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Sun Outage May Affect TV




If your TV picture momentarily turns snowy or blurry on September 22, the date of the year's fall equinox, it's probably from a sun outage. This is a natural phenomenon which occurs twice a year (in the spring and fall), when the sun passes directly behind the satellites that transmit cable signals.

During these brief periods — when the receiving antenna on Earth, the satellite, and the sun are in direct alignment — the sun's focused "noise" energy overwhelms the video signal from the satellite. Reception becomes degraded and eventually impossible for a brief period, usually less than 15 minutes. All communications providers using satellites experience this effect.

There is nothing that can be done from a technical standpoint to prevent the sun outage effects. Just wait a few minutes, and your TV reception will be back to normal.





DON'T MISS THE FREE

HBO® AND CINEMAX®

PREVIEW!

Watch HBO® and Cinemax® for FREE for five days and see what you've been missing. From Thursday, September 23 through Monday, September 27, you can enjoy addictive series, entertaining movies, family favorites, and more on HBO® and Cinemax® from West Central Telephone!

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Morgan Glenz



Madison Lake



George Lausten

Congrats to Our Scholarship Winners

The WCTA Second Year or Beyond Scholarship is given to assist local students attending college in their second year or beyond higher education. We congratulate the six 2021 recipients who each received a \$1,000 scholarship.



Mackenzie Nelson



Scott Peterson



Brian Sterriker

Directory Cover Photo Contest

West Central Telephone is gearing up to bring you the new 2022 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](https://www.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 1, 2021.



Long Weekend

Premiering
September 9 @ 7:00pm

STARZ

An enchanted weekend courtship leads to unexpected revelations between a young man, who's a struggling writer, and an enigmatic woman. She enters his life at the right time, and they both harbor deep secrets.

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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 listed below all had checks returned. If you know the whereabouts of any of these people (or the administrator of the estate), please give us a call at 218-837-5151. **Note: These checks will expire November 15, 2021.**

Akerson, Marlen
Allison, Patricia
Anderson, Elsa
Anderson, James
Anderson, Jerome
Anderson, April
Anderson, Cheryl
Anderson, Johnathan
Andersen, Ben & Laura
Andrews, James
Aker, Christina
Austad, Dennis
Arnold, Alice
Arretche, Frank
Aspen Auction Service
Baker, Melissa
Bailey, Warren (or Maxine)
Barnett, Edith
Bauer, Shaun
Berttunen, Richard & Sandra
Becker, Rhonda
Benson, Alice
Beedle, Byron
Bergeson, April
Boyd, Robert
Branstner, Benjamin
Brenk, Bernard
Boche, Albert
Bourg, Ken
Boutain, Harvey
Boyd, Stacy
Burcham, Jackie
Bunnell, David & Dori
Bunting, Toni
Burcham, David & Karen
Buckendahl, Dwight & Delores
Carlson, Randy
Cary-Casteel, Alice
Casavan, Jennifer
Cameron, Russ
Candida, Wayne
Carlbom, Marilyn & Beverly
Chilson, Todd & Starla
Chevalier, Charles & Rochelle
Chevalier, Daniel
Christensen, Tara
Clews, Joseph
Clark, Curtis
Coghlin, Robert
Cook, Michelle
Cook, Melissa
Collier, Ragena
Cottrell, Barb
Conser, Terri
Crawford, Tom
Cusey, Jesse & Sandy
Dahl, Richard

Dahl, Angie
Dahlvang, Terri
Davis, Donna
Daniel, Michal
Davis, Anna
Dravenstott, Vicki
Demarre, Julie
Denny, Donna
Devore, Joe
Downer, David
Drummond, Wynter
Dunbar, L (Skeets)
Edelman, Russell & Kathy
Enzi, Randy
Engel, Peggy
Erdman, Jessica
Erdmann, Lorelei
Erickson, Marilyn
Erckenbrack, Nat
Evans, Angela
Felstet, Deborah
Ferreira, Caesar
Fietek, Cynthia
Foster, Angela
Foster, Rita
Fonder, Clinton & Christa
Fosse, Agnes
Foster, Ron
France, William
Frenette, Timothy
Freeman, Helen
Fuller, Clarence
Garcia, Janice
Garland, William
Gebert, Audrey
Gise, Ruth
Gieser, Richard
Glienne, Sandra
Gordon, Dennis & Jeannine
Gordon, Leon Sr
Gonska, Joseph & Laura
Goldie, Melanie
Gonzalez, Felicitas
Gregor, Terra
Guzman, Baltazar
Gudunsen-Joki, Barbara
Haviland, Lisa
Hass, David
Haraldson, Martin & Ardith
Haavisto, Alpo
Hanson, Kenneth
Hanlan, Jeanine
Hansen, Stacy
Harne, Melissa
Hahn, Jeff
Hagen, John
Hare, Roger
Henrichs, Shawn
Hendricks, Mike
Hendrickson, Shannon &

Shelli
Heinen, Todd
Holmquist, Debby
Housman, Melissa
Horton, Becky
Hodgden, Jeremy & Elizabeth
Horsma, Geri
Huntley, Leslie
Huntington, Walter
Hruska, Bill & Janette
Iwen, Linda
Iwen, Jessica
Jim's Drywall
Johnston, Andrew
Johnson, Harvey
Johnson, Michael
Johnson, Louis
Johnson, Charlie & Mae
Jones, Robert & Kelly
Jokela, Kim
Kayala, Arthur & Hazel
Karnitz, Rachel
Kerns, Richard & Sandra
Kern, Virginia
Kelley, Michael
Kirschman, Gary & Gabriele
Kocurek, Judy
Kliever, Constance
Kinnunen, Dennis (estate)
Knutson, Gayle
Koestler, Lori Ann
Koep, Terrance
Kruft, Francis
Kuepers, Steve
Kvamme, Kari
Larson, Tamara
Larson, Brent
Lanhart, Dave
Lakes Area Home, Inc
Lehner, Craig
Lenoir, Jessica
Lindeen, Jackie
Liimatta, Roger
Lidtko, Gordon & Marilyn
Limon, Imeld
Lorentz, David
Loehrer, Donavon
Lorentz, Mark
Long, Deborah
Lof, Eva
Lofgren, Hjalmer & Ida
Martinez, John
Marlowe, Cindy
Maurer, Kenneth
Makela, Eric
Marshall, Rachel
Marty, Peter
Martini, Reynold
May, Tim

Maunu, Norman
Mccomas, Rita
McNinch, Jinger
Menahga Auto Sales
Menahga Citgo Store ATM
Metteer, Thomas
Merchant, Charles & Mary
Meyer, Steve
Miller, Ernest
Miller, Dawn
Millard, Barbara
Milbradt, Dale & Donna
Mohs, Susan
Moore, Kymm
Moore, Laura
Murdock, Dale
Musgrove, Carol
Myers, Tammy
Newberry, Cathy
Nelson, James
Nelmark, Jason
Nichols, James & Betty
Nielson, Mark
Niemi, Gary
Nissila, Milo
Nissila, Marlene
Northway, Bob
Northway, Raymond Sr
Norris, Wanda
Olmstead, Christopher
Oliver, Dean
Otterstetter, Adam
Parry, Ellis
Park Rapids Physical Therapy & Rehab
Parks, Shawna
Parvi, Marvin & Marie
Parks, Scott & Jean
Pajari, Shirley
Paski, Bronte
Paulson, Tina
Pearson, Jordana
Peterson, Jennifer
Peterson, Kris
Pickar, Randy
Pickar, Becky
Pikkaraine, Tina
Purcell, Eleanor
Pizanie, Burnette
Prodahl, Eugene
Randall, Jeff & Angela
Ramirez, Paul
Rager, Gary & Karen
Rehm, Terry
Rian, Tonya
Richard's Repair
Robinson, Gordon
Rural Cellular Corp
Samuelson, Kevin & Diana
Sappenfield, Dana

Schomburg, Karen
Seales, Josh
Shasky, Roger
Shamp, Arthur
Shepersky, Joe
Shepersky, Juanita
Shereck, Todd
Shore, Timothy
Sides, Michael
Siers, Harry & Fay
Siirila, Martha
Siegel, Barbara
Skoog, Earl & Beulah
Slavick, Joe & Susan
Smith, James
Snow, Chad
Snook, Jenny
South, Denise
Sorenson, Glenda
Super, George
Stanhope, Frank
Steinke, Darren
Steinke, Todd
Stout, Randolph
Solinger, Marjorie
Solmon, Floyd & Marie
Swenson, Willis
Tangeman, Chuck & Deb
Taylor, Glenn
Tