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Solar Outages May Affect TV

If your TV picture briefly turns snowy or blurry on September 22, the date of the fall equinox, it's probably from a sun outage. This is a natural phenomenon occurring every spring and fall when the receiving antenna on Earth, the satellite, and the sun are in direct alignment.

Nothing can be done from a technical standpoint to prevent the effects on TV reception. Fortunately, however, the signal degradation caused by a sun outage lasts only about 15 minutes. Contact us if you have questions.

Local Calling Area Expanded

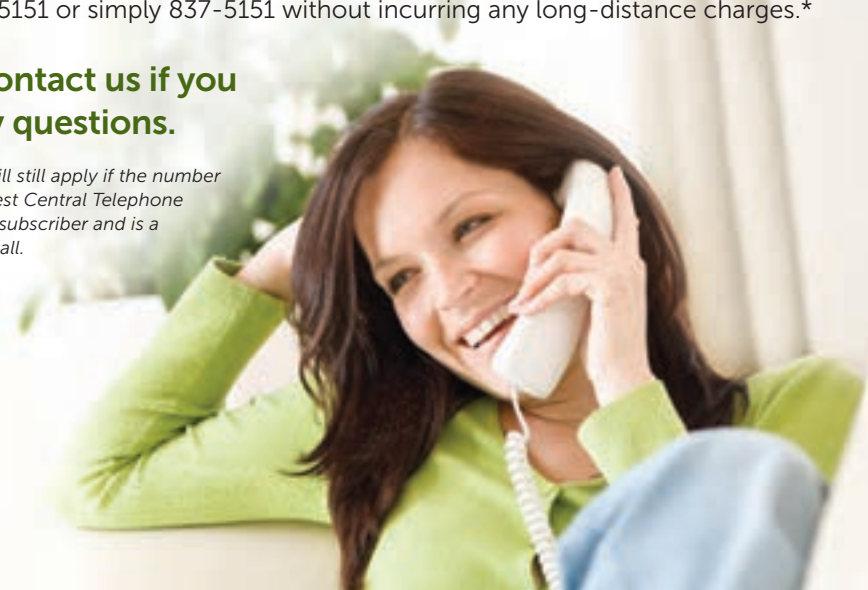
It's now FREE to call any WCTA landline subscriber from any WCTA landline

Our local calling area was recently expanded to include all WCTA landline subscribers. This means subscribers can make unlimited calls to any other subscriber within West Central Telephone's exchanges without incurring a long-distance charge. The service is included at no extra charge and allows Intra-company calls, or member-to-member calls, for FREE, and you don't have to change your dialing patterns.

For example, a Wolf Lake subscriber calling our Sebeka office previously dialed 1-218-837-5151 which incurred a long-distance charge. Now, with the expanded local calling area, the Wolf Lake subscriber can place that same call by dialing either 1-218-837-5151 or simply 837-5151 without incurring any long-distance charges.*

Please contact us if you have any questions.

**Toll charges will still apply if the number called isn't a West Central Telephone landline phone subscriber and is a long-distance call.*





Annika Aho



Paige Carlson



Morgan Glenz

Congrats to WCTA Scholarship Winners

The WCTA Second Year or Beyond Scholarship is given to assist local students attending college in their second year or beyond of higher education. We congratulate the seven 2020 recipients who each received a \$1,000 scholarship.



Grace Hinojos



Madison Lake



Scott Peterson



Emily Veronen

Directory Photo Contest

West Central Telephone is gearing up to bring you the new 2021 WCTA Directory, and we want your photo to grace the cover. The person submitting the winning photo will receive a \$200 cash prize.

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 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.**
- **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 WCTA Directory cover or in any other advertising campaign.

Deadline for entries is Friday, October 2, 2020.



Fantasy Island
Premiering September 4
@ 7:00pm

STARZ

A horror adaptation of the popular 1970s TV show about a magical island resort. In Fantasy Island, the enigmatic Mr. Roarke makes the secret dreams of his lucky guests come true at a luxurious but remote tropical resort. But when the fantasies turn into nightmares, the guests must solve the island's mystery in order to escape with their lives.

