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New Business Spotlight

Do you know a business in WCTA territory that you feel should be highlighted because of their unique service or product, or outstanding service? Let us know! We would like to show our support for new and existing businesses in our territory by highlighting them in our bi-monthly newsletter. We'd like to start this feature with the July/August 2013 newsletter. Nominate a business via email to geris@wcta.net.



Pulju and Kriens Re-elected for Additional Term

2013 Board of Directors, left to right: Hazel Yliniemi, Dave Pulju, Dave Kriens, Bruce Kinnunen and Naomi Moyer.

The 63rd annual meeting of the members was held at the Sebeka High School, Monday, May 20, 2013.

Key officers, the manager, and the controller reported on the status of the cooperative and what the future holds. Bruce Kinnunen highlighted some of the new Smart Home technologies that are available through West Central Telephone with a video presentation. The audience was also treated to a video testimonial that can be viewed online at <http://www.wcta.net/nextlevel/>.

Incumbent directors Dave Pulju of Nimrod and Dave Kriens of Menahga were both re-elected to serve an additional three-year term. Dave Pulju ran unopposed, and with no nominations from the floor, a motion was made followed by a second to cast unanimous ballots for each seat. The members unanimously voted for Dave to

serve an additional term. Dave Kriens received the majority of votes against contender Bruce Juntunen, and was also re-elected to serve an additional term.

Once the meeting was adjourned, door prizes were awarded including a mini iPad that was won by Deanna Zeller, a Wii gaming system that was won by Hazel Nordstrom, and a grand prize of one year of free local telephone service that went to Ardith Holtan.

Kai and Bridget Allen performed with the Scandinavian folk music band Skålmusic before and after the meeting. Subway of Menahga provided the meal. Many door prizes were made possible because of the generosity of our vendors and business partners. Thanks to all who helped make the meeting a success!



Eight \$1,000 Scholarships Awarded

The WCTA Scholarship Committee recently reviewed 17 applications from area high school seniors. Eight students including Tarrin Mickelson, Max Pajari, Tarah Cleveland, Brett Brockpahler, Katianne Brockpahler, Natasha Maninga, Jasmine Titcomb and Tareyn Stomberg were awarded scholarships from WCTA. The scholarships were each valued at \$1,000.

Area high school seniors are invited every year to apply for the WCTA scholarship. Applying for a scholarship is very easy to do. The student can complete the entire scholarship application online, print them, and have them signed by their guidance counselor. This is the sixth year with the online format, which has been really helpful with keeping the applicants consistent and anonymous. The applicants choose from three or four topics for consideration when writing their essay. The scholarship committee reviews applicants based on their essay and community involvement. The scholarship's purpose is to recognize students who have contributed to the quality of life in the communities they live in and to assist them in their educational pursuits.

Only students whose parents or legal guardians are cooperative members at the time of the application are eligible to apply. Children of West Central Telephone's employees or board members are not eligible.



Brett Brockpahler



Katianne Brockpahler



Tarah Cleveland



Natasha Maninga



Tarrin Mickelson



Max Pajari



Tareyn Stomberg



Jasmine Titcomb

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