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Have Fun But Stay Safe This Summer

Summer 2020 will be challenging for all of us due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You may not be able to take the vacations you were planning or participate in other group activities.

West Central Telephone encourages you to follow the precautions recommended by the CDC at www.cdc.gov. As you spend more time at home and depend heavily on the internet for communication and entertainment, let us know if you need an internet upgrade.



Aho and Schmith to Serve Three More Years

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the stay-at-home order issued by Governor Walz, we were forced to postpone the 70th annual meeting of the cooperative. We instead mailed out the annual report, which featured information on the state of the cooperative's financial health and growth. We have not determined a new date to hold the annual meeting.

As the first year to shift to mail-in ballots, we were able to complete the Board of Directors election as planned. The Nominating and Election Committee, along with attorney Jeff Pederson, met at the West Central Telephone office May 11. The committee declared Incumbent Dale Schmith the winner; he will continue to represent the Verndale exchange for a three-year term. Incumbent Harvey Aho ran uncontested and will continue to represent the Wolf Lake exchange for a three-year term.



Dale Schmith



Harvey Aho

In other news, at the April 2020 board meeting, it was decided that over \$1.2 million dollars was allocated for the year 2019. Capital credits were retired this year in the amount of just over \$772,200, which was comprised of 10% of 2019 allocation and 100% of the remaining 2001 allocation. Checks were mailed at the end of May or in some cases, the capital credit check amount was credited to members' accounts.





Strike a Pose on National Selfie Day

Start perfecting your smile! National Selfie Day is coming up on June 21. For best results when taking selfies, follow these tips:

- **Hold the camera up and your chin down.** This is the first rule of selfies. For the best angles, hold the camera above you and tilt your chin slightly down. You may also want to try tilting your head at an angle.
- **Show off your sense of humor.** Have some fun when taking selfies by contorting your face into a strange position or using goofy props.
- **Follow the rule of thirds.** In general, try to have your eye line about one-third down from the top of the frame. To improve composition, keep your face to one side rather than putting it in the center.
- **Stay close.** Keep your shots tight to your face to avoid distracting backgrounds.
- **Choose the right light.** Pick an area with flattering lighting — either outside or inside near a window.

Don't forget to share the fun using the hashtag #NationalSelfieDay.

WE'RE OFFERING FREE PUBLIC WI-FI

During the COVID-19 crisis, internet access is a critical resource for online learning and other essential work. If you don't have home internet service, West Central Telephone has made free public Wi-Fi available outside these buildings from your parked car:

- **WCTA Sebeka Office:** 308 Frontage Rd, Sebeka, MN 56477
- **WCTA Menahga Office:** 14 Main ST W, Menahga, MN 56464
- **Wolf Lake Central Office:** 110 S Manninen Ave, Wolf Lake, MN 56593
- **Nimrod Central Office:** 23308 Nimrod Ave, Sebeka, MN 56477
- **McNair Park:** 101 SW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
- **Menahga Forest Park & Campground:** 825 Aspen Ave SE, Menahga, MN 56464
- **Sebeka City Park & Campground:** Hwy 71, Sebeka, MN 56477

No password is required for access.

Free Channel Previews Continue

Several programmers began offering free channel previews for our subscribers after the stay-at-home order for Minnesota was announced. Hallmark, Hallmark Movies & Mysteries and Hallmark Drama continue their free previews on both the SD and HD channels through June 15. Nick Jr. will begin a 60-day free preview June 1 and end July 30. For up-to-date channel listings, press the Guide button on your remote.



SHOOT FOR THE STARS, GRADUATES



WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR STELLAR ACHIEVEMENTS

WCTA wishes the best to all of the graduates in our community — whether graduating from preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, or college. No matter where you are in your educational journey, moving forward is cause for celebration. We also applaud the contributions of your parents, other family members, and teachers. You are shining brightly today because of their support of you in the past.

Good luck, graduates! We look forward to seeing what the world has in store for you.