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**Mor-Gran-Sou
Electric Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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Mark Doll, Vern Frederick,

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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.

Happy holidays and gifting from Mor-Gran-Sou!

Gift certificates are available for members to put toward an electric bill! To purchase this stocking stuffer, call 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212.



Mor-Gran-Sou will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, for Christmas; and Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, for New Year's Day.

Line crews will be available in case of an emergency or power outage.

Members, look for your check in the mail!

At the Oct. 28 regular board meeting, your Mor-Gran-Sou board of directors analyzed the current financial strength of the cooperative, and at its discretion, decided to proceed with a general retirement of capital credits for 2020.

That means YOU get a check!

A cooperative's members are the people it serves. Capital credits reflect the ownership in, and contribution of capital to, the cooperative.

Members, watch for your check to arrive around the middle of the month. Merry Christmas to you and yours, from Mor-Gran-Sou!

Kids, it's time for the safety poster coloring contest!

Grab your art supplies and draw a poster that shows how you play and work safely around electricity.

This poster should display a clear, creative picture of this year's theme:

"How do you stay safe at your home or farm when around electricity?"

Posters should display the Touchstone Energy® Cooperative logo. Have fun!

Cash prizes will be awarded.

For more details, read the magazine local pages of *North Dakota Living*!





Mor-Gran-Sou continues its scholarship program in offering opportunities to qualifying seniors. \$7,500 is available to help finance local students' educational journeys. We encourage students to apply!

For information, visit our website www.morgransou.com, read the December local pages of *North Dakota Living* or call Mor-Gran-Sou at 597-3301, 663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

Youth Tour update

Due to the pandemic, the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour essay contest and trip has been sidelined for 2021.

Safety is the culture of Mor-Gran-Sou, and while we are disappointed at this turn of events, we know better years are ahead for our students and our chaperones.

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

- ✓ Remembering those who passed
- ✓ Line crews patrol power lines
- ✓ Board meeting minutes and more



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Energy bills can increase during winter for a variety of reasons, like houseguests, more time spent at home, and shorter days and longer nights. Small actions, like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.

Mor-Gran-Sou's 2021 annual meeting: July 16

It's time to consider serving as a board director for Mor-Gran-Sou. The initial commitment is a three-year term, with provisions in the bylaws limiting a director to serving six consecutive three-year terms, after which time the director is not eligible for another six consecutive three-year terms until one year has elapsed.

At the annual meeting, the following three board positions will be elected:

- The At-Large position presently held by Mark Doll;
- The Morton County position presently held by Kathy Tokach; and
- The Sioux County position presently held by Chad Harrison.

Under the bylaws and due to the use of a mail-in ballot, no nominations are accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. The bylaws require the board of directors to appoint a Nominating Committee of five to nine members who geographically represent the co-op. These members will provide a list of qualified and willing candidates to the board for approval and inclusion on the ballot at the board of directors' meeting scheduled for March 24, 2021. This date has been set so there is adequate time for each candidate's biographical information to be included with the notice of meeting sent to the members in June, along with the mail-in ballot for those who are unable to attend the annual meeting in person.

The Nominating Committee has been appointed by the board and will meet for the first time, set for Jan. 14, 2021. The members of the Nominating Committee include Bryce Allen, Mandan; Jennifer Bonogofsky, St. Anthony; Jackie Buckley, Mandan; Curtis Feland, Almont; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Garek Murphy, Fort Yates; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; Donald D. Roth, New Leipzig; and Shari Striegel, Carson.

For a person to be nominated, the member vying for a board seat must submit the completed declaration of candidacy form to Mor-Gran-Sou by 4 p.m. CT (3 p.m. MT) on Tuesday, March 11, 2021. The completed form must be mailed to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Attn: Jackie Miller, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND, 58535-0297. If you or someone you know is interested in being nominated, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members or Jackie at Mor-Gran-Sou by calling 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301. You can also email Jackie at jlmler@morgransou.com.

The Nominating Committee members or Jackie can provide you or the potential candidate with the declaration of candidacy form. It is also located on Mor-Gran-Sou's website at www.morgransou.com (click Home/Your Power in Membership/Forms and Applications/Declaration of Candidacy Form). Candidate qualifications can be found at www.morgransou.com (click Your Cooperative/Articles and Bylaws/Board of Directors/402 Director Qualification) or on the declaration of candidacy form.

If you have questions, give Jackie a call. All qualified and willing candidates who have completed and forwarded the written declaration of candidacy form to the Mor-Gran-Sou office by the March 11 deadline will be included in the list the Nominating Committee will provide to the board.

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 16. The board of directors has 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 18, 2021, and/or they can be presented in-person at one of the following in-person meetings of the Nominating Committee:

- Jan. 14, in the Mor-Gran-Sou board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT or virtual
- March 18, in the Mor-Gran-Sou board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT or virtual

If you 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 18. Thank you.