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Give a Coat and Share the Warmth

Cold weather is coming, and many people in Wadena and Otter Tail counties are without warm winter coats. To help, WCTA is collecting clean, gently used coats (and hats, scarves and gloves) to distribute to families in need.

Bring your donations now until mid-December to the WCTA office in Sebeka or Menahga. We're working with the Mahube-Otwa Community Action Council to distribute the coats. If you're in need of one, please contact your county office.



Celebrate National Co-op Month at our October 17 Open House

October is National Co-op Month, and this year's theme is "Cooperatives – See the Future." As your cooperative, WCTA is committed to this community and our members. Cooperatives benefit the economy of the communities served by returning revenues generated by the cooperative to local members rather than removed shareholders. Cooperatives are motivated by service to their members in addition to profit.

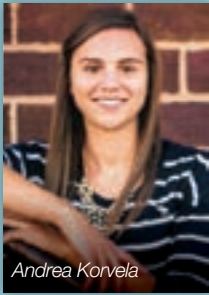
WCTA offers an ever-expanding list of communications solutions including:

- Broadband services such as digital TV, high-speed internet and systems for security, surveillance and monitoring
- Telephone, long distance, custom calling features, business phone systems and more

We invite you to come celebrate National Co-op Month at our Open House on Wednesday, October 17 from 11am-1pm at the Sebeka office. We'll have technology demonstrations going on throughout the Open House and there will be special deals on services, door prizes, free food and fun. Look for more information coming in October and make plans now to stop by this annual event!



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Andrea Korvela



Brett Brockpahler



Hannah Vorderbruggen



Mitchell Blaha



Paige Hartman



Paul Funk

Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners

The WCTA Second Year or Beyond Scholarship is given to assist local students attending college. We congratulate the six 2018 recipients who each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Directory Photo Contest

West Central Telephone is gearing up to bring you the new 2019 WCTA Directory and we encourage you to enter our Directory Photo Contest. **If you win, your photo will grace the cover and you'll receive \$200 in cash. Submit your favorite photo at 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.

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 10 photographs.
- Photos should be in digital form, at least 300 dpi, preferably in jpg format.
- **Name photo files 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 should be submitted online through our Facebook page found at facebook.com/WestCentralTelephone.
- **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 cover of the 2019 WCTA Directory or in any other advertising campaign.

Deadline for entries is Monday, October 1, 2018.

**Alternatively, you may email the photo to 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, however, are preferred!*



Warriors of Liberty City[®]

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"Warriors of Liberty City," a docuseries from PGA award-winning director and producer Evan Rosenfeld, explores Liberty City — a crime-ridden neighborhood in Miami, Florida that is arguably the NFL's largest, most successful football factory. The series follows a season with the Liberty City Warriors, a youth football program founded by an unlikely mentor: hip hop pioneer Luther Campbell, better known as "Uncle Luke."

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Return to Sender: Address Unknown

As a cooperative, we send our members the reward of a capital credits check each year we are successful. Some members move out of the area but forget to give us an updated address, or a member may no longer be living. In either case, the checks are returned to us. **The 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.**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aldrich, Orris | Davis, Ginny | Hoppe, Joan | Milbradt, Dale & Donna | Sharp, Danny |
| Allebach, Rodney & Linda | Dean, James & Shaun | Housman, Melissa | Miles, Chris | Shultz, Ronnie |
| Amundson, Bryan & Shanna | Denny, Dale Jr & Lori | Huhta, Naemi | Miller, Ernest R | Siirila, Martha |
| Anderson, Cheryl | Denny, Donna | Hunter, Steve | Modern Banking Systems | Sirucek, Roger |
| Anderson, Elsa | Devore, Joe | Huntley, Leslie (Dick) | Mohs, Susan | Slominski, Tonya |
| Anderson, Jerome | Driza, Charles | Hutmacher, Mark | Moorman, Shawna | South, Diane |
| Anderson, Rodney & Susan | Duerr, Jason | Impola, Alethea | Mueller, Evan | Sparby, Oscar |
| Anderson, Roy M | Erhardt, Brian Lee | Jensen, Bryon | Nation, Ivan E | Spencer, Jeff |
| Arnett, Ellen | Erickson, James | Jensen, Robert | Neisen, Daniel | Spirit Lake Café |
| Arnold, Louisa | Evergreen Real Estate Co | Jepson, Mark | Nelmark, Jason | Stone, Robert & Julie |
| Arretche, Frank | Farber, Shannon | Johnsen, Charlie & Mae | Neurer, Pat | Stromberg, Heidi |
| Atkins, Daniel & Cheryl | Feldt, Brain | Johnsen, Mary (Mia) | Nevala, Ross | Storm, Martin |
| Black, Jessica | Fern, Daniel | Johnson, Eva | Niska, Edwin | Sullinger, Marty |
| Black, Theodore | Fisher, Charlene | Johnson, Harvey R | Nord, David & Nancy | Swank, David Jr & Monica |
| Borch, R J | Forys, Joe | Johnston, Andrew | Norris, Sharon | Syverson, Doug & Betty |
| Boyd, Robert | Foster, Dina | Johnson, Sue | Norris, Wanda | Tellin, Howard |
| Branstner, Michelle | France, William | Jones, April | Northwest Financial | Thompson, Scott |
| Branstner, Steve | Friest, Bruce | Kam, Ling | Oguejiofor, Felix | Tschudi, Troy & Maryanne |
| Brasel, Joseph | Gaertner, Nicole | Kaufman, Roy | Olson, Brenda | Tuorila, Patricia |
| Brazer, Thomas & Kathleen | Gambino, Joe & Nancy | Keller, Gero | Olson, Nancy E | Vandeusen, Jane |
| Brenna, Todd & Kris | Garner, Mark & Kristi | Keranan, Melissa | Ottens, George | Varriano, Michelle |
| Brolsma, Tracy | Gedde, Dan | Kliever, Constance | Otterstetter, Adam | Wagner, Margo |
| Brown, Caroline | Geis, Les & Elaine | Knapp, Shawn | Pangrac, Andy | Wegner, Daniel |
| Brown, David | Gieser, Richard | Knapp, Wally | Parkhurst, Scott & Sheila | Wellman, Michael |
| Bryniarski, Chad | Geoghegan, Suzan | Kocurek, Judy | Parks, Scott & Jean | Wellnitz, Melvin |
| Buckley, Eric & Gwendolyn | Gise, Ruth | Lamont, Helen | Packila, Linda | Wetteland, Jaclyn |
| Bunnell, David & Dori | Godlevske, Kevin | Larson, Eric | Peasley, John & Nicole | White, Deborah |
| Bunting, Toni | Golda, Ricky | Larson, Tamara | Pederson, Eric | Wick, Lloyd D & Evelyn |
| Bushey, Pete | Gomez, Sheila | Latto, Art | Pesola, Mae | Wittstruck, Doug |
| Cain, Elaine | Graba, Ross | Lehtimaki, Hilda | Phillips, I H | Williams, LeRoy |
| Cameron, Russ | Gran, Travis | Lenoir, Jessica | Pickar, Tina | Worms, Carol |
| Carlson, Tom & Darlene | Gravelle, Durwood | Lenzen, Neil | Pride, Debra | Yiniemi, Richard Jr & Darcy |
| Carstens, Jim & Deana | Greenstein, Connie | Liimatta, Roger | Ranua, Todd | Zanutto, Garielle |
| Cary-Casteel, Alice | Gukeisen, Amy | Loeffler, Darwin | Rasmussen, Julie | |
| Champagne, Richard E | Haavisto, Alpo | Lown, Neil | Reger, Gary & Karen A | |
| Chandler, Lisa | Halpaus, Harlen | LTI Rubber Modling Inc | Riddle, Raymond | |
| Christensen, Tina | Hammerbacker, Lawrence | Lubo, Floyd & Mary | Rittenhouse, Lawrence | |
| Clews, Wendy | Haraldson, Martin & Ardith | Lund, Tamara | Roggenkamp, Louie | |
| Crook, James & Sarah | Haro, Willard & Marvis | Mack, Lawrence | Ronning, Robert & Anna | |
| Culp, Margaret | Helling, John | Martin Instrument Co | Rono, Robert | |
| Dahl, Richard | Hemphill, Pat | Masley, Peter B | Rother, Paul | |
| Dahlvan, Marlys | Hendrickson, Andrew | Mayo, Stanley | Rural Cellular Corp | |
| Dailey, Connie | Hendrickson, Jennifer | McAllister, James | Sakkinen, Jennie I | |
| Dailey, Henry & Diane | Hepokoski, Lisa | McGrath, Karen | Samuelson, Michelle | |
| Daniel, Michal | Hill, Frank & Adela | Mehl, Margaret | Sanders, Debra | |
| Dan's Repair | Hillukka, Arlin & Crystal | Memory Time Inc | Schemmel, Maria | |
| Daugherty, Ronda & Bill | Hiltunen, Beverly | Menahga Snyder Drug | Schultz, Laurie | |
| Davis, Donna | Hobson, Carole | Mettler, Janice | Schwartz, Benjamin G | |
| | Holland, Angie | Mico, Paul & Susan | Seedorf, Will | |

