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is dedicated to providing
affordable, reliable energy and services
that support and unite
our member-owners.*

*We also aspire to meet the four
Touchstone Energy core values of
integrity, innovation, accountability and
commitment to community.*

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an
equal opportunity provider and employer.

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BLIZZARD '66

Two major snow and ice storms in 2010 made history for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, when heavy ice and blustery winds damaged more than 13,000 utility poles combined — and left some members in Grant County without electric service for weeks in April until broken poles and lines could be replaced.

The Blizzard of 1966 won't be remembered by the Mor-Gran-Sou membership for extensive electric distribution and transmission damage, lengthy power outages and massive price tags associated with the 2010 storms. As we approach the 50th anniversary of what was been labeled the "Storm of the Century," many of our members reflect on what they *do* remember: the severity and length of the storm, and lessons learned.

In the March local pages of *North Dakota Living*, Paul Huncovsky, Vern Frederick and Arlene Wells share memories of this particular blizzard — and how they and their families coped during dangerous, deadly conditions.



Clearing mammoth drift in central North Dakota, early March 1966.

A phone survey may await you

Members: Mor-Gran-Sou will be completing a random residential telephone Member Satisfaction Survey. Performed by Odney Advertising, this survey will take place in April. If you receive a call from Odney Advertising on behalf of Mor-Gran-Sou, please take time to answer the questionnaire. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes. By participating in the 2016 Member Satisfaction Survey, Mor-Gran-Sou receives better insight into how we can better serve you, the member-owner.

HAPPY EASTER

HOLIDAY CLOSING

In observance of the Easter holiday, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will be closed on Friday, March 25. Mor-Gran-Sou line crews will be available in case of an emergency outage.

SPRING AHEAD!

On Sunday, March 13 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving time begins.

ANNUAL MEETING

Prairie Knights Casino and Resort, Fort Yates

July 15, 2016

- ✓ Learn about co-op issues;
- ✓ Cast your vote and elect three members to serve on the board of directors; and
- ✓ Enjoy a hearty meal courtesy of your electric cooperative.



BYLAW/RESOLUTION MEETING SET

A bylaw/resolution meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular board meeting scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. CT (9:30 a.m. MT) on Wednesday, March 30. The meeting will be held in the board room of the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, located at 3201 Nygren Dr. N.W., Mandan.

If you have a bylaw/resolution to propose at the 2016 cooperative's annual meeting in July, but cannot make the scheduled meeting on March 30, please submit your information in writing to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative before March 30. Thank you.

Keeping our electric system reliable

Tree trimming is a regular part of your electric cooperative's operations.

Mor-Gran-Sou, like all electric utilities, is required to maintain appropriate clearance between trees and electric transmission and distribution lines. Trees need to be trimmed, and in some cases removed, to minimize potential power outages and to eliminate fire and safety hazards due to trees contacting energized electric lines.

Mor-Gran-Sou typically uses local contract tree-trimming crews to perform this task. Bullinger Tree Trimming will have crews operating within our service area again this year.

Please know that they are working on your cooperative's behalf to help keep our electric system as reliable and safe as possible.

Mor-Gran-Sou line crews patrol power lines

As time allows, the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative line crews set aside time to patrol line. Our linemen concentrate on certain areas of the Mor-Gran-Sou power system and look for possible line maintenance issues, safety hazards or other problems that may affect the distribution lines that bring power to your home or business.

Line crews are currently patrolling line throughout the system. Because power lines are on and off the beaten path, you may see employees in a Mor-Gran-Sou truck, an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile. When you see them out and about patrolling line, thank them! They are out there for your safety. ■



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

- Spring into safety ■ Skip the third-party payment services and fees
- Former employee Jeffrey Evenson passes away ■ Meeting minutes and more