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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, employer and lender.

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NDAREC Safety Instructor  
**Steve Homes** (right) watches  
Mor-Gran-Sou Apprentice Lineman  
**Kale Ohlhauser** tamp a pole.

## Safety: focusing on the continuous journey

At Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, we are undergoing our three-year recertification for the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP). Founded by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, RESAP aids cooperatives in identifying and applying best practices and focuses on continuous improvement in order to achieve safety excellence.

A RESAP site observation was held in our service area in July. Steve Homes, safety instructor with the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, inspected office sites in Mandan, Flasher and Fort Yates. He also toured a substation and pole yard, and supervised some field work. During the field visit, he watched line crews change out poles near Hebron.

In the November local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, learn more about the RESAP program—and why Mor-Gran-Sou is committed to taking a team approach to safety and making continuous improvements.

## Heating assistance may be available with LIHEAP

The Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help eligible low-income households with home heating costs. Download and submit applications at [www.communityoptionsnd.com](http://www.communityoptionsnd.com) or call Community Options at 1-800-823-2417 ext. 158.

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

■ Careers in Energy Week ■ Unclaimed capital credits ■ Holiday closings & more



## Opt into the Operation Round Up program

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is offering Operation Round Up to its members. It is a program in which Mor-Gran-Sou members can voluntarily choose to round up their monthly utility bills to the next dollar and donate their pennies to the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation Board, who are also Mor-Gran-Sou members, will meet and disburse funds in the form of grants to non-profit corporations, organizations or agencies. All of the money raised by members stays in our local communities.

On average, participating members donate about \$6 a year. The most a member would ever contribute a month is 99 cents. The donation will be tax-deductible, and members who participate will receive a summary on their last billing statement of the year.

All rounded-up funds flow directly into the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc., and are overseen by the board of directors. Mor-Gran-Sou personnel will administer the program as a service to the foundation.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212. **If you haven't already done so and wish to opt in, fill out the form below and return it to the co-op.**

### I wish to participate in Operation Round Up at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.

☐ Yes, I agree that Mor-Gran-Sou, through the Operation Round Up program, has my permission to round up my monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. I understand I have the option to opt out with a 30-day written notice to the co-op.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email the form to

[jarmijo@morgransou.com](mailto:jarmijo@morgransou.com); or mail to:  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**“PERFORM my job safely always!”**  
— Lead Men Gary Fitterer (left) and Jason Jahner

**I WILL** PERFORM  
ACCOUNT  
COMMIT  
ENGAGE

**ND REC'S**  
North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives

**PERFORM**  
my job safely always

**ACCOUNT**  
for my actions and those taken by my crew

**COMMIT**  
to speaking up, and responding  
to reported hazards

**ENGAGE**  
in job briefings, focus on the task at hand  
and take the time to do it safely, always!

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**WRITE A WINNING ESSAY AND**

**WIN A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!**

Read the local pages of  
North Dakota Living for information

**JUNE 15-21, 2019**

## 2019 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is once again sponsoring a student on the 2019 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C.

From June 15 to 21, students nationwide will spend a week learning about history and American government; visiting with their state's congressional delegation; becoming more knowledgeable about the cooperative business model; and touring museums, national monuments and memorials. They will also develop leadership skills and a national network of peers.

To earn the trip, students must enter an essay-writing contest. To qualify, the winning student must be a sophomore or junior in high school, and his or her family or guardian must receive electric service from Mor-Gran-Sou.

The deadline to enter is **Jan. 31, 2019**. For instructions on how to apply, read the November local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine or call Mor-Gran-Sou at 701-597-1602, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

For more information on the tour, visit [www.ndyouthtour.com](http://www.ndyouthtour.com).