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## A Smart Home is a Smart Way to Decrease Costs and Increase Safety

Your home may be beautiful. But is it also smart? Thanks to Home Technology Integration, your home can become a Smart Home and enable you to remotely manage a variety of systems using an Internet connection. The technology can be divided into two basic functions: systems control and monitoring.

### Systems Control

Via a smartphone or tablet, it's now possible to control a long list of things in a Smart Home without you having to be there. They include:

- Heating, air conditioning, and ventilation
- Lighting
- Appliances
- Locks on doors and gates

This can be done on a case-by-case basis or you can develop profiles that will automatically manage these systems depending on the time of day, day of the week, or only when motion is detected. Not only is it convenient to have a Smart Home, it can save you money through increased energy efficiency.

### Monitoring

Do you worry about your home when you're away for long vacations or business trips? With a Smart Home, you can use your Internet connection to monitor for things like temperature, fire, motion, or flooding. Sensors detecting any of these events can email you an alert.



For example, let's say the sump pump quits working and your basement is filling up with water. You'll receive an email alerting you of the emergency so you can call the plumber immediately. When the plumber arrives at your locked front door, a motion detector will tell you someone is at the door. A snapshot video camera will send you a picture confirming it's the plumber and you can then unlock the door — all without having to be there!

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Fearless optimist Anna sets off on an epic journey — teaming up with rugged mountain man Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven — to find her sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter. Encountering Everest-like conditions, mystical trolls and a hilarious snowman named Olaf, Anna and Kristoff battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom.

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## The More Devices You Have, the More Speed You Need

Take a look around your house and add up all the Internet-connected devices you own including computers, tablets, smartphones, smart TVs, Blu-ray disc players, video game consoles, and streaming media set-top boxes. What was your total? The NPD Group surveyed more than 4,000 consumers and the average number of devices per U.S. household with Internet service is now 5.7, and that number is expected to keep rising.

Multiple devices, used daily by several family members, can easily max out your Internet service and make it seem as if it's running slow. The solution? Upgrade to an Internet plan with greater bandwidth and faster speeds. West Central Telephone offers a variety of plans with download speeds from 5 Mbps all the way up to 100 Mbps!

If you have a Duo or Net Essentials plan, your current download speed is 5 Mbps; bump it up to 10 Mbps for an additional \$10 per month. If you have a Trio, All-Access or Game Plan package, your current download speed is 10 Mbps; bump it up to 20 Mbps for an additional \$20 per month or boost to 40 Mbps for an additional \$60 per month. Download HD movies, games, pictures and more, and, because all of our plans are unlimited Internet, you never have to worry about data overage charges.

For help determining which Internet plan is right for your household, call us today at 218-837-5151.

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## Do-Not-Call Registry

Has your evening or weekend been disrupted by a call from a telemarketer? If so, you're not alone. To address consumer concern, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) established a national Do-Not-Call Registry. The registry applies to all telemarketers (with the exception of certain non-profit and political organizations), and covers both interstate and intrastate telemarketing calls. Commercial telemarketers are not allowed to call you if your number is on the registry.

Consumers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call registry by telephone or by Internet at no cost. To register by telephone, consumers may call 1-888-382-1222; for TTY call 1-866-290-4236. You must call from the phone number you wish to register. You may also register online at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

Consumers can register online for the national do-not-call registry by going to [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

# Unclaimed Checks

Each year many capital credits checks are returned because of incomplete or non-current addresses. Some checks that have been received by customers are never cashed. If your name or someone you know appears on the list below, we may be holding a capital credits check from 2006. If you know any of the following people, please contact the office at 218-837-5151 or 800-945-2163.