Welcome New Members

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Anderson Jesse..... | 445-2157 |
| Baker Tristian..... | 445-4837 |
| Brockpahler Carly..... | 445-7539 |
| Ehrmantraut Tammy..... | 445-2412 |
| Middendorf Daniel..... | 445-7004 |
| Middendorf Joel..... | 445-5417 |
| Morris Duane..... | 445-1627 |
| Nelson Blake..... | 445-9962 |
| Reul Betty..... | 445-5759 |
| Sugg Ed..... | 445-4736 |
| Formanek Darla..... | 472-0787 |
| Mueller Robert..... | 472-5919 |
| Nelson Douglas..... | 472-8767 |
| Wiegand Elaine..... | 472-3790 |
| Skoog Brock..... | 538-6877 |
| Crist Kaitlin..... | 564-9641 |
| Frankot Garrett..... | 564-3928 |
| Gartner George..... | 564-9712 |
| Graham Raychel..... | 564-6275 |
| Harrison John..... | 564-4582 |
| Hoiium Amanda..... | 564-1624 |
| Johnson Steven D..... | 564-8338 |
| Kawulok Steve..... | 564-9969 |
| Krause Vicky..... | 564-7342 |
| Lake Leland..... | 564-3127 |
| Marjama Mick..... | 564-9782 |
| Muchow Ryan..... | 564-9903 |
| Munnell Rene..... | 564-5446 |
| Nelson Robert..... | 564-9849 |
| Neuberger Vicki..... | 564-1459 |
| Redmond Karla..... | 564-0891 |
| Rowland James..... | 564-9833 |
| Schroeder Hunter..... | 564-9068 |
| Tintes Jesse..... | 564-5813 |
| Pint Thomas..... | 629-1823 |
| Roggenkamp Dawn..... | 629-1403 |
| Aho Janel..... | 837-9380 |
| Burgau Tanner..... | 837-6496 |
| Eckman Justin..... | 837-3686 |
| Freitag Tia..... | 837-2808 |
| Providence Villa LLC..... | 837-9162 |
| Stephenson Michael..... | 837-9553 |
| Weygandt Uwe..... | 837-8069 |



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Verndale Auto Sales & Service

Business Address: 10 East Mason Avenue, Verndale, MN 56481

Business Phone Number: 218-445-6288

If you are looking for general motor repair and tire sales, look no further than Verndale Auto Sales & Service. Matt Elfstrum opened the business in December 2017. Starting his own business was a natural choice for Matt, since he grew up around cars and went to school for automotive service technology.

With 20 years of experience in the automotive industry, Matt is familiar with the ups and downs that come with it. While he admits keeping up with the work flow, especially as a one-man crew, is challenging, he's proud of his success. "We're known for our honesty and a reputation for doing high-quality work," Matt said. His future plans include selling used vehicles and modernizing his business.

Matt counts on phone, internet, wireless networking and a security system from West Central Telephone to keep his business running. "Right from the initial phone call, West Central was more than willing to help get things running," Matt said. He went on to add, "It felt like I had a business partner."

For more information on Verndale Auto Sales & Service, call 445-6288.

Call West Central Telephone at 837-5151 to learn about phone, internet, security and other technology solutions for your business.