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and unite our member-owners.*

*We also aspire to meet the Touchstone
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integrity, innovation, accountability and
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West River Head Start: 'We can help'

Hailey Brunelle was a stay-at-home mom who wanted her daughter to learn more than she felt she could teach her at home. After seeing an advertisement for West River Head Start (WRHS), a day care and preschool that serves low-income families, she called and enrolled her in the Mandan facility.

"It was a place where we could get free childcare, and Kambree could learn in a safe environment," she says.

When it came time for Kambree to start kindergarten, she had the social skills, structure and desire to succeed in a local public school.

Just as North Dakota's local Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives are committed to improving the quality of life in rural areas, so is WRHS, with locations in Mandan, New Salem, Carson and Hazen.

In addition to providing a vital service in a more sparsely populated community, WRHS tries to keep things local.

"We buy things at the grocery stores. We participate in the parades and fairs. We do as much as we can, so the community feels us when we are there," says Samantha Gregerson, director of WRHS in Mandan. "They see us out and about. We try to stay out there and be visible as much as we can, so people don't forget about us."

In the March local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, learn how this business supports the local communities it serves — and why families who live in the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Service area appreciate its structure and support.



Annual Meeting

2017

JULY 21, 2017

Learn about co-op issues;
cast your vote and elect three members
to serve on the board of directors;
and enjoy a hearty meal.



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Bylaws and resolutions for the annual meeting

Under the bylaws, any bylaw amendments or resolutions must be presented to the members in writing in advance of the annual meeting scheduled for **July 21**. The board of directors has now charged the Nominating Committee with reviewing and advising the board of any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions. Therefore, any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions should be submitted in writing no later than **March 16**, and/or they can be presented in-person at the following in-person meeting of the Nominating Committee on March 16 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT

If you do wish to submit a bylaw amendment or resolution in writing, please forward it to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND, 58535-0297, before March 16. Thank you.

Spring into savings!

March brings spring cleaning and a fresh opportunity to find ways to save energy and money:

■ **Open windows.** A breeze naturally cools your home without using the air conditioner. This is ideal when temps are mild. If it's warmer during the day, open the windows in the evening and close them during the day.

■ **Cook outside.** On warm days, keep the heat out of your home by using a grill instead of the oven.

■ **Clean your fridge.** It's one of the biggest energy hogs in your home, with the average fridge using nearly 14 percent of a household's energy. By properly cleaning your fridge, you can reduce its energy consumption and reduce your electricity bill. Start by rolling your refrigerator away from the wall and using a vacuum hose to clear the dirt and dust from the coils. Remove unneeded and old food from your fridge to allow air to circulate and increase efficiency.

You've planned every acre HAVE YOU PLANNED FOR YOUR SAFETY?

As spring planting nears, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative reminds hardworking farmers and ranchers to stay safe. Overhead power lines are necessary to deliver electricity, but those same power lines can also be deadly if not treated with respect. While you need to focus on the field and your machinery, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative urges you to also watch for electrical hazards around the farm or ranch.



Be aware: Farmers and their equipment should always be 10 feet away from power lines on all sides. Field cultivators and sprayers can often reach as high as 12 feet in the air. Practice extreme caution and use a spotter to make sure you stay far away from power lines when you use tall equipment.

If you have purchased new equipment, be aware of antennas or other attachments that may pose new hazards. A newer, bigger piece of equipment may no longer clear a line. In addition, shifting soil may also affect whether machinery avoids power lines from year-to-year.

Power lines also may sag over the years. If power lines on your property are sagging, contact Mor-Gran-Sou Electric to repair the lines. Never try to move a power line on your own.

Overhead power lines are not the only electric hazard on the farm. Guy wires, used to stabilize utility poles, are grounded. However, when one of the guy wires is broken, it can become charged with electricity. If you break a guy wire, call the cooperative to fix it. Don't do it yourself.



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

- Always 'Call Before You Dig'
- Line Crews patrol power lines
- Board meeting minutes & more

SPRING AHEAD!

On Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m.,
Daylight Saving time begins.