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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.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE UNPLUG TO BE MORE CONNECTED



"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you." Author Anne Lamott cleverly captures the benefits of unplugging in today's device-driven, multi-tasking

world. Keeping up with work, family and school activities or the latest trends on social media makes most of us feel compelled to constantly check our devices.

Summer is a great time to take a family vacation, but it's also a good opportunity to unplug from our devices and enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends.

Research has shown that we all need downtime after a busy day to recharge—even though we may resist it. Take a moment to slow down and enjoy some peaceful hours away from technology.

While you're unplugging from your devices, take a look around your home to identify electronics that consume energy even when they are not in use (this is known as "vampire" energy loss). TVs, gaming consoles, phone chargers and computers are some of the biggest culprits.

If your summer plans include a stay at home vacation, take time to recharge your

relationships and be more present. Enjoy your surroundings with your family and friends.

Speaking of spending time outdoors, you can also enjoy energy savings by incorporating LED products and fixtures for outdoor use, such as pathway, step and porch lights. Many include features like automatic daylight shut-off and motion sensors. You can also find solar-powered lighting for outdoor spaces.

Save energy by keeping warm summer air outside where it belongs. Add caulk or weather stripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows. You can also employ a programmable thermostat to adjust the settings a few degrees higher when no one is home.

In our connected world, we have forgotten how to slow down. We multitask and text. We check email, then voicemail, then Facebook. Do yourself and your family a favor. Put down the device and smell the fresh air.

While Mor-Gran-Sou can't help you recharge your relationships, we can help you save money and energy by connecting you with our energy-saving programs and services. When you do plug back in, we're just a call or click away.


Travis Kupper

Mor-Gran-Sou will see you at Breakfast on the Farm!

7 - 11 a.m. on June 11, 2022

A free day of breakfast, ice cream, and much more! To learn more, read this month's issue of North Dakota Living, or visit Northern Lights Dairy on Facebook.

ATTEND MOR-GRAN-SOU'S 75TH ANNUAL MEETING

It's that time of year again. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is gearing up for the 2022 annual meeting, which will be held on July 15 at Fort Yates.

The annual meeting is a special time for co-op members to gather, share experiences, hear from co-op leadership and, perhaps most importantly, vote to elect your board members.

Your annual meeting is also the occasion to exercise one of the greatest benefits of being an electric co-op member: voting for the upcoming year's board of directors.

Your electric cooperative is not owned by faraway investors, and it is not overseen by an appointed board of directors. Your electric cooperative is operated by a democratically elected board that is given the privilege to serve because of your vote.

At this year's annual meeting, not only will you have a blast (and maybe win a prize!), but you will feel good knowing that you had a voice in an important decision that impacts one of our most vital resources, electricity.

Mor-Gran-Sou announces candidates seeking board of director positions

The pursuit to earn a board seat begins for six Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative members vying for three director positions up for reelection in July. In 2022, the three board positions sought include: one for the Grant County position, one for the Mandan area position, and one Morton County position.

The following candidate will be on your ballot packet that you will be receiving around June 15:

Grant County

Scott Katus – Watauga
Ryan Petrick – Elgin
John Schmid – Carson

Mandan Area

Pam Geiger – Mandan

Morton County

Mark Doll – New Salem
M. Curtis Feland – Almont

Bylaw amendment

The members will also be asked to approve a bylaw amendment this year to eliminate the term limits from the bylaws. The term limit provision only allows a board member to seek six consecutive three-year terms. The position of the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors is that term limits should be eliminated

because a director is always subject to not being elected when the term expires. In addition, term limits may prevent a director from serving on national boards. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is the only North Dakota electric cooperative with term limits for its directors.

Mor-Gran-Sou offers another option for cooperative voting process for director/ bylaw amendment

During this year's voting process for your cooperative directors and the bylaw amendment, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will be introducing another voting option – online voting. As in the past, your cooperative will continue to offer the opportunity to vote by mail-in ballot or to

vote in-person at the annual meeting July 15. If a member casts a timely vote prior to the meeting by mail or online, but still plans to attend the annual meeting, they will not receive a ballot at that time.

Members will receive an annual meeting report with banquet RSVP form around June 1. Online or electronic voting will be offered through SmartHub. For those of you who have not used SmartHub and wish to use this free resource, please visit www.morgransou.com and click on SmartHub Login.

In a separate, second mailing, members will receive a voting packet after June 15 with voting instructions for all three options. Please keep an eye out for it and vote by mail or online, unless you know you will be attending the annual meeting.

TOUCHSTONE ENERGY *Member Appreciation Night*

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 24

TIME: 7:05 PM

BISMARCK MUNICIPAL BALLPARK



TICKET OPTIONS: FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. BOOK TODAY!



Bleacher Seat

+



Larks Hat
(\$17 Value)

= FREE



HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT LARKSTICKETS.COM AND USE PROMO CODE: YAME



CLAIM YOUR FREE SEAT!

Thank you for being a Touchstone Energy Member.
Please join us at the ballpark on June 24 for a free Larks game!

