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Celebrate Your Cooperative

Each year, October is recognized as National Co-op Month. From childcare to healthcare, agriculture to housing, electricity to telephone service, hardware stores to grocery stores, credit unions to media outlets, cooperatives provide Americans with the basic services they depend on everyday.

Cooperatives benefit the economy of the communities served by returning revenues generated by the cooperative to local members rather than removed shareholders. Co-ops are motivated by service to their members in addition to profit.

Independent telephone companies began to develop in the late 1890s, soon after the original Bell patents on the telephone expired. Many of these new providers were mutual organizations, formed by rural residents banding together to bring the benefits of telephone service to their communities—usually in sparsely populated areas that larger providers deemed unprofitable, and, hence, not worthy of being served. West Central Telephone's articles of incorporation were filed in 1950; soon after incorporation, the Sebeka, Menahga, and Verndale exchanges were purchased from local telephone entrepreneurs.

Today's telecommunications cooperatives, including West Central Telephone, offer an ever expanding list of services including broadband



"This is our special **60th year** celebration!"

services such as digital TV, high speed Internet and IP Network cameras as well as telephone, long distance, custom calling features, business phone systems, and more.

In recognition of Cooperative Month, our annual Co-op Celebration Day is scheduled for October 15, 2010, from 11am to 4pm. This is our special 60th year celebration—West Central got its start in the fabulous 50s! With door prizes, lots of special deals, cookies, cider, and more, you won't want to miss this fun event! We'll have more information about this special celebration in your October billing.

Check Your E-mail While Traveling

When you're away from your home computer due to a vacation, you can still stay on top of your e-mail thanks to Webmail from West Central Telephone. Webmail lets you check your West Central e-mail from anywhere you have Internet access, such as a public computer in your hotel or a friend's laptop.

If you haven't tried Webmail yet, we encourage you to do so — it's free and very convenient!

Here's how easy it is to use:

- 1. Go to www.wcta.net.
- 2. Click on the "Webmail Login" button.
- 3. Enter your username.
- 4. Enter your e-mail password.
- 5. Click "Login."

Your e-mail messages will then be displayed for you to read and manage as usual. If you have questions about using Webmail, please call our office at 837-5151.

Amateur Photo Contest

The search is on for the winning photo to grace the cover of our 2011 West Central Telephone Directory.

E-mail your photograph entries taken in our service area to geris@wcta.net. The photos must be submitted in JPEG format with a high enough resolution to allow for resizing to fit the directory cover. Only ONE entry will win. The winning photo is worth \$200, but you can't win if you don't enter! Send your photos to geris@wcta.net with "Photo Contest" in the subject line, a brief description, and location of the photo; include your address and phone number. If you are not reducing the size of the photo when you e-mail it, please only include one photo per e-mail entry.

Please read the rules and regulations that apply to the contest. Be creative and remember—originality counts! **Good Luck!**

\$200 Cash For the Winning Photo

Rules and Regulations:

 Any amateur photographer who is a West Central customer, or members of a customer's family, are eligible to enter; except that employees or directors of the cooperative or members of their household, shall be ineligible.

- 2. Eligible participants may submit as many photographs as they choose.
- 3. Pictures submitted must be:
 - a. Good quality photographs or high resolution unaltered digital photos (in JPEG format).
 - b. Scenes must be within the West Central area, such as farms, lakes, woods, community events, points of local interest, or telephone industry related;
 - c. Persons should not appear in the photograph, unless they cannot be identified clearly (such as fishermen on a lake, a farmer working in a field, etc.);
 - d. Trademarks, commercial names, or advertisements must not appear anywhere in the photograph.
- 4. Please include your name, address, phone number, and brief description of the picture with your e-mail.
- 5. NO PRINTED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED; DIGITAL COPIES ONLY.
- To be eligible, all entries must be received by West Central Telephone at its headquarters in Sebeka by Friday, October 1, 2010.



Voice Mail Plus

Fall is a busy time of year—kids go back to school and we all have a lot to do to prepare for the winter ahead. Don't sacrifice important phone calls—get Voice Mail Plus and get your messages from any telephone, e-mail account, or smartphone.

With Voice Mail Plus, enjoy:

- 24/7 service. Retrieve, send, and manage voice mail messages from any phone, even when you're traveling.
- No more missed calls. Voice mail answers, even whe the power is out, or you're on another call.
- Greater capacity. You can store messages—which means you can keep important or memorable calls from family and friends.
- Ability to divert calls. Calls can be automatically directed to voice mail; voice mails can be delivered right to your e-mail inbox.

In honor of our 60th year, you can get Voice Mail Plus for only 60 cents a month, for the next six months! This offer is available only to new subscribers and available for a limited time. Call today!

Return to Sender: Address Unknown

As a member of a cooperative, each year that we are successful, members are rewarded with a capital credits check. Unfortunately, allocations are not retired until years later, and some members move out of the area but forget to give us an updated address. In some cases, a member may no longer be living. In either case, the checks are returned to us; members below all had checks returned. If you know the whereabouts of any of the people listed below, (or the administrator of the estate) please give us a call at 837-5151 or toll free at 1-800-945-2163.

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Larson, Matthew	. 564-5396
Malone, Paula	. 837-5757
Mclennan, Logan M	. 472-3137
Nelson, John H	. 445-1830
Paananen, Reino	. 564-2222
Payne, Amanda	. 445-5462
Peterson, Derek	. 445-9340
Reese, Jane S	. 564-5399
Robinson, Connie	. 445-5454
Rood, Mike O	. 837-5712
Roth, James	. 472-3355
Seip Drug	. 564-4655
Skalisky, Vern & Fran	. 564-5393
Tate, Frederick Jr	. 472-3134
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Betty	. 564-5394
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West, Thomas G	. 564-5405



Lee Denim Days

On Friday, October 8, West Central Telephone will be joining together for a very special "casual Friday" to help Lee National Denim Day[®] celebrate 15 years of fighting breast cancer. West Central Telephone is gearing up to participate in this grassroots program which has raised more than \$80 million for breast cancer research by simply asking the nation to put on their jeans for a \$5 donation to the Women's Cancer Programs of the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF).

This year, Lee National Denim Day is proud to partner with the Cancer Support Community, an international nonprofit dedicated to providing support, education and hope to people affected by cancer.

Funds raised from participation in Denim Day will support:

Groundbreaking research at Lee
Translational Laboratories nation-

wide to find less toxic, more effective treatments.

- Development of an early detection blood test in collaboration with the Breast Cancer Biomarker Discovery Project.
- Cancer Support Community centers nationwide which provide emotional and social support to cancer patients and their families.

West Central Telephone employees that make a \$5 donation will get to wear jeans to work on October 8, 2010, with the money being donated to help fight breast cancer, a cause that is very important to many. It's a simple and fun way to donate and we encourage you to join us!

Stop by our office in Sebeka or Menahga Friday, October 8 to make a donation, or e-mail Jennifer Grewe at jenniferg@wcta.net to learn how you or your company can participate.