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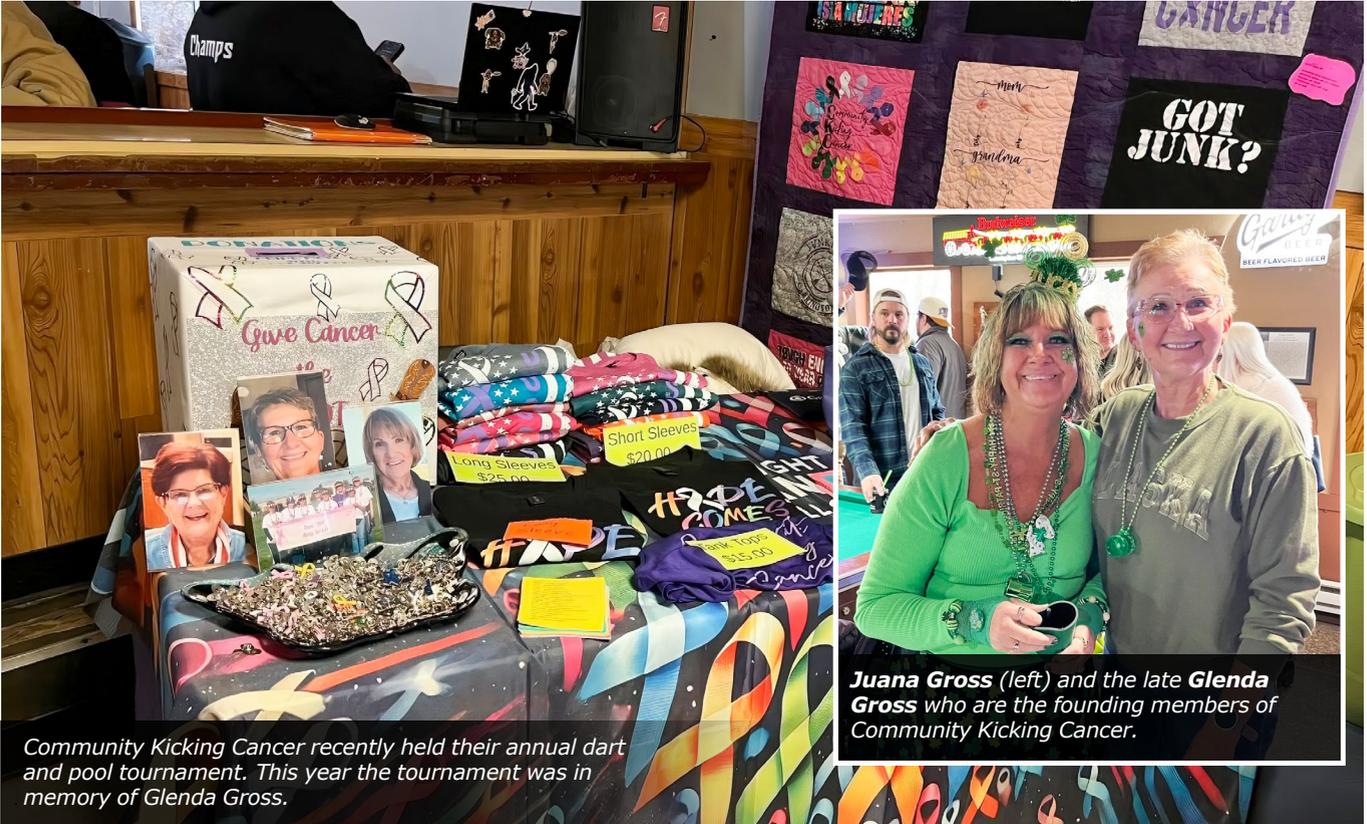
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Community Kicking Cancer recently held their annual dart and pool tournament. This year the tournament was in memory of Glenda Gross.

Juana Gross (left) and the late **Glenda Gross** who are the founding members of Community Kicking Cancer.

COMING TOGETHER:
Community Kicking Cancer

Hearing “you have cancer” triggers a wave of emotions, as endless “what ifs” race through a person’s mind. The journey can be even more difficult for those living in rural areas as more hurdles can arise, including long drives to the hospital for treatment and extended time away from home. This is piled onto the financial, physical and emotional toll of the diagnosis.

