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Wolf Lake FTTH Project Update

The late spring thaw combined with lots of rain a few months back have created some pretty wet conditions out in the Wolf Lake Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project area, and as a result, have the construction crews running about a week behind schedule. The fiber-optic cabling in the western and southern routes have been buried and the splicing crews are now working in those areas.

Meanwhile, the construction crews are working on the eastern portion of the project, with plans to start on the northern route once complete. West Central Telephone is still looking at a fall cutover of existing services, and then offering TV services at year's end or early next year. If you would like information about the TV services—including HDTV, you should call our office. TV services will be installed on a first come, first served basis so you should ask to be placed on the installation waiting list.



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Celebrate National Co-op Month at Open House October 4



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, and 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 4, 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 2014 WCTA Directory and we want your photo to grace the cover. *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.

\$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 jpg 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 submitted online through our Facebook page found at www.facebook.com/WestCentralTelephone. *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 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 27, 2013.



Free HBO and Cinemax Preview

Tune into channels 401–419, and if you have HD, channels 801–802, Friday, September 6 through Monday, September 9 for a **4-DAY FREE PREVIEW** of HBO and Cinemax. HBO has movies and original programming, including the return of *Boardwalk Empire* (Season 4), which premieres that Sunday, September 8.

The movie *Argo* will premiere on September 7, and *Life of Pi* will replay on September 9.

Like what you see? Call 837-5151 to add HBO, Cinemax, or both to your TV service.





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.

Advantech, % Curtis & Jason Savela
 Aker Christina
 Aldrich Cheese Mart,
 % J Gregory & E Anderson
 All American Towing,
 % Jay Kopp
 Amundson, Bryan & Shanna
 Anderson, Cheryl
 Anderson, Jesse
 Anderson, Scott & Marie
 Andreoff, Wayne
 AT&T, Attn: Voice
 Austad, Dennis
 Bartel, David
 Beavers, Gena
 Blanchard, Ruth
 Blasing, Angela
 Blooflat, Bradley
 Beeler, Lawrence
 Bettin, Daniel
 Bonkoski, Nathan
 Bouchard, Mike & Stacia
 Branham, Ruth, % Roy Fisher
 Brazer, Thomas & Kathleen
 Bridger, Jim & Gina
 Buckley, Eric & Gwendolyn
 Bunting, Toni
 Burcham, David & Karen
 Burns, Bill
 Cain, Elaine
 Cameron, Russ
 Carlblom, Marilyn & Beverly
 Carstens, Jim & Deana
 Caulk, Chris
 Charmoli, Brenda
 Cherne, Ferne
 Clark, Curtis
 Clews, Jennie
 Conser, Terri
 Country Café, % Bob Kessler
 Culp, Margaret
 Cunningham, Chuck
 Danielson, Jim & Robyn
 Davis, Anna
 Davis, Donna
 Davis, Ken
 Daugherty, Ronda & Bill
 Delaney, Debbie
 Denny, Dale, Jr. & Lori
 Devore, Joe
 Dohman, Robert
 Dumpprope, Darrin & Vanessa
 Dunbar, L (Skeets)
 Dykhoff, Dinee (Bauck)
 Elmore, Jason
 Erickson, Clara
 Erickson, Todd
 Feldt, Brian
 Felstet, Deborah
 Fern, Daniel

Ferreira, Caesar
 Fischer, Jean
 Foley, Tom
 Fouts, Margaret
 France, William
 Freeman, Helen,
 % Myron Freeman
 Frimanslund, Jeff
 Fyock, Lee & Claudia
 Gaffney, John V.
 Gambino, Joe & Nancy
 Garcia, Janice
 Genoch, Cheryl
 George, Kyle
 Gieser, Richard
 Glass, Titus
 Godlevske, Kevin
 Gratke, Kelly
 Gravelle, Durwood
 Gravely, Lisa
 Greenstein, Connie
 Gregory, Angelia
 Griffin, Jackie
 Grinnen, Walter
 Grotberg, Jim
 Grove, John C.
 Hailstone,
 Bethanee (Shepersky)
 Hailstone, Mark
 Haisman, Joe
 Hall, Greg
 Hallikainen, Henry
 Halonen, Sharen
 Hammerbacker, Lawrence
 Handt, William
 Hanneken, Chris
 Harn, Justin
 Harwood, Mick,
 % Shirley Rehberger
 Haverinen, Bobbi
 Helling, John
 Hendrickson, Carl,
 % Joyce Kumpula
 Hendrickson, David
 Hepokoski, Lisa
 Hershberger, Roy
 Hillstrom (Champagne), Melissa
 Hillukka, Ross & Denise
 Hinz, Julie
 Hobson, Carole
 Holm, Clifford & Ruby
 Holmen, Kris
 Holmquist, Debby
 Hoogakker, Dawn
 Horton, Kristie
 Housman, Melissa
 Hutmacher, Mark
 Ihme, James
 Isola, Leann
 Iverson, Roy & Victoria
 Jacobsen, Leroy

