE
DOLL, ANDREW
DOLL, MARK
DOUGHERTY, ROGER
DUBRAY, HARRY J.
DWARF, CAROL
DWARF, STEPHAN
EADE, JAMES P.
EAGLE, CALEB

EAGLE, JUSTIN
EAGLE, KARYN L.
EAGLE, LINDA
EAGLE, WESLEY
EAGLESTAFF, MARGARET
EHLIS, JOHN S.
ELK, SHAYLENE
ELLEFSON, JAMES
ENDERLE, ERIC
ENERVOLD, TERRY
ERHARDT, BLAINE
FARIS, BRANDON
FAST HORSE, MAGDALENE
FERDERER, DENNIS J.
FETTIG, CHARLOTTE
FIRST ORTHODOX
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FISCHER, WES
FISKE, PAUL
FLECK, AARON
FLECKENSTEIN, CODY
FLORES, JOSE
FOOL BEAR, ROBERT SR.
FORCE PANELS
FOURD, NORMAN
FRANK, LEVI
FRANK, TAMERA
FRANZEN, JASON
FRIED, MARVIN
FRIES, KEVIN
FRIESZ, AARON
FRIESZ, ERIC W.
FRISTAD, JAMES C.
FUCHS, ELEANOR
GADE, CHRISTOPHER
GARTNER, LOREN
GATES, SCOTT
GEORGE, RANDALL W.
GERHARDT, SHILO
GIBBS-
KENNEDY, CHRISTINA
GILLETTE, RIKKI
GIPP, LESLIE

GLEN ULLIN SADDLE
GOERGEN, BEN
GOETZ, CAREY
GOODHOUSE, DAKOTA
GRAMMOND, DEEANN
GRANER, BECKY
GREY BEAR, DARLENE
GREYWATER, SHANA
GUARDIPEE, LISA
GULLICKSON, ALAN
GUSTIN, SHARON
HAGEROTT, MIKE
HALMI, DAVID
HALVORSON, SHANNON
HAMPTON, DAVID J.
HANDLEY, DERICK
HANLEY, HELEN
HANSON, MARGARET
HARRISON, MARTHA
HARRISON, SHELLIE
HATZENBUEHLER, PAM
HAUCK, DAVID
HAUG, RENAE L.
HEBRON WILDLIFE CLUB
HEINERT, LEONARD
HEINLE, JAMES
HELBLING, DONALD
HELLER, RICHARD
HELM, GEORGE
HENDRICKS, THOM
HENZLER, JEAN
HERSCH, LEO
HERTEL, STANLEY
HERTZ, JAN K.
HIGGINS, MARION
HILFERS, MATTHEW
HIMEL, PIERRE
HIMES, MARJORIE
HIMMELSPACH, SHANE
HOESL, LESLIE J.
HOFF, NATASHA
HOGER, SCOTT
HOLMGREN, KRISTENE