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Return to Sender: Address Unknown

One of the benefits of joining a cooperative is that each year that we are successful, members are rewarded with cash back in the form of capital credits. 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. **Note: These checks are due to expire on November 15, 2020.**

Aadnes, Eric & Brandy	Dahl, Angie	Hodgden, Jeremy & Elizabeth	Maurer, Mike & Terri	Rittenhouse, Lawrence
Akerson, Marlene	Dahl, Delray & Jodie	Hoefs, Dustin	May, Tim	Ronning, Robert & Anna
Allison, Patricia	Dahl, Richard	Hogan, Laura	McComas, Salina	Rounsville, Jesse
Amundson, Bryan & Shanna	Daniel, Michal	Houtchens, Larry	Mclaughlin, Patricia	Schaefer, Jeremy & Sonia
Anderson, Cheryl	Davis, Anna	Huntington, Walter	Mehl, Margaret	Schemmel, Maria
Anderson, Clark	Davis, Donna	Huntley, Leslie (Dick)	Menahga Auto Sales	Schomburg, Karen
Anderson, Elsa	Demarre, Julie	Jahnke, (Cannon) Wendy	Menahga Citgo Store ATM	Schoon, Casey
Anderson, Rodney & Susan	Denny, Dale Jr. & Lori	Johnsen, Charlie & Mae	Metteer, Thomas	Shultz, Ron
Arretche, Frank	Devereaux, Ann	Johnson, Harvey R	Meyer, Fred	Seales, Josh
Ashman, Rosemarie	Devore, Joe	Johnson, Wayne	Mickelson, Jake & Joyce	Seedorf, Will
Austad, Dennis	Downer, David	Johnston, Andrew	Milbradt, Chris	Shore, Timothy
Barnett, Edith	Driza, Charles	Kahlow, Jason & Anderson Jolene	Millard, Barbara	Siirila, Martha
Becker (Nordhausen), Rhonda	Dunbar, L (Skeets)	Kasperson, Shawn	Miller, Ernest R	Siltala, Peter Jr
Benda, Harriet	Eckman, Larry	Kaufman, Daniel & Sherri	Miller, Jesse	Snow, Chad
Bergeson, April	Ellis, Matthew	Kelley, Michael	Mohs, Susan	Solmon, Floyd & Marie
Berthelot, Betty	Erckenbrack, Nat	Kernanen, Melissa	Moore, Laura	Spangler, Eleanor
Black, Theodore	Erdmann, Lorelei	Kern, Virginia	Murdock, Tamera	Stanhope, Frank
Blasing, Angela	Evans, Angela	Kerns, Richard & Sandra	Neisen, Daniel	Steichen, Karen
Boche, Albert	Farris, Bob & Fran	Kirschman, Gary & Gabriele	Nelson, James	Steinke, Todd
Bonkoski, Nathan	FDIC-SR62215	Kliever, Constance	Nelson, Scott & Sara	Stetzler, Thomas & Rosemary
Borstad & Hess	Felstet, Deborah	Knutson, Gayle	Ness, Corey	Stigall, Michelle
Law Offices P.A.	Finck, Philip	Knuutila, Mary Jane	Neurer, Pat	Stone, Naomi
Bouchard, Mike & Stacaia	Foster, Angela	Kocurek, Judy	Niemi, Angela	Storm, Martin
Bourg, Ken	Foster, Ron	Kocurek, Kevin	Niemi, Gary	Stout, Randolph
Boutain, Harvey	France, William	Koestler, Lori Ann	Niska, Edwin	Stromberg, Heidi
Boyd, Robert	Frenette, Timothy	Korkowski, Jennifer	Noffsinger, Eric	Suhl, Brenda
Branstner, Steve	Gardner, Krystal	Kuha, Marvin	Norris, Wanda	Swenson, Willis
Brazer, Thomas & Kathleen	Garland, William	Lake Area Homes Inc	Northway, Bob	Tellin, Howard
Brenk, Jessie	Garner, Mark & Kristi	Lamont, Helen	Oliver, Dean	Torgrimsen, Hazel
Brevig, S.L.	Gieser, Richard	Lang, Doug	Ollila, Terry	Tormanen, Howard
Brown, Teresa & Whitfield, Sandra	Gilbert, Anita	Lanhart, Dave	Olmstead, Christopher	Ulrich, Brian
Bunting, Toni	Gillespie, Renee	Larson, Brent	Omenson, Keith	Uselman, Tim & Tamara
Burcham, David & Karen	Gise, Ruth	Larson, Debbie	Orum, Craig	Verndale All Star Service
Burdine, Philip	Greydanus, Monty	Larson, Paul	Ottens, George	Vokes, Katherine
Cameron, Russ	Grondahl, Jody	Larson, Tamara	Otterstetter, Adam	Wallace, Kirk
Cannon, Allen & Dorothy	Guzman, Baltazar	Lemke, Lila	Pajari, Shirley	Walter, Trevor
Carlblom, Marlyn & Beverly	Haataja, David & Dorothy	Lenoir, Jessica	Park Rapids Physical Therapy & Rehab	Wanderi, Brent
Carlson, Debbie	Hahn, Jeff	Lidtko, Gordon & Marilyn	Parks, Andrew	Ward, Arnold
Chapman, Charity	Hanson, Charles	Lien, Viola	Parks, Scott & Jean	Wehmas, Heather
Chapman, Marjorie	Hanson, Kenneth L	Lieske, Robert & Verna	Parks, Shawna	White, Delbert
Chevalier, Daniel	Haraldson, Martin & Ardith	Lillquist, Cassandra	Paski, Bronte	Wilhelmi, Becky
Chilson, Todd & Starla	Harrison, Mary	Lofgren, Hjalmer & Ida	Paulson, Tina	Williams, Michael
Christensen, Tina	Haverinen, Trevor	Lown, Neil	Pederson, Tom	Wilson, Christian
Clark, Johanna & Steven	Haviland, Lisa	Lund, Kelly	Perish, Joseph R & Joann	Winner, Jason
Clark, Kenneth	Heinen, Todd	Makela, Eric	Phillips, I H	Wirkkala, Tom
Coghlin, Robert	Hejhal, Michael	Maki, Dave	Pickar, Cassandra	Wittstruck, Doug
Collier, Ragen	Hellman, Erv & Deborah	Marlowe, Cindy	Prodahl, Eugene	Wolfe, George & Helen
Colsen, Nowell	Hendrick, Lizsasha	Martin Instrument Co	Pudas, Kenneth & Greta	Wuollet, Renae
Conser, Terri	Hendricks, Mike	Mathiew, Eryn	Ramirez, Paul	Zanutto, Gabriele
Cooper, Dan Jr.	Hendrickson, Shannon & Shelli	Maunu, Norman	Rautio, Linda	Zmuda, Robert
Cusey, Vern	Henken, Raymond & Darcie	Maurer, Kenneth	Reger, Gary & Karen	
			Reger, Mark	

