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## Find us on Facebook!

Log in to your Facebook account and search for West Central Telephone, or just click on the Facebook icon on our website — [www.wcta.net](http://www.wcta.net). We'll keep you updated with happenings at the cooperative, share interesting stories, and give you tips on great TV, websites, and more!



## Lee Denim Days



Mike Rowe and his mom, Peggy, a breast cancer survivor.

On Friday, October 7, 2011, West Central Telephone will participate in Lee National Denim Day to help raise funds for research projects that fight breast cancer. This grassroots program has raised more than \$83 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).

What would you spend on a pair of jeans? That's what it costs to fight breast cancer; donate what you would spend, or give what you can. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Imagine how that number might change if we all gave a little more.

West Central Telephone employees that make at least a \$5 donation will get to wear jeans to work on October 7, 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 7 to make a tax-deductible donation, or email Jennifer Grewe at [jenniferg@wcta.net](mailto:jenniferg@wcta.net) to learn how you or your company can participate. You can also make a difference at [denimday.com](http://denimday.com).**



# Celebrate National Co-op Month at Open House October 14

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.

Today's telecommunications cooperatives, including West Central Telephone, offer an ever expanding list of services including broadband services like digital TV, high speed Internet, 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 14, 2011, from 11am to 3pm. Stop by for special deals, door prizes, food, and fun. More information will be sent in October. Don't miss this fun event!



## Directory Photo Contest

West Central Telephone is gearing up to bring you the new 2012 WCTA Directory and we want your photo to have a chance to grace the cover.

### \$200 Cash for the Winning Photo!

#### Contest Rules:

- Amateur photographers only; no professionals please.
- Contest open to West Central Telephone customers only; employees or Directors of the cooperative or members of their household, are not eligible.
- Each household may submit up to five photographs.
- Photos should be in digital form, at least 300 dpi, preferably in JPEG format.
- Photos should not be altered or enhanced and should be taken within the WCTA territory.
- If the photo includes people, the individual(s) cannot be easily identified.
- Trademarks, commercial names, or advertisements must not appear anywhere in the photograph.
- Photos must be emailed to [geris@wcta.net](mailto:geris@wcta.net) and include "Photo Contest" in the subject line along with your name, address, phone number, and brief description of the picture in the body of the email.
- NO PRINTED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED; DIGITAL COPIES ONLY.



**Deadline for entries—Friday, September 30, 2011.**

### Can Customers Find You Online?

In today's economy, it is extremely important for your business to be seen by potential customers by placing advertising in our highly used print directory. Trends also indicate that more and more consumers are searching for businesses online or with mobile devices.

Our local search site, [www.localsolution.com](http://www.localsolution.com), allows you to promote your business by adding your print ad, photos, a video, and much more to your online business listing. A localsolution app is available for iPhone® and iPad®, allowing easy access for customers to find you when it matters most. Make sure your business can be found in both the WCTA print telephone directory and on [localsolution.com](http://localsolution.com).

For more information or to advertise, please contact West Central Telephone at 800-945-2163 or contact Pinnacle Publishing directly at 800-343-8086.

Find it online at...  


# 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 800-945-2163.



Lynch, Thomas & Cathryn  
Hobson, Carole  
Steinke, Donald  
Aag, Ruth  
All American Towing (Jay Kopp)  
Al's Glass  
(Allan & Lori Stockwell)  
Anderson, Scott & Marie  
Arnett, Raymond  
Arnold, Louisa  
AT&T  
Automated Wagering Inter Inc  
Bachleitner, Loretta  
Barnett, Edith  
Barrett, Gary & Mary  
Bartel, David  
Beach, Deb  
Beavers, Gena  
Bettin, Daniel  
Blooflat, Bradley  
Bonkoski, Nathan  
Bortle, Chuck  
Bowen, Denise (Carol Schmitz)  
Brander, Richard  
Brazer, Thomas & Kathleen  
Bremer, Steve & Vicki  
Brenna, Todd & Kris  
Bridger, Jim & Gina  
Bromen, Ron  
Brown, Dave  
Brown, Margaret  
Bryniarski, Chad  
Buckley, Eric & Gwendolyn  
Burcham, Jackie  
Burns, Bill  
C & E Construction Manage  
Cain, Elaine  
Cain, John  
Cameron, Russ  
Carlson, Randy  
Carnell, Ron & Sandra  
Carpick, Michael A  
Chase, Jeremy  
Chevalier, Daniel  
Chevalier, Daniel J  
Bebler, Brooke J  
Chilson, Todd & Starla  
Chong, Gary  
Christensen, Tina  
Cochran, Patrick  
Coghlin, Robert  
Comeau, Richard  
Cooper, Bruce & Carla  
Crawford, Tom  
Cridler, Dean W  
Culp, Margaret  
Cunningham, Chuck  
Cushman, Mabel  
Dahl, Richard  
Daugherty, Ronda & Bill  
Dave's Verndale Grocery  
David, Danae  
Davis, Donna  
Delaske, Ryan  
Devore, Joe  
Dohman, Robert  
Dravenstott, Vicki  
Driza, Charles  
Eastling, Randy  
Erickson, Clara

