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## NEVER. GIVE. UP.

As sponsors, we hope you'll join us in an effort to raise suicide awareness and prevention. On Saturday, September 20th in New York Mills at Ralph Henry Smith Athletic Field there will be a 5K Run/Walk with proceeds going to provide New York Mills Public School and community with education and resources to increase suicide awareness and prevention.

The event is planned by the Never.Give.Up. committee with support from Shatter the Silence and the Christopher Benz Foundation — two non-profit organizations working for the cause.

To find out more, visit [Never.Give.Up.](#) on Facebook. To register go to [www.christopherbenzfoundation.org](http://www.christopherbenzfoundation.org) and click on Events.



## Manage MyWi-Fi

Any household with multiple users or multiple devices will appreciate the “connect anywhere” Wi-Fi access. Whether you have multiple laptops, tablets, wireless printers, gaming devices, smart DVD players, Internet-connected TVs, e-readers or phones with Wi-Fi access, anyone in your family can use their wireless device from anywhere in your home—at the same time. That's the convenience of a high-speed wireless home network.

There are many things to consider when contemplating a home Wi-Fi network including your broadband speed, the number of devices and usage, wireless components like network interface cards and routers, and maybe the most important—the security of your home Wi-Fi. Our professional staff can help you choose the best broadband speed, the right router and, with our new Manage MyWi-Fi service, configure a secure network.

### Manage MyWi-Fi service includes the following features:

- Connection of up to 4 wireless enabled devices
- Set up of printer and file sharing
- Set up of network security to protect you and your personal information
- Ongoing phone support for the wireless network



With Manage MyWi-Fi, we take care of your wireless network, ensuring that it remains secure and strong for great connections. Plus, you choose to either lease the router, guaranteeing the latest technology for only \$4.95 per month, or use your own equipment for only \$3.95 per month.

It's important to take the appropriate steps to secure your home wireless network. If you don't secure your wireless network, everything on it, including your personal information, can be accessed by strangers. They may be able to view your files on your computer, read your email, copy your usernames and passwords, and slow down your Internet connection. Manage MyWi-Fi from West Central Telephone provides fast, secure access to the Internet on all of your Wi-Fi capable devices.

**For more information, call 837-5151.**

# Aloha! Come Celebrate National Co-op Month October 8th.

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.

As your cooperative, we offer an ever expanding list of services including broadband services like digital TV, high-speed Internet and security, surveillance and monitoring, as well as telephone, long distance, custom calling features, business phone systems, and more.

Come celebrate Cooperative Month October 8th, from 11 am to 3 pm at the Sebeko office. It's also the general manager's last Co-op month before he retires in 2015, so we hope you'll stop by to wish him well and to say Aloha! As always, there will be 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 2015 WCTA Directory and we want your photo to grace the cover. \*Submit your favorite photo at [www.facebook.com/WestCentralTelephone](http://www.facebook.com/WestCentralTelephone). Be sure to include a sentence or two about the photo, like where it was taken and why you think it would look great on the new directory cover.

### \$200 Cash for the Winning Photo

Contest Rules:

- Amateur photographers only; no professionals please.
- Contest open to West Central customers only; employees or directors of the cooperative or members of their household, are not eligible.
- Each household may submit up to 10 photographs.
- Photos should be in digital form, at least 300 dpi, preferably in JPEG format.
- Name photos with your name and number of entry, such as: `geri salmela1.jpg`, `geri salmela2.jpg`, etc.
- **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 submitted online through our Facebook page found at [facebook.com/WestCentralTelephone](http://facebook.com/WestCentralTelephone). \*Alternatively, you may email the photo to [geris@wcta.net](mailto:geris@wcta.net) with "Photo Contest" in the subject line and **your name, address, phone number and brief description of the picture in the body of the email. Entries on Facebook are preferred!**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO PRINTED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED; DIGITAL COPIES ONLY.**
- All entries will become the property of West Central Telephone; submission implies consent to use photos on the Directory Cover or in any other advertising campaign.



**Deadline for entries — Friday, September 26, 2014.**



**Saving  
Mr. Banks**  
Premiering September 5  
**starz**

Author P. L. Travers travels to California to meet with Walt Disney about turning her book *Mary Poppins* into a movie — but it's a power struggle until Walt discovers the story's secret.