Welcome New Members

Alberts, Sherry564-7543
 Anderson, Caleb837-5943
 Bohline, Kristie472-1533
 Browne, Alvida629-1615
 Bushinger, Margaret472-8715
 Clark, Peter564-3645
 Cobuilt Construction
 Services564-6494
 Dannheim, Jennifer564-2141
 Hallikainen, Ellen.....564-6639
 Harzke, Shirley564-5738
 Hendrickx, Chelsey564-6061
 Hodgden, Cassandra.....445-7679
 Horstmann, Benjamin629-1722
 Koenig, Rachel.....472-3200
 Loken, Dorothy445-0598
 Matti, Arielle.....445-1639
 Meier, Richard538-0434
 Moench, Lee.....837-9203
 Nevala, Evelyn.....837-3339
 New You Nutrition564-6134
 Oakland, Greg.....629-1742
 Shepersky, K.....564-5614
 Spenst, Larry & Judy.....631-7007
 Terry's Motel.....631-1956
 Tollefson, Christine414-6539
 Upton, Jake564-3053
 Wadena Truck & Trailer.....631-4332
 West, Craig & Jennifer.....564-3383
 Zdanowich, Alex.....472-3460



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Spirit Lake Resort & Motel

Spirit Lake Resort & Motel is a family business owned by Jeremiah Erickson and Breanna Hoffman. The couple purchased the motel in late December 2018 and have worked tirelessly to transform the somewhat tired motel into a beautiful resort with affordable accommodations. Located at 311 Aspen Ave SW on Spirit Lake in Menahga, the motel enables visitors to experience the great outdoors on a beautiful lake – perfect for the whole family, a girls’ weekend or a wedding on the beach!

The couple met in Fargo in 2018 when Jeremiah’s work required him to lodge long-term at the Baymont Inn and Suites which Breanna happened to manage. A friend showed the couple a listing for Spirit Lake Motel, and three weeks later, they visited and made an offer, which was accepted. Since the closing, they have refreshed the rooms, improved the landscaping and beach, and renovated the former apartments into suites that guests can rent by the night.

When asked what they love about Spirit Lake Resort & Motel, Breanna said, “It is so rewarding to see families creating amazing memories at a price that is affordable. We include many amenities to ensure a great time including the use of kayaks, canoe, paddle boat and fishing gear, plus a gas grill and beach firewood at no extra charge.”

Jeremiah is a Montana native, and Breanna is from Hopkins, MN. They never truly imagined being resort owners in Menahga, but they love the community, the school and the ability to raise their children in such a beautiful place.

For more information on Spirit Lake Resort & Motel, call 564-4151. You can also find them on Facebook and at www.spirit-lake-resort.com.

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