No battle is fought alone, and a strong support system can make all the difference during difficult times. That belief is at the heart of a local organization, Community Kicking Cancer, whose name says it all. Local community members came together to form the organization to help alleviate burdens of those who are kicking cancer.

Juana Gross and the late Glenda Gross created Community Kicking Cancer in 2016. Bound by a similar story, the women who faced their own cancer diagnoses turned to support local community members fighting the same battle. Throughout the past 10 years, the organization has only grown stronger with volunteers and financial funds to support rural community members far and wide. Since 2016, the organization has given over \$108,000 to 370 people in rural areas from Moberge, S.D., to Ekalaka, Mont., North Dakota and everywhere in-between.

“We are here, so we can help the ones in the rural communities,” Juana says.

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Community Kicking Cancer reaches a vast area of rural communities.

Supporting rural residents

Financial assistance from Community Kicking Cancer is distributed in the form of debit cards to cover travel, lodging and food associated with medical appointments.

“When we started, we could only give one gas card, just one and one time only,” Juana says. “But now we can give as many times as needed.”

Each person who inquires about financial assistance through Community Kicking Cancer may be eligible to receive financial support as needed to help cover costs associated with traveling to medical appointments. Community Kicking Cancer has a network of volunteers and supportive community members in many areas of southwestern North Dakota, which is how those diagnosed with cancer

If you are or know a rural community member who needs support through a cancer diagnosis, please reach out to a Community Kicking Cancer volunteer below:

- Brenda Ternes, who serves the Shields area, at 701-597-3157 or 701-301-1485
- Kathy Kraft, who serves the Selfridge area, at 701-422-3732
- Ellen Murphy, who serves the Ft. Yates and Bowman area, at 701-204-8731
- Tammy Dillman, who serves the McIntosh, Watauga and Morrystown, S.D., area, at 605-273-4420
- Lorie Hach, who serves the Ft. Yates and Solen areas as well McLaughlin, S.D., at 701-827-4201 or 605-848-2263
- Rita Olson Bordeaux, who serves the McLaughlin, S.D., area, at 605-314-2406
- Arvera Nash, who serves the Hettinger and Ralph, S.D., areas, at 605-280-3645
- Juana Cross, who serves the Mandan area, at 701-663-8471 or 701-214-0499

find out about what the organization offers.

“So many people give back to the organization now,” Juana says. “We help them through their hard time and they help us.”

The power of community

Aside from financial assistance, Community Kicking Cancer provides a community of people to support others through their journey. The organization attends other cancer benefits and helps raise awareness and support. Additionally, Juana and others put together care bags for cancer patients. The care bags include a hand-tied blanket, masks, handmade comfort crosses, water bottles and other items patients find helpful going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The organization recently held a memorial pool and dart tournament in honor of Glenda. Glenda passed away July 27, 2025, after her own battle with breast cancer. Glenda helped Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative shape the future of the cooperative by serving on our Nominating Committee for many years. Funds raised at the memorial benefit will be used to further support rural community members who battle cancer through financial assistance and care bags.

Community Kicking Cancer takes part in events throughout the year to support community members facing the hardship of cancer.

Helping those who help others

The organization also accepts donations to help community members subdue their medical bills and associated costs. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, through its charitable foundation, gave to the memorial event’s live auction.

“Our charitable foundation, known as Operation Round Up, is proud to be able to help communities and members in need to help ensure a strong future for our service area,” says Julie Armijo, member services manager and chief of staff at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric.

For more information about Community Kicking Cancer, visit their Facebook page.

Join Community Kicking Cancer for a St. Patrick’s pub crawl on March 14 in Mandan. Proceeds from the pub crawl will support Community Kicking Cancer. Visit “Community Kicking Cancer” on Facebook for more information.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE: **Growth on the electric grid**



Travis Kupper
Co-General Manager/CEO

Electricity usage within the United States is reaching record levels and the demand is expected to continue to rise. Artificial intelligence (AI), crypto mining and data center technology play a role in increased demand. It's understandable our members would question whether the increase in technology and load will result in increased rates and higher electric bills.

For Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, the answer is no.

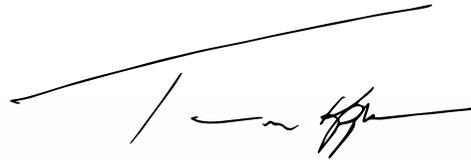
Mor-Gran-Sou Electric is a member of Basin Electric Power Cooperative. As our wholesale electric provider, Basin Electric developed a Large Load Program designed to insulate our existing members from the costs and risks associated with serving new large electric loads.

When a data center or other large load connects to our system, it is required to pay for the infrastructure needed to serve the load. Those costs are not shifted to our existing membership.

In fact, data centers specifically can often strengthen our system. Because they consume power around the clock, they consume unused capacity on the grid that would otherwise not be used. That steady demand provides reliable revenue, which strengthens the financial health of our cooperative. Beyond our cooperative, data centers can also help contribute to the economic growth and health of our local communities.

So, what are the primary drivers behind the rate increase we have seen over the years? They include growth in traditional load, commodity price variability, increased planning reserve margins (regulations) as well as continued investments in reliability.

The bottom line is data centers are not driving your electric bill higher. When properly planned, they help us maintain stable rates and position our system to meet the growing needs for the future. 





MESSAGE FROM MEMBER SERVICES: **North Dakota Career Tour**



Julie Armijo

*Chief of Staff/Member
Services Manager*

Juniors, sophomores and freshmen, I'm excited to personally invite you to a unique opportunity that could ignite your future. Our two-day North Dakota Career Tour is set to offer a deep dive into the fascinating world of energy careers right here in our state.

Why should you join us?

If you've ever been curious about what powers your world, this is your chance to explore.

From coal mines and power plants to wind turbines and cooperatives, you'll get hands-on experiences and hear directly from the experts who drive North Dakota's energy sector. This tour is more than just an exploration. It's a gateway to understanding how diverse career paths and cutting-edge technologies shape our industry. You'll meet professionals who are passionate about their work and discover how you could be a part of this exciting field.

Event details:

When: June 24-25

Who can attend:

- 2025-26 high school juniors, sophomores and freshmen
- Students who are curious about the diverse opportunities within North Dakota's energy sector.
- Open to dependents of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric members and non-members!

How to register

We have a limited number of spots available. Our cooperative is joining forces with other cooperatives within Innovative Energy Alliance, with each selecting 10 students, totaling 40 participants from across southwest North Dakota.

This is your chance to gain a new perspective and start envisioning your future in energy. To secure your spot and find out more, visit morgransou.com or call us at 701- 663-0297 or 597-3301. The application deadline is May 1.

I look forward to seeing you on this exciting journey and helping you light the way to your future career!

SAVE THE DATE:

MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC'S ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 11 IN MANDAN



MESSAGE FROM OPERATIONS: Safety and dedication recognized



Gary Fitterer

Manager of Operations

Each year, operations personnel from electric cooperatives across North Dakota gather in Mandan for a three-day safety-focused conference known as the Apprenticeship, Training and Safety Conference.

Safety is the top priority for electric cooperatives as well as for the members and communities they serve. Cooperative employees took part in valuable training sessions, such as vehicle extraction, leadership and other

workshops. Additionally, cooperatives are recognized for their dedication to safety.

This year, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative received a Safety Performance Award.

The Safety Performance Award recognizes cooperatives for having zero OSHA recordable injuries for 2025. Cooperative employees are faced with various tasks and work environments which ensures safety is our No. 1 priority. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric continues to analyze and improve safety plans for the wellbeing of employees and the members they serve.

We are proud of our employee's dedication to safety at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric. 



Mor-Gran-Sou Electric employees accepting the Safety Performance Award include, left to right, **Jason Bentz**, **Jason Helgeson**, **Cody Gratz** and **C.J. Pesicka**.



SAFETY STARTS WITH ME: Cybersecurity starts with all of us



Deb Haugen

Member Services
Representative II

In today's world, most of us don't leave the front door unlocked. We protect our homes, loved ones and valuables from intruders with locks, alarms and other security measures. Cybersecurity is no different. It's the practice of protecting other valuables, such as identity, banking and health records, and other sensitive information, from digital attacks and theft.