Erickson, Harvey V  
Faerber, Tim  
Fern, Daniel  
Fix, Jeff  
Fletschock, Lindsey  
Foley, Tim  
France, William  
Frimanslund, Jeff  
Fyock, Lee & Claudia  
Gambino, Joe & Nancy  
GB's Auto Glass & Service  
Geis, Les & Elaine  
Geoghegan, Suzan  
George, Kyle  
Gerlach Comm Holding Group  
Gise, Ruth  
Goff, Dennis Lee  
Gomez, Sheila  
Gotsch, Travis & Kelly  
Graba, Ross  
Grasshoff, Eleanor  
Grotberg, Jim  
Grotberg, Richard  
Haataja, Linne  
Hailstone, Bethanee  
Hailstone, Mark  
Haisman, Joe  
Halland, Ruby  
Hall, Greg  
Halpaus, Harlen  
Hammerbacker, Lawrence (Tylar Towers)  
Handt, William  
Hanneken, Chris  
Hansen, Stacy  
Haraldson, Martin & Ardith  
Hayes, Daniel  
Heinen, Todd  
Helling, John  
Hendricks, Lizabeth  
Hendricks, Mike  
Hendrickson, Carl  
Hendrickson, Rodney  
Henken, Raymond & Darcie  
Henricks, Shawn  
Hepokoski, Lisa  
Hershberger, Roy  
Hiltunen, Beverly  
Hoefs, Dana  
Holtz, Kenneth A  
Holmquist, Debby  
Hoose, Trevor & Julie  
Horton, Loren  
Huhta, Kevin & Rebecca  
Hunter, Steve  
Isola, Leann  
Iwen, Alysia B  
Iwen, Josh  
Jacobsen, Leroy  
Jacobson, Dan  
Jensen, Bryon  
Jensen, Marlys  
Johnsen, Charlie & Mae  
Johnsen, Mary (Mia)  
Johnson, Jeremiah & Marlene  
Johnson, Scott  
Johnson, Steven  
Johnston, Andrew  
Kalba, Linda  
Kaufman, Roy

Keller, Gero  
Kelly, Heidi  
Kelley, Michael  
Kinnunen, Rick  
Kircher, Tammy  
Kluge, Darrel  
Knapp III, William  
Knudson, Jennifer  
Knuttila, Mary Jane  
Kofstad, John & Pat  
Kopp, Jennie  
Kuhn's Agri Specialties  
Kuhnau, Peggy  
Kumpula, Eugene & Joyce  
Ladd, Kerry  
Langguth, Blanche (Janet Scott)  
Laposky, Russell  
Larson, Brent  
Larson, Eric  
Larson, Tamara  
Larson, William  
Lehmkuhl, Phyllis  
Lenoir, Jessica  
Leritz, Steve  
Lewis, Mary (Paul Lewis)  
Limanen, Jody  
Long, Deborah  
Lorentz, Mark  
Lund, Curtis  
Makinen, Maynard  
Marjama, Arch  
Marthaler, Kevin  
Martin Instrument Co  
Ma's Country Café (Saletha Pettit)  
Mason, John & Brenda  
Matheny, Kent  
Maves, Dale  
McAllister, James  
McAllister, Peggy  
McCaffrey, Kevin  
McGrath, Karen  
McLouden, Helen  
McManigle, Curtis  
Mead, Alfred  
Mead, Frances  
Menahga Auto Sales (Thomas Halverson)  
Mensen, Betty  
Merkel, Brenda  
Metteer, Thomas  
Meyer, Steve  
Mico, Paul  
Mico, Susan  
Milbradt, Ryan & Kerry  
Miller, Dawn  
Miller, Ernest R (Tom Crocco)  
Miller, R E  
Minnesota Kilns Inc (Lee Haugen)  
Mueller, Evan  
Munger, Dorothy  
Musgrove, Carol  
Myers, Scott  
Nation, Ivan E  
Neal, Phillip  
Neisen, Daniel  
Nelmark, Jason  
Nelson, Brian  
Nelson, Cheryl