INGALLS, TOM
IRONSHIELD, DARREL R.
IRONSHIELD, DERRICK
ISAACSON, WADE
ISZLER, ERLING
JACOBS, CHRISTOPHER
JOCHIM, CRYSTAL
JOCHIM, DELORES
JOCHIM, OSCAR
JOHNSON, TRAVIS G.
JORDAHL, JEFF
KALVODA, ROBERT
KEENER, GUY
KELIM, DAVID
KINCAID, JUSTIN
KLEIN, COBEY
KLEIN, JOSEPH P.
KLEIN, MARVIN A.
KOCH, LEROY P.
KOENIG, CLAY G.
KOMENDA, MARIE
KOSSAN, JUSTIN
KOVAR, RANDY
KRAFT, DANIELLE
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KRUSH, NICK
KURLE, FREDRICK D.
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LEPP, ALICIA
LITTLE OWL, BRIGETTE
LONG FEATHER, RICHARD
LUEDER, MIKE
MAGELKY, SHARON
MAGSTADT, KARI
MAHLUM, JOEL
MANY HORSES, SHARON
MANY WOUNDS, MARIE
MARKEL, TERRY
MARMAN, KEREMY
MARS, LAUREN
MARTIN, LARRY J.
MARTINSON, ROBERT
MASTERS, NATASHA
MATIS, ROGER
MCDOWELL, JES
MCGINNESS, BRIAN
MCLAUGHLIN, KORY J.
MEMORY LANE AUTO
RESTORATION
METZGER, JEFF
MICKELSON, TYLER
MIDURA, CALEB
MILLER, ADAM
MILLER, CHARLES E.
MILLER, KEVIN
MILLER, LANCE
MILLER, RANDY
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MOSER, JONATHON
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MUTSCHELKNAUS, CHAD
MUTSCHELKNAUS, MONTE
MYERS, ERIC
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NORTHLAND STORAGE
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OLIVER, WIND III
OM KANCH LLC
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PALANIUK, ROBERTA
PARTINGTON, RUSSELL
PAUL, DAVID
PAUL, THOMAS
PEIGHTAL, DAVID
PETERSON, AMY
PICOTTE, ALYCE
PIEHL, MATTHEW
PIERCE, KELLY
PIERSON, WADE
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PUTNAM, JONATHAN
QUAM, RODNEY
QUASCHNICK, MELISSA
RALL, MARK
RAMIREZ, ALEXIS
RAUGUST, DAVID
RBROS
RED BEAR, ALISHA
RED BEAR, SCOTT
RED TOMAHAWK, WILBUR
RED TRAIL CONOCO
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SAMPILL, RALPH
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SCHANANDORE, VINCE
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SCHARNOWSKE, RAYMOND
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STOCKERT, SUSAN
STOTZ, ANN M.
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STROMMEN, MICHAEL
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SWINDLER, RAMONA
TAIT, BRIAN
TERNES, NICHOLAS
THERMAL LINE WINDOWS
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THOMPSON, BOBBY
THOMPSON, TERESA
TIBKE, LEVI
TISCHMAK, MARSHALL
TOKACH, CRAIG J.
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ULRICH, JEFF
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VESEY, ROBIN
WADDINGHAM, REX D.
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WELLS, RANDY
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WHITE, CHARMINE
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WHITE, GERALD JR.
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WICKUM, DILLON
WILLIAMSON, KAYLA
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WITTMAYER, KELLY
WOLD, ANTHONY C.
WOLF NECKLACE, DELNOE
WOLF NECKLACE, LARISSA
WOODWORTH HONEY
BEES
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MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 27

The board of directors meeting of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative was held on May 27 at the Mandan Service Center. Chair Steve Tomac called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. CT. A quorum was present. Also present were Mor-Gran-Sou Electric co-General Managers/CEOs Jason Bentz and Travis Kupper, Chief Financial Officer Alex Craigmile, Chief of Staff/Member Services Manager Julie Armijo, Operations Manager Gary Fitterer, Interim General Counsel Andrew Fergel and Executive Assistant Connie Hill.

Consent agenda: Amendments were proposed to the agenda. The consent agenda was approved as amended.

Strategic items: Bentz and Kupper presented the co-general managers' report, which included updates on several developments related to strategic projects, regulatory activity and industry engagement. Several additional Basin Electric Power Cooperative reports and board documents were available for review.

Department reports: Craigmile provided a financial report, which included the balance sheet and income statement. Fitterer provided an operations report

highlighting ongoing maintenance, upgrades and safety activities across the system. Armijo provided an update that outlines several key member-focused activities and upcoming events for 2026. She also outlined annual meeting details. Chief Information Officer Charlie Dunbar provided the board with a written report. Fergel provided a general counsel report covering legal topics and ongoing projects.

Action items: The board selected a Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) annual meeting delegate, and discussed the BEK Communications Cooperative ballot and West River Telecommunications Cooperative ballot.

Discussion: The board discussed a strategic plan update, the CFC Integrity Fund and a bylaw amendment update.

Executive session: The board entered an executive session during the meeting.

The meeting concluded with adjournment. Secretary-Treasurer Pam Geiger certified the accuracy of the minutes.

Next meeting date: The next meeting is at 9:30 a.m. CT Aug. 26 in Mandan. 

MEET YOUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS!



GRANT COUNTY
Seth Johnston



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