Aho Joel & Rauha	Downey, Robert H & Marvel	Ihme, Donald	Miller, Charles	Scheller, Mark
All American Towing, % Jay Kopp	Duerr, Jason	Jackson, Candy	Miller, Ernest R, % Tom Crocco	Schilling, Darin & Candace
Anderson, Rodney & Susan	Dumpprope, Paul	Jacob, Sheyenne	Mitchell, Isacc	Schmidt, Ken & Geri
Anderson, Scott & Marie	Erickson, Harvey V	Jim's Drywall, % James Dormanen	Molmen, Kari	Schmitz, Andrew
Alantic Channel Partnership, % Brian Beaton	Erickson, James & Rosemary	Johnsen, Charlie & Mary (Mia)	Moren, Michael	Schuett, Mike
Automated Wagering Inter. Inc.	Fairchild, Kathryn	Johnson, Bradley & Lynette	Nation, Ivan E	Seales, Josh
Avelsgard, Allan	Felstet, Deborah	Johnson, Jeffrey & Stacy	Neisen, Daniel	Sheridan, Holly
Backholm, Greg	Fern, Daniel	Johnson, Steven	Nelson, James L & Nancy	Shultz, Keith
Baker, Jeff & Kathy	Field, Gale	Johnson, Vernon E	Nelson, Scott & Sara	Simchuck, Gladys % Harlan Simchuck
Baker, Kimberly	Fishbaugher, John	Kalba, Linda	Nevala, Harry	Skaro, Steve
Becker, Carol	Foley, Tom	Kam, Ling	Nevela, Chad	Slominski, Tonya
Bergman, Carl A & Lucille	France, William	Kawlewski, Sara	Nord, David & Nancy	Snyder, Joel & Robyn
Bergman, Tammy	Francis, Josephine	Kerby, Dante	Norman, Jim	Spencer, Gregg & Emmy
Berthiaume, William A	Freeman, Helen	Kelfoyle, Stacey	Olmsted, Sheri	Stanfield, Roxanne
Beymer, Merle	Fulco Construction, % Paul Robinson	Kinnunen, Donna	Olson, Nancy E	Stanton, Patrick & Deb
Bimberg, Andy	Gambino, Joe & Nancy	Kluge, Darrel	Olsson, Stanley	Stary Construction
Blooflat, Bradley	Gardner, Krystal	Knudson, Kevin & Amber	Palloch, David	Stelzer, Jeff & Melissa
BNSF Railway-Telecom	Gastelum, Jesus	Koенeman, Dale	Pam's Auto Sales, % Pam Curry	Stinar, Amanda
Bright, Donald & Sandy	George, Kyle	Krois, Danial & Lenora	Parkhurst, Scott & Sheila	Stockwell, Harlan
Brown, Kelly	Gereszek, Lisa	Kurtti, Gene	Paulson, William & Patricia	Storm, Martin
Brunner, Judi	Godlevske, Kevin	Kuschel, Kelly	Payan, Juan	Swaigood, Dora
Bryniarski, Chad	Gonzalez, Felicitas	Kutzorik, Trudy	Peabody, Chester	Terry Phelps Chevrolet Inc, % Terry Phelps
Buckland, Bonnie	Graba, Roger	Larson, Eric	Pederson, Rachel	Thompson, Rick
Buckley, Eric & Gwendolyn	Greydanus, Monty	Larson, William	Pesola, Mae	Thompson, Scott
Buderus, James	Haggart, Stan	Lemir, Tom	Petersen, Cheri	Thorsen, Nells
Bunkowski, Tony	Hall, Greg	Lenoir, Jessica	Peterson, Fred	Thompson, Nells
Byrd, Claude M	Halpaus, Harlen	Leonard, Eugene	Peterson, Marie R	Tourdot, Kurt
Carlson, Tim	Hammerbacker, Lawrence	Leritz, Janice	Pietila, Emil	Turner, Darla
Carman, Christopher Kip	Handt, William	Lewis, Paul	Polum, Desiree, % Scott Anderson	Twidwell, Darlene
Carpick, Michael A	Hanson, Allan	Loch, Brian	Pottratz, Mildred	Ulrich, Brian
Carsten, Jim & Deana	Hanson, Kristie	Loeffler, Darwin	Pride, Debra	Verndale All Star Service, % UCI
Case, Don	Haraldson, Martin & Ardiith	Lottman, Pennie	Pulju, Ervin	Walter, John
Charnley, Lynne	Heinen, Todd	Lustila, Dan & Cindy	Putzke, Tony	Wegner, Daniel
Christensen, Tina	Helling, John	Malley, Jerry	Quirt, Ethan	Wellman, Michael
Coghlin, Robert	Henrichs, Shawn	Marlen, Nicole	Recomm	Wielinski, Ron
Comeau, Richard	Hepokoski, Lisa	Marshall, Garrett	Riddle, Raymond	Wilett, Sheila
Conrad, Stephanie	Hobson, Carole	Martin Instrument Co	Robberstad, William & Rhonda	Williams, Leroy
Curry, Pam	Hodgden, Kenneth, % Martin Hogan	Mason, Jim	Rodeman, Ruth Ann	Wilson, Clyde
Cutler, J. & L.	Hoffner, Jay	Matheny, Kent	Rood, Mike	Woolridge, Bertha
Daggett, Fannie J	Hotakainen, Arvi	McAllister, Peggy	Roth, Clark & Theresa	Zanutto, Gabriele
Dave's Verndale Grocery, % Dave Polloch	Hunke, M, % Phyllis Swiateck	McGrady, Olga	Ruwersma, Stewart	Zartwell, Donald
Davis, Anna	Hunter, Steve	McGrath, Karen	S & M Auto, % Roger Motl	
Davis, Jackie	Hutmacher, Mark	Meier, George	Salmela, Lorene	
		Mettler, Janice		
		Mico, Paul & Susan		