Nelson, Lois  
Nemeth, Marian  
Ness, Michelle  
Niska, Edwin  
Nissila, Marlene  
Nordling, Pete  
Norris, Mary  
Norris, Sharon  
Norris, Wanda  
Odland, Kristy  
Oelke, Joe  
Ollila, Terry  
Olson, Bradley  
Osborn, Sandy  
Osterman, Sidney & Twyla  
Ostrander, Deanna  
Otto, Bill A  
Palloch, David  
Paski, Bronte  
Perron, Karen  
Peters, Jerry  
Petersen, Cheri  
Petersen, Terry  
Peterson, Cindy Mobile Trans (Steve)  
Peterson, James & Gail  
Peterson, Kris  
Peterson, Marie  
Peterson, Tyler  
Pietila, Willard  
Pikkraraine, Tina  
Pink Pony Ceramics (Dave & Arlene Mattila)  
Pinkston, Charles  
Pioneer Parlor (Kim Parkos)  
Plautz, Mike  
Polum, Desiree (Scott Anderson)  
Poppenga, Duane  
Pulju, Ervin  
Putikka, Jeff  
Rainbows End Daycare (Val Burkman & Kari Tomperi)  
Rand, Sheila  
Rapid Wireless (Fred Tuominen)  
Rasmussen, Dick  
Richards, Lorie  
Richard's Repair (Richard Berttunen)  
Riddle, Raymond  
Riley, Shaun  
Risley, David & Marla  
River Market (Rosanne Bauer)  
Ronning, Robert & Anna  
Rono, Robert  
Rutkowski, John  
Ryland, Georgette  
S & M Auto (Roger Moti)  
Miller, R E  
Salzwedel, Gerald  
Sandbek, Marv  
Sams, Rhonda  
Savarese, Vincent  
Scheller, Jim  
Schilling, Darin & Candace  
Schemmel, Maria  
Schmidt, Ken & Geri  
Schreifels, Ken  
Schultz, Dennis & Linda  
Shultz, Keith  
Schumacher, Bonnie

Schwartz, Marianne  
Scribner, Steve  
Seals, Ira & Tracy  
Seaton, Michelle  
Sebeka Salvage (Chris Pouliot)  
Sero, Elizabeth  
Settle, Lorraine  
Seward, Leslie  
Shepersky, Debra (Jerry Kisgen)  
Shore, Timothy  
Sibrava, J L (Lenore Maaninga)  
Skaro, Melissa  
Skinner, Sarah  
Skoog Dairy (Art Skoog)  
Skoog Earl R & Beulah E  
Slavick, Joe & Susan  
Slominski, Tonya  
Smith, Renee  
Spearbeck, Dale  
Standard, Call  
Standfield, Bill  
Stanhope, Frank  
Stockler, Robert  
Stockwell, Harlan  
Storm, Martin  
Stout, Randolph  
Stromberg, Heidi  
Sturges, Sue (Moench)  
Sub-Stop (A & B Matson)  
Suhl, Christina  
Suhl, Julie  
Super, George  
Swank, David Jr & Monica  
Swenson, Willis  
Tammy's Hair Design (Tammy Bergman)  
Tangeman, Chuck & Deb  
Tann, George  
Thompson, Scott  
Thomson, Donald & Delores  
Trademark Homes  
Tri-County Holstein (Wayne Etter jr)  
Tschudi, Troy & Maryanne  
Twidwell, Darlene  
US West Network Planning (P Fox)  
Utz, Jason (Eggighausen)  
Van Heel, Wayne  
Vandeusen, Jane  
Verndale All Star Service (UCI)  
Vreeland, Kenneth  
Waghorne, Mark & Christine  
Wahl, Charlie  
Wealot, Bill & Karen  
Sagedahl, Scott  
Salzwedel, Gerald  
Sandbek, Marv  
Sams, Rhonda  
Savarese, Vincent  
Scheller, Jim  
Schilling, Darin & Candace  
Schemmel, Maria  
Schmidt, Ken & Geri  
Schreifels, Ken  
Schultz, Dennis & Linda  
Shultz, Keith  
Schumacher, Bonnie