Hensen, Marlyns
 Hunter, Steve
 Johnsen, Charlie & Mae
 Johnsen, Mary (Mia)
 Johnson, David
 Johnson, Harvey R
 Johnson, Helen
 % Judy Johnson
 Johnson, Jeffrey
 Johnson, Scott
 Jones, Dave & Debbie
 Jorgensen, Larry &
 Sherrill, % Salettha Pettit
 Judd, Todd
 Juntunen, Jeffrey & Melanie
 Kam, Ling
 Keller, Gero
 Kern, Katherine
 Kerns, Richard & Sandra
 Kimball, Sid
 Kjellberg, Lisa
 Kimbrough, Jennifer
 Knapp, Wally
 Knudson, Jennifer
 Koestler, Lori Ann
 Koitila, Larry
 Krueth, Teresa
 Kumpula, Eugene
 Ladd, Kerry
 Karson, Tamara
 Larson, William
 Lepper, Mark
 Lemir, Tom
 Lien, Viola
 Lofgren, Hjalmer & Ida
 Lorentz, Mark
 LTI Rubber Molding, Inc.
 Mack, Lawrence R.
 Makinen, Maynard
 Malin, Carol
 Marquette, Melissa
 Marthaler, Kevin
 Mastrian, James W
 Matson, Mike
 Maunu, Norman
 Maves, Dale
 McAllister, Peggy
 McGrath, Karen
 McManigle, Curtis
 McNinch, Jinger
 Menahga Auto Sales,
 % Thomas Halverson
 Menahga Snyder
 Drug, % Anne Skoe
 Mensen, Betty
 Mettler, Janice
 Meyer, Dan
 Meyer, Kevin
 Meyer, Steve
 Milbradt, Ryan & Kerry
 Miles, Chris

Miller, Ernest R, % Tom Crocca
 Mitchell, Peace
 Modern Banking
 Systems, % Jan
 Moren, Michael
 Mueller, Evan
 Musgrove, Carol
 Nation, Ivan E.
 Neisen, Daniel
 Nelson, George & Janet
 Nelson, Paul W.
 Ness, Michelle
 Neurer, Pat
 Niemela, K C
 Niska, Edwin
 Noffsinger, Eric
 Norris, Wanda
 Oja, Katie
 Oliver, Dean
 Olson, Bradley
 Olson, Nancy E.
 Osterman, Sidney & Twyla
 Ostrander, Deanna
 Ottens, George
 Otterstetter, Adam
 Packila, Linda
 Pajari, Shirley
 Parks, Scott & Jean
 Paulson, Tina
 Paulson, William & Patricia
 Percival, Genevieve
 Peters, Jerry
 Petersen, Lanny
 Peterson, Josh
 Pietila, Willard
 Pince, Curtiss & Charlotte
 Peterson, James & Gail
 Peterson, Marie R.
 Plautz, Mike
 Poppenga, Duane
 Pulju, Ervin
 Rah, Jerry
 Rainbows End Daycare,
 % Val Burkman & Kari Tomperi
 Rand, Sheila
 Rasmussen, Dick
 Relitz, Sharon
 Riddle, Raymond
 Risley, David & Marla
 Robbins, Charissia
 Rohrbeck, Kenny
 Ronning, Robert & Anna
 Rono, Robert
 Roth, Clark & Theresa
 Saarela, Edward
 Saari, Kyle
 Salmela, Lorene
 Salzwedel, Christina
 Sammeli, Virginia
 Samuelson, Blaine
 Sandbek, Marv