All checks that are not claimed will be turned into the State of Minnesota as unclaimed property by October 10, 2014. If the unclaimed property remains unclaimed, then after a reasonable time the state returns the money to the WCTA Scholarship Program. Typically, this money would be lost to us, but because of our cooperative status, we are able to use the funds to benefit the scholarship program.

## Welcome, New Members

Aho, Ryan .....	538-6059
Aho, Seth .....	538-2732
Beidleman, Debbie .....	564-3629
Bryniarski, Mary .....	837-6244
Carlson, Amy .....	837-6241
Chapman, Cassie .....	837-1594
Clack, Aaron .....	564-6043
Clark, Rickia .....	837-9418
Collom, Holly .....	445-6028
Dahlvang, Dean .....	564-8512
Dee Spa .....	445-5950
Donaghu, Robert .....	564-6042
Dorenbush, Joyce .....	564-5832
Dunn, Brandon .....	837-6112
Ellingworth, Megan .....	837-6266
Feldt, Danny .....	538-6088
Fischer, Dale .....	564-5999
Garrett, Carol .....	564-8255
Gartner, Rhonda .....	564-3757
Goeden, Florence .....	837-2379
Haapala, Derek .....	564-1696
Heinzen, Tyler .....	445-9101
Henderson, Paul .....	564-5818
Heuring, Joan .....	564-9694
Horton, Jason .....	564-1731
Hunter, Dana .....	564-2537
Keddy, Ryan .....	837-6344
Lapinoja, Marilyn .....	564-3430
Levan, Cammi .....	445-2681
Lillquist, Derek .....	837-1523
Marquez, Dj .....	564-6039
Mcneely, Charlene .....	564-7003
Myllykangas, Paul .....	538-5853
Nadgwick, Darian .....	445-9685
Nelson, Amber .....	564-5644
Sellers, David .....	564-6519
Shepersky, Brandon .....	564-6029
Simon, Patrick .....	837-6242
Skoog, Elmer .....	564-6044
Spencer, Jr., Gregg .....	564-4663
Tronstad, Dennis .....	472-3182
Wendlandt, Gregory .....	564-4455
Whitmore, Toni .....	472-8553
Wikman, Edward .....	538-3415
Yungbauer, Elizabeth .....	445-5941

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

# Jennifer Skoog Photography, LLC

Jennifer Skoog of Osage has turned her love of taking photos from a hobby into a standout professional photography business. Now in business for five years, Jennifer Skoog Photography, LLC, offers baby, family and wedding photography with a personal, authentic and memorable experience. In addition to great photos, she also offers digital negatives, lustre prints, professional albums, canvases, wood prints, burlap prints and other unique gift items for lasting memories.

Early on, Jennifer applied her artistic vision to capture moments through the lens as a hobby to make additional money for buying more equipment. After realizing how much time, money, effort and heart she put into each photo session, she made the move to become a full time professional photographer. Jennifer's passion for photography is evident when asked about her business. "There is something powerful in interpreting a scene through your eye and lens and capturing it. Life is fleeting and there's a certain thrill factor that this moment does not come again and capturing it in a storytelling way."

Jennifer's passion, along with her natural and rustic style really makes Jennifer Skoog Photography stand-out. She strives to make each client feel special, giving them a memorable experience from start to finish — ending with a "Session Premiere" featuring dessert, coffee and a beautiful slideshow of your loved ones. She also



has unique packages for everyone, including baby's first year and a client referral program.

High quality photography creates large image files; fortunately, Jennifer lives in Wolf Lake —which is another WCTA Fiber to the Home community. She states, "I am always uploading large digital photo files and downloading files, streaming video training seminars — West Central's broadband is vital to my business activities!"

To view Jennifer's work, book a session or just get more information, visit her online at [www.jenniferskoog.com](http://www.jenniferskoog.com). You may also send email to [jennifer@jenniferskoog.com](mailto:jennifer@jenniferskoog.com) or send text to 612-210-3039. Of course, you can always give her a call to learn more at 218-538-6044.