## Welcome, New Members

Albin, Gary.....	837-5983
Bounds Drywall.....	445-5336
CD's Motel.....	837-5948
Estabrooks, Tim.....	472-3150
Faulkner, Travus J.....	837-5889
Filipi, Richard.....	564-5649
Finck (Sidenkrantz), Christine.....	837-6019
Frahm, James.....	837-5978
Hawkins, Lisa.....	837-5231
Jacob, Rocky.....	564-5643
Jacobson, Daryl.....	445-5596
Kloepfel, Sheryl.....	564-5618
Kumpula, Brita.....	564-5651
Kumpula, David C.....	538-6050
L&J Sportsman's Café, LLC.....	564-5590
Larson, Brian.....	564-5636
National Precision Machining &.....	837-5000
Noonan, Steve.....	564-5609
Ohlgren, Thomas.....	564-5603
Oswalt, Alyse.....	837-5984
Phillips, Joshua.....	564-5629
Scheele, Teddy.....	564-2147
Skilling, Darwin.....	445-9061
Smith, April.....	837-5892
Stifter, Dan.....	564-5652
Valentin, Eric.....	837-6012
Warmbold, Marvin.....	837-5790
Wright, Jason.....	564-5645



# Fall MIRC Business Computer Workshops

All classes are offered free through the Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities (MIRC) programs in Sebeka and Menahga, and will be taught by University of Minnesota Extension Service instructors. Light refreshments will be provided by West Central Telephone Association.

**Call WCTA at 837-5151 to register, or your MIRC community coordinator for more information:**

**Menahga area MIRC coordinators:**

Steve Peterson, 218-564-6420  
or speter@wcta.net  
Linda Peterson, 218-564-4620  
or lindyjo@wcta.net

**Sebeka area MIRC coordinators:**

Monica Quaschnick, 218-837-5151  
or monicaq@wcta.net  
Pam Mahling, 218-837-5151  
or pamm@wcta.net

## Websites: Simple to Complex

**Tuesday, September 27  
Menahga School Computer Lab  
6 to 9pm**

Starting a business website doesn't have to be an intimidating process. More than ever before, there are a variety of great options for business owners to explore. For some business people, the free and easy option is best. For others, there is a need to customize with a unique design and features. There are also many options in between. In this three-hour, hands-on workshop, participants will learn about the options available for creating a business website. These options will include the free and easy-to-use resources, moderately priced customizable websites, and more complex websites. Participants

learn tips related to working with Web designers and programmers, understanding pricing, and understanding costs. Participants will also explore websites created at all levels of complexity and determine the best options for their needs.

## One-to-Ones

**Wednesday, September 28  
Sebeka School Computer Lab  
9am to 4pm**

**OR**

**Wednesday, October 19  
Menahga School Computer Lab  
9am to 4pm**

One-to-Ones are your chance to meet with the Extension Educator, Adeel Ahmed, to ask specific questions. The One-to-Ones are 30 minutes or 1 hour in length and they are FREE due to funding from the Blandin Foundation available only for a limited time. Be sure to schedule a time for this fantastic opportunity.

## Blogging for Business

**Tuesday, October 18  
Sebeka School Computer Lab  
6 to 9pm**

**OR**

**Thursday, October 20  
Menahga School Computer Lab  
8 to 11am**

Blogs are simple, inexpensive ways for businesses to gain a credible online presence and reach their current and new customers. There are a variety of blogging tools available for business owners and many are free. Participants will learn the basics of good blogging, the tools available to make and update a blog, and how to promote your blog and your business!