Visit [starz.com](http://starz.com) for airdates/times. STARZ and related channels and service marks are the property of Starz Entertainment, LLC. *Saving Mr. Banks* © Disney Enterprises, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

## 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.

Ackerman, Esther % Edith Eliason	Engebretson, Steven Erickson, Clara % Clair Erickson	Hull, Charles & Erica Hunter, Steve	Meyer, Kevin Miles, Chris	Savarese, Vincent Schultz, Dennis & Linda
All American Towing % Jay Kopp	Erickson, Harvey V. Erickson, Penny (Woods)	Hutmacher, Mark Ihme, James	Miller, Charles Miller, Ernest R. % Tom Crocco	Schultz, Laurie Schweitzberger, Arthur
Anderson, Rodney & Susan Anderson, Cheryl	Erickson, Todd Fern, Daniel	Isola, Leann Jacobsen, Leroy	Miller, Lee Wutzke, Nicole	Scribner, Steve Seaton, Michelle
Andler, Martha Andress Chiropractic	Foley, Tom Fouts, Margaret	Jensen, Marlys Johnsen, Charlie & Mae	Mitchell, Peace Modern Banking Systems	Sebeka, Salvage % Chris Pouliot
Andrie, Steve & Renae Austad, Dennis	France, William Friest, Bruce	Johnsen, Mary (Mia) Johnson, David	Mohs, Susan Mueller, Evan	Sero, Elizabeth Shepersky, Debra % Jerry Kisgen
Automated Wagering Inter. Inc. Bacon, Kim	Frimanslund, Jeff Frisch, Dan	Johnson, Harvey R. Johnson, Sarrah % Vanda Smith	Musgrove, Carol Nation, Ivan E.	Siltala, Derek Soules, Donna
Balzum, Tammy Bartel, David	Fyock, Lee & Claudia George, Kyle	Johnson, Scott Johnston, Andrew	Neisen, Daniel Nelson, Ruth V.	Sparby, Paul Spearbeck, Dale
Beavers, Gena Beeler, Lawrence	Glass, Titus Godlevske, Kevin	Juntunen, Jeffrey & Melanie Kam, Ling	Ness, Michelle Neumann, Roderick	Stockwell, Harlan Sturges, Sue (Moench) (Bowen)
Benson, Alice J Bettin, Daniel	Gratke, Kelly Gravelle, Durwood	Keranan, Melissa Kimbrough, Jennifer	Neurer, Pat Niska, Edwin	Sullinger, Marty Tann, George
Blanchard, Ruth Blooflat, Bradley	Grose, Anna Grotberg, Jim	Kinnunen, Rick Klondike Café % Erin Jepson	Norris, Wanda O'Brien, Nicholas	Thompson, Scott Tovar, Frank & Lisa
Boyd, Robert Boutain, Harvey	Haisman, Joe Hall, Greg	Knudson, Jennifer Krusemark, Robert	Odland, Darla Olson, Bradley	Tri-Count Holstein % Wayne Etter Jr.
Brazer, Thomas & Kathleen Bridger, Jim & Gina	Halonen, Katie Halonen, Sharen	Ladd, Kerry Lafamme, Craig & Sara	Olson, Duane & Karla Olson, Nancy E.	Twidwell, Darlene Vandeusen, Jane
Broughton, Donald & Sharon Buckley, Eric & Gwendolyn	Hammerbacker, Lawrence % Tyler Towers	Langguth, Blanche % Janet Scott	Osterman, Sidney & Twyla Ottens, George	Vitela, Linda Wagner, Dick & Doris % Audrey Earl
Bunnell, David & Dori Bunting, Toni	Handt, William Hanneken, Chris	Lapovsky, Russell Larson, Eric	Otterstetter, Adam Packila, Linda	Wagner, Tom Ward, Gary
Burgau, Troy & Shanon Burns, Bill	Harn, Justin Harne, Michael	Larson, Tamara Lemir, Tom	Peterick, Leroy Peterick, Mikki	Wealot, Bill & Karen Wegner, Daniel
Cain, Elaine Camerson, Russ	Haugen, Jeanmarie Hayes, Daniel	Lenoir, Chetna Lepper, Mark	Petersen, Jerry Peterson, Marie R.	Wicklund, David Williams, LeRoy
Carstens, Jim & Deana Caulk, Chris	Hendricks, Lizabeth Hendrickson, David	Liimatta, Roger Lollar, Terri	Phelpsboone, Debra Pince, Curtiss & Charlotte	Williams, R.T. % Al A. Williams
Cherne, Ferne Country Café % Bob Kessler	Hepokoski, Lisa Hershberger, Shad	Makinen, Maynard Marquette, Melissa	Poppenga, Duane Pulju, Ervin	Wirkkala, Eric Wittstruck, Doug % Terry Motel
Crist, Brandon Culp, Margaret	Hillier, Layne Hobson, Carole	Marthaler, Kevin Mason, John & Brenda	Puttonen, Demetric Rah, Jerry	Woods, Dalene Ylioja, Olga % Pat Haataja
Cunningham, Chuck Davis, Clarence % Karla Sundvall	Holmen, Kris Holmquist, Debby	McCallister, Peggy McDonald, Deb	Rah, Jerry Relitz, Sharon	Youngbauer, Wauneta Zutter, Yvette
Davis, Donna Dean, James & Shawn	Hodgakker, Dawn Horse, N. Around % Lin Stoecker	McGrath, Karen Mclouden, Helen % Lenore Mclouden	Riddle, Raymond Ronning, Robert & Anna	
Degroat, Dawn Delaney, Debbie	Hoskins, Tawnya Housman, Melissa	Mensen, Betty Meyer, Dan	Ruona, Harold S & M Auto % Roger Motl	
Devore, Joe			Sagedahl, Scott	

## Welcome, New Members

Aho, Rylan.....	538-0028
Baso, Michael.....	564-6055
Beidleman, Debbie .....	564-3629
Bray, Frank .....	837-0829
Bromen, Donald .....	564-4634
Campbell, Dale .....	445-4521
Conner, Jeff.....	564-6045
Crandall-Fordyce, Allen.....	564-6468
Dickhausen, Ruth .....	564-7864
Drewes, Jerry .....	564-2223
Dunbar, Ashley .....	445-1092
Forcier, Paulette.....	445-5945
Gonska, Laura.....	564-5917
Grant, Beth.....	564-5790
Hanson, Krista.....	837-6274
Heegard, Sandra .....	564-5866
Hendrickson, Russ .....	564-1417
Holman, John.....	445-9999
Imdieke, Kim .....	837-2437
Impola, Elma .....	564-3958
Johnson, Joyce.....	564-2735
Jones, Gary.....	564-2240
Kari, Richard.....	564-2493
Kesler, Doug.....	837-6288
Kinnunen, Darlene .....	564-1754
Laine, Evalt.....	564-3465
Lake, Angela .....	538-6691
Loukusa, Aaron .....	538-6068
Lusti, Marvin.....	564-6396
Nadgwick, Darian .....	445-9685
Olson, Jeremy .....	538-6080
Opsahl, Dave.....	538-1887
Osberg, Jason.....	837-4157
Pederson Oil Sales, Inc.....	564-4416
Perron, Sasha.....	445-6554
Peterson, Jason .....	564-6633
Pickar, Kaylee .....	564-1368
Poirier, Gary.....	837-6306
Shaver, Beverly .....	564-0937
Theusch, Richard .....	837-6273
Tri-County Health Care .....	445-5990
Waaraniemi, Keith.....	564-9567



*Pictured is Lynn Litzau, Customer Service and Clint Kyllonen, Sr. Project Manager of Zenergy.*

## Business Spotlight: Zenergy



Zenergy of Sebeka is a leader in providing solar energy products and installations for residents and businesses in the Midwest states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin. They install solar panels, such as photovoltaic (pv) panels, solar air furnace panels and solar thermal water panels as well as offer electrical contracting.

Zenergy began its roots in renewable energy back in 2006 through the development of solar and wind technology by WCTA that provided remote backup power to telephone system nodes. With a demand for renewable energy in the area—both residentially and commercially, and no one to deliver these services, WCTA launched Zenergy to offer residents information and guidance on renewable energy options. Since then Zenergy has installed over 300 kW of solar energy products across the Midwest, grown from 1 full time employee to 8 full time employees, and incorporated as an LLC.

With a continued focus on growth and a full staff of electricians on hand, Zenergy added electrical contracting services to their business offerings in 2012. Zenergy's experienced electricians serve residential and commercial customers with a wide range of electrical contracting services for new construction, remodeling, building expansions, lighting retrofits just to name a few.

**If you are thinking of pursuing renewable energy for your home or business or have an electrical project to quote, be sure to give the staff at Zenergy a call. You can reach them at 218-837-5155 or through email at [info@zenergyguide.com](mailto:info@zenergyguide.com)**