The energy sector continues to be a target of cyber attacks, and we will continue to face threats that target our employees,

our supply chains and partners. It is critical we stay vigilant, because our infrastructure is both critical and relied upon by others.

We want our members – and the world – to know we take our role in managing cybersecurity threats to our members' data and our operations seriously.

"We participate in monthly training to stay vigilant on cybersecurity threats and tips to keep the cooperative safe and secure," says Deb Haugen, member service representative. "As a member of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, there are steps you can take to help keep your information and ours safe as well."

Here are some simple things you can do to protect

from cybersecurity threats.

- **Make sure all your computer software is updated with the latest version.** Keeping software, including your browser, up to date ensures crucial software updates take place.
- **Create a strong password and keep it private.** It can take five days to crack a nine-character password, but more than two centuries to crack a password consisting of 12 characters or more!
- **Treat all Wi-Fi networks as a potential security risk.** Never check financial or other sensitive accounts when using public Wi-Fi at a store, local coffeeshop or when you're on the road.
- **Be on the lookout for suspicious emails, phone calls and other messages.** Scammers will use various avenues to gain access to co-op and member information. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If something seems off, trust your instinct and convey your concerns to a manager or member of the security team.
- **Think before you click!** Don't click links or attached files in emails or text messages from senders you don't know. Even if you do know the sender, hover over the link before you click, as they may have been hacked or someone could be spoofing them! While we can't stop a storm or predict every disruption, we do everything we can to keep the lights on and our members protected. 

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Join us at our member appreciation events!

We are excited to share we will be hosting member appreciation events in April! Join us for a fun-filled evening dedicated to celebrating the heart of our service area, our valued members. At our upcoming events, enjoy mouthwatering fry bread tacos and friendly competition with rounds of bingo.

There will also be the opportunity to visit with our dedicated board of directors, CEOs and staff. Also, as we prepare for our annual meeting on June 11 in Mandan, we will also have further information

regarding candidates and bylaws. As stewards of our cooperative principles, your active participation and support fuel our mission to provide reliable energy services while fostering a strong sense of community within our cooperative.

We kindly ask you to RSVP by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera, visit our website at morgransou.com or call the office at 701-597-3301, 800-750-8212 or 701-663-0297. We look forward to seeing you at one of our events! 



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APRIL 8
LAKE TSCHIDA WELCOME CENTER, LAKE TSCHIDA
5-7 P.M. (MT)
BINGO AT 6 P.M. (MT)

APRIL 14
BRANDED BAR & GRILL, FLASHER
5-7 P.M. (CT)
BINGO AT 6 P.M. (CT)

APRIL 22
AJ AGARD CENTER, FORT YATES
5-7 P.M. (CT)
BINGO AT 6 P.M. (CT)



MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS Dec. 17, 2025

The Board of Directors meeting of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Dec. 17, 2025 at the Mandan Service Center. Chair Steve Tomac called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Also, present were Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's Co-Managers/CEOs Jason Bentz and Travis Kupper, Chief Financial Officer Alex Craigmile, Chief of Staff/Member Services Manager Julie Armijo, Interim General Counsel Andrew Fergel and Administrative Assistant Samantha Fischer.

Consent agenda: An amendment was proposed to the agenda. The consent agenda was approved as amended.

Strategic items: Bentz and Kupper presented the co-managers' report, which included updates on Mid-West Annual Meeting, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Western Area Power Administration and other items. Several additional Basin Electric reports and board documents were available for review.

Department reports: Craigmile provided a financial report which included financial details. Fitterer's report was available for the board to review. Armijo provided a member services report on 2026 member events, annual meeting and youth program updates. Chief Information Officer Charlie Dunbar provided the board with a written report. Fergel provided a general counsel report on legal topics and projects he is working on, such as federal regulations and nominating committee work.

Action items: Action items were discussed and resolved, such as appointing meeting delegates.

Discussion/general information: The board discussed the budget and a nominating committee update.

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

Next meeting date: The next meeting is at 10 a.m. on March 25 in Mandan.

Members, if you have received a capital credit retirement check, please cash it as soon as possible.

Call our office with any questions at 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301.



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