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Go Forth With Gusto This Fourth

West Central Telephone hopes you enjoy a red, white, and blue-tiful July 4th celebration with family and friends. May this holiday remind all of us to treasure our country's strengths as well as work to make our communities even better.

Our offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. All of us at West Central Telephone wish you a fun and safe holiday.



Count on the area's **FASTEST AND MOST RELIABLE** fiber broadband service



West Central Telephone's 100% fiber infrastructure offers fiber broadband service to all residential and business customers on our network. No other internet infrastructure even comes close to fiber in terms of its speed and reliability.

Sign up for our fiber broadband service now to start enjoying:

- **ROBUST SPEEDS UP TO A GIG** – Get the upload/download bandwidth you need to work more efficiently and enhance your streaming experience.
- **CONTINUITY OF SERVICE** – Due to the high reliability of our fiber network, service issues are rare. Should a trouble occur, we'll work to resolve it the same day, based on your schedule.

Call 218-837-5151 or visit www.wcta.net to learn more about our fiber broadband service including available plans and pricing.

Speeds up to a Gig are measured on a wired connection and may vary depending on end user equipment capabilities. Contact us for details.



Join Us at Our Summer BBQ in Menahga

Plan to join us Friday, July 16 at the Menahga Memorial Forest Park & Campground as we team up once again with Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative for another drive-thru luncheon featuring pulled pork sandwiches! The event starts at 11:00am and ends at 1:00pm. Co-op Strong!

Let Our IT Experts Help You with Technology

At West Central Telephone, our IT experts can tackle virtually every computer and technology issue you face in your home. If your computer seems slow, we can remove unnecessary files and speed it up. We can provide virus protection and remove any viruses or malware that may currently be on the computer. We can also set up your wireless network so it's a strong and secure connection, back up your photos and make sure your passwords are safe (and kept).



If you should decide to purchase a new computer, our IT team can help you choose the right one, transfer your old files to the new computer and set up any software. Other options include setting up Microsoft 365 with monthly or yearly plans and setting up your email and internet service.

Whatever you need for your computer, our IT team is available — just ask!
You can reach us at 218-837-5151.



Bad Boys for Life

Premiering
 July 17 @ 8:54 pm

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Miami Detectives Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence) team up again for another exciting adventure. This time, they must face off against a mother-and-son pair of drug lords who wreak vengeful havoc on their city.

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Sign Up for Text Message Notifications

Did you know you can sign up to receive text message notifications from West Central Telephone through SmartHub? This is a convenient way to stay updated on topics including planned outages, service interruptions and alerts regarding payments.

The first step is to login to your West Central Telephone SmartHub account. (If you don't have a SmartHub account, download the app for mobile devices or visit www.wcta.net and click the Pay Online tab in the upper-right corner choosing SmartHub from the dropdown menu. Follow the directions to create an account.)

Once signed in to SmartHub on a computer, click the Notifications tab at the top and choose Manage Contacts. Enter the phone number that you wish to receive texts on and check the box "receive text messages." Then click Continue and agree to the terms displayed. Follow the directions to activate that number.

Once you've activated a number to receive text messages, go back to the Notifications tab at the top and choose what types of notifications you'd like to receive from the list provided.

If using the mobile app, choose the Settings icon and then Manage Notifications. From there, the setup is very similar to the computer instructions above.

Give us a call at 218-837-5151 if you'd like help setting up your SmartHub text message notifications.

SmartHub



WHAT IS SMARTHUB?

SmartHub is a web and mobile app that allows you to take control of all aspects of your West Central Telephone account. Pay your bill, manage your use and contact us with service issues quickly and easily online or on your mobile.

Manage Your Account



View and Pay Your Bill



Report Service Issues



Receive Important Updates



On the go and in control
...all in the palm of
your hand and online.

Welcome New Members

Aho, Jacob	(218) 564-4381
Ano, Ingeborg	(218) 629-1089
Art Bar 39	(218) 629-1649
Aspen Ave Shoppe.....	(218) 564-8746
Bell, Kenyatta	(218) 837-0276
Bill's Service & Supply.....	(218) 837-5971
Bowen, Terry	(218) 445-6396
Champagne, Lisa.....	(218) 445-2056
Crook, James	(218) 564-6152
Dunn, Randy & Carmen.....	(218) 837-0965
Feldt, Brian D	(218) 538-6678
GB Directional Services Inc....	(218) 445-1930
Hand, Michael	(218) 837-6108
Houchin, Faye.....	(218) 445-6484
Jettmann, Eli	(218) 564-5388
Johnson, Nancy.....	(218) 837-9494
K & K Auto Repair Inc	(218) 564-4654
Kuha, Carl	(218) 837-5878
Lake, David & Peggy.....	(218) 564-6388
Menahga Marine & Rental....	(218) 564-2628
Murdock, Dalton	(218) 445-5487
Omega Hardwoods.....	(218) 564-5073
Schmith, Bill & Rosalie.....	(218) 837-5971
Schneider, Kaitlyn	(218) 629-1967
Shepersky, Jacob	(218) 837-5984
Sporre, Forrest	(218) 564-4901
Wilson, Walter & Yvonne	(218) 894-3405
Ziegler, James	(218) 445-9944



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: The BBQ Smokehouse

If you're a fan of barbecued smoked brisket and pulled pork, then you're going to love The BBQ Smokehouse located in Wadena, MN! Tyler Ehrmantraut opened the takeout eatery and smoked sausage/meat shop seven years ago, and recently opened a second location in Motley.

Tyler has a passion for all things BBQ and sausage making, and he supplies various retail stores with his choice cuts. The BBQ Smokehouse also caters, so you'll often see his food truck out and about. We asked Tyler what makes his business stand out, and he replied, "Well, the BBQ of course, but we also offer many types of smoked sausages that you won't find elsewhere."

While Tyler really enjoys his work, what he loves most about his business is the people — seeing repeat customers and meeting new ones. He also mentioned that his biggest challenges now are the availability of product (or lack thereof) and the high prices due to short supply and high demand. Despite these challenges, Tyler is committed to growing his business with two locations and continuously adding new meats and sausages.

The BBQ Smokehouse is not in the West Central Telephone service area for broadband, but it does use one of our security surveillance systems. Tyler said, "The peace of mind I get using WCTA's camera system is priceless. I can keep an eye on my business when I'm not there, and I know that everything is safely recorded should there be an issue."

Visit The BBQ Smokehouse at 204 Ash Ave NW in Wadena, on Facebook at @bbqsmokehousemn or online at www.thebbqsmokehousemn.com. You can also reach Tyler at 218-632-6666 in Wadena or 218-352-6666 in Motley.

Call West Central Telephone at 218-837-5151 to learn about security and surveillance solutions for your business.