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MANAGER MESSAGE: WE'RE READY FOR STORM SEASON. ARE YOU?



Now that summer is in full swing, like many of you, I welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summertime brings many of

my favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons on the water and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but I want you to know that Mor-Gran-Sou Electric crews are ready and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. I would encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

- •Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- •Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- •Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- •Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- •Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

Listen to local news or a NOAA

Weather Radio for storm and emergency information, and check Mor-Gran-Sou's Facebook page or website for power restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects.

I hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. At Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative







JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING!

Mark your calendars for the annual meeting on July 21 at the scenic Prairie Knights Casino. This is an incredible opportunity to gather as a community, discuss important matters, and shape the future of our cooperative. We encourage all members to attend and actively participate in this essential event.

Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by a delicious meal

at 5:30 p.m. The meeting itself will commence promptly at 6:30p.m., where we will address vital issues and introduce three candidates up for reelection to the Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors.

Directors running include:

- Casey Wells Grant County
- •Robert J. Leingang Mandan Area
- •Rodney Froelich Sioux County

These board positions play a significant role in guiding the cooperative and ensuring its continued success. We urge you to familiarize yourself with the candidates and exercise your right to vote during the meeting.

In addition to the elections, Mor-Gran-Sou has proposed amendments to our bylaws that warrant your consideration. The amendments include changes to Section 304 (Quorum), Section 306 (Proxies and Voting by Mail), and Section 404 (Tenure) of the bylaws. The proposed amendments align our quorum requirements with state law, clarify voting methods, and allow for uncontested elections by acclamation. The board of directors strongly recommends adopting these amendments, as they will streamline our processes and improve overall efficiency.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will also award two \$500 scholarships to deserving high school seniors that haven't already received a Mor-Gran-Sou scholarship who have parents/ guardians that are cooperative members. To be eligible, students must attend the annual meeting with at least one parent/guardian and RSVP for the event. The scholarship winners will be drawn during the meeting, adding an exciting element to the proceedings.

To ensure maximum participation, we have made voting as convenient as possible. You can cast your vote online, through the mail, or in person during the meeting. We encourage you to explore these options and make your voice heard.

Together, let's shape the future of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. Join us on July 21 at Prairie Knights Casino for an evening of community engagement, informative discussions, and the opportunity to win scholarships. Your presence and active involvement are vital to our continued success.

GROUP OUTING

TOUCHSTONE ENERGY MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK

DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

TIME: 7:05 PM (GATES OPEN AT 6:05 PM)

LOCATION: BISMARCK MUNICIPAL BALLPARK



TICKET OPTIONS

Ticket options are on a first come, first serve basis. Secure your ticket today!



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YOUR TICKET IS \$5 AS A THANK YOU FOR BEING A TOUCHSTONE MEMBER!

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Scan the QR code to the right to claim your \$5 ticket!





FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

Get ready to hit the jackpot with your group outing.

Come out to the Larks game and enjoy a night of baseball, entertainment and FUN!

The Larks will host the Rochester Honkers on July 28th... This game will be jammed packed with so much FUN, you won't want to miss it.

YOUR VIEW!

