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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 and employer.

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Mor-Gran-Sou holds annual meeting

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., held its 69th annual meeting at Prairie Knights Casino and Resort on July 15. This year's theme was, "Reliability – Regulations – Resources – Ready to Serve You."

During the board of director elections, members re-elected Vernard Frederick, Flasher, and Leland "Judge" Barth, Mandan, to retain their positions on the board. Frederick is the Grant County representative and Barth is the Mandan area representative. Jay Larson, Almont, was elected to represent Morton County in a 3-year term.

During their report to the membership, Co-General Managers/Chief Executive Officers Donald Franklund and Chris Baumgartner discussed the cooperative's commitment to safety, the ever-changing electric utility industry — and why electricity is still a good value.

Chief Financial Officer Travis Kupper presented the financial report to the membership.

The cooperative's member-owners received thanks and learned of some of the scholarship recipients' future study plans. They also listened to the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour recap, and learned how the trip helps students develop leadership skills.

For a full recap on the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's annual meeting, read the September local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine.

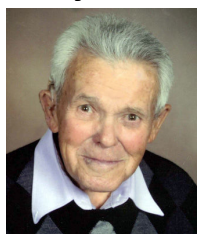


Co-General Manager Donald Franklund (left) addressed a full house.

Former Mor-Gran-Sou employee passes away

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative was saddened to learn of the death of former employee Roger Mahrer, who passed away on July 25. Roger started as Mor-Gran-Sou's warehouse clerk in December 1977. He semi-retired in December 1997, but worked for two more years training replacement personnel.

In the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn more about Roger's life and his many contributions to cooperative and community.



Roger Mahrer



Left: Mor-Gran-Sou
Leadman Clint Begger

Right: Capital Electric
Journeyman Lineman
Lance Diebold

Work it hot or ground it dead

The job of an electric cooperative lineworker is to help build, maintain and repair the electric distribution system without disrupting the flow of power to its member-owners. During the week of July 25 to 29, nearly 100 lineworkers from North Dakota's 16 electric distribution cooperatives including Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative went back to school to get a refresher course in the application of rubber goods and gloves to work on energized high-voltage power lines. They also practiced using personal protective grounds to de-energize the power line and complete a repair. While on the job, linemen have the option to work a power line hot or ground it dead.

Hotline School objectives are to network best practices amongst North Dakota lineworkers from apprentices to skilled leaders in the field; to learn practical skills and safe work procedures with hands-on instruction and demonstrations from experienced lineworkers; and to apply skills learned throughout six work stations under the guidance of skilled mentors. Education starts in the classroom and ends in the field with hands-on training and practice.

Mor-Gran-Sou employees participating in this year's hotline school included Leadmen Clint Begger, Gary Fitterer and Cody Maher, and Journeyman Linemen Wayde Eckroth, Blake Reis and Brady Zachmann.

To see some photos of your electric cooperative's linemen in action at school, read the September local pages of *North Dakota Living*.



While farmers focus on the ground when sowing and harvesting, looking up is just as important — especially when operating farm equipment near power lines.

For your safety, make sure you have at least 10 feet of clearance between power lines and your combines, grain augers, pickers, balers and front-end loaders.

Keep in mind that uneven ground and shifting soil conditions can put you in harm's way.

Look up and look around when operating equipment. Power lines and poles may be closer than you think.

If you see a power line issue that may need Mor-Gran-Sou's attention, please call the co-op at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212. Or, send an email to safety@morgransou.com with location information and a photo, if possible. Working together helps ensure the safety of all.



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Joe Michael, Flasher



Leadman
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Mor-Gran-Sou is an advocate of working safely. In fact, it is our way of life; the culture of your cooperative. We look out for the safety of ourselves and others — before, during and after work.

Did you know that members also play a key role in keeping our system safe? At times, you are our eyes in the sky and on the ground. Should you see a power line issue that may need Mor-Gran-Sou's attention, please call the office or send us an email at safety@morgransou.com with your concern. This correspondence should include the description of the location, your name and complete contact information, and a photo if possible. Working together helps ensure the safety of all!

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

- YOUTH TOUR RECAP:
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- Meeting minutes & more