Sanders, Debra
 Savarese, Vincent
 Schantzen, Tammy
 Schilling, Susan
 Schmidt, Ken & Geri
 Schomburg, Karen
 Schoon, Colleen
 Schultz, Dennis & Linda
 Scribner, Steve
 Seales, Josh
 Seaton, Michelle
 Sebek Salvage
 Sero, Elizabeth
 Sharp, Danny
 Shepersky, Debra,
 % Jerry Kisgen
 Siitola, Joe
 Slavick, Joe & Susan
 Smith, Harry & Renee
 Snow, Chad
 Soules, Donna
 South, Denise
 South, Diane
 Spearbeck, Dale
 Spindler, Pat
 Spirit Lake Café,
 % Eileen Nordback
 Spirit Lake Café,
 % Jim Andreasen
 Stockwell, Harlan
 Suhl, Julie
 Sullinger, Marty
 Tann, George
 Tellin, Howard
 Thompson, Scott
 Thornton, Shaun
 Toschak, George
 Trademark Homes
 Tri-Count Holstein,
 % Wayne Etter, Jr.
 US West Network Planning
 Dept., Attn: P Fox
 Vandeusen, Jane
 Vitela, Linda
 Wagner, Dick &
 Doris, % Audrey Earl
 Walkama, Chris
 Wanous, Sam
 Wealot, Bill & Karen
 Wegner, Daniel
 Weston, Terry
 White, Deborah
 Wilcox, Becky
 Wilcox, Harold
 Williams, Leroy
 Williams, R T, % Al A Williams
 Wilson, Clyde
 Wittstruck, Doug, % Terry Motel
 Wolski, Arnold R.,
 % Darlene Barthel
 Woods, Darlene
 Zanutto, Gabriele



Welcome, New Members

Andreoff, Charissia	564-2185
Avelsgard, Allan	837-3257
Avelsgard, Ray	472-0092
Bacon, Kim	564-6147
Baker, Monica	445-1752
Brauch, Debra	445-2698
Cannon, Patrick.....	837-6224
Castle, Allan	564-6025
Coats, Garrett.....	837-6223
Cusano, Howard	564-6666
Demarre, Edward	445-5897
Donath, Connie	445-5907
Eckman, Adrian	837-4715
Fickes, Rhonda	837-7344
Grotberg, Richard.....	837-3464
Haataja, Kara.....	564-8380
Hill, Ryan	564-5921
Hillukka, Matthew	564-8117
Hoeke, Serena.....	564-1432
Huwe, Daniel	837-6229
Jarvi, Mark.....	837-2136
Johnson, Lisa	564-7917
Klemz, Gerald W	564-4804
Knudson, Kevin	837-6062
Kraskey, James	564-5973
Kumpula, Eugene.....	564-3105
Lusti, Brad Jr.	564-4145
Marjama, Lisa	564-1530
Mylykangas, Brad	538-6030
Perdue, Carolyn.....	538-6074
Pickar, Jessica.....	837-6020
Pomeranz, Dexter.....	445-1092
Ready, Rachel	445-5901
Rickaby, Nicholas	564-3743
Rock Paper Scissors	564-1113
Rogers, Dustin.....	564-5195
Stanley, Anthony.....	445-5898
Strobel, Lois	445-5263
Turner, Mark	445-0627
Wagner, Joan	837-6225



Kathy and Dennis Hass of Hass Geosystems, Inc.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Hass Geosystems, Inc.

Meet Dennis and Kathy Hass, owners of Hass Geosystems, Inc. in Frazee. Dennis and Kathy have been in business since 2001 installing and repairing geothermal heating and cooling heat pumps, HVAC, and plumbing to area homes and businesses. The business has grown to five employees, but customer relations are the best part of the business according to Kathy.

Hass Geosystems was one of the first companies that offered geothermal heat pumps, giving them valuable experience installing and repairing the systems. A geothermal heat pump can be 50 to 70 percent more efficient than other heating systems and 20 to 40 percent more efficient than available air conditioners, which means savings for you. What's more, some systems preheat your tank water saving you up to 50 percent on your water-heating bill. There may be rebates and other incentives for consumers so it's wise to consult with someone that knows their stuff—like Dennis and Kathy.

Dennis has always made education a priority with a business management degree, and training specific to the industry including continuing education classes. Both Kathy and Dennis stay on top of the government rules and regulations that impact their business, and remain knowledgeable about current utility rebates and tax incentives that can really bring down the cost of a more efficient heating and cooling system.

We have been very happy with all the installation work Dennis and his crew has done for us over the past 9 years! Hass has installed heating and air conditioning in both our business and new home. When we've called for repair, they've gone out of their way to fix our furnace within the same day.

— DON & LYNETTE GUIDA

That's where West Central Telephone plays a part—our fast Internet service makes for quick research and updates. The Hass' will soon be able to experience our Fiber to the Home because they are part of our Wolf Lake project. Once they are cut-over to the new system, they will have the option of HD TV service from us and faster Internet speeds up to 100 Mbps.

When asked about their future plans, Kathy responded, "To keep up with the new efficient products that are offered in our business and to continue to give the best service possible to our customers." **To contact Dennis or Kathy, call 218-538-6698 or visit them on the Web at www.hassgeosystems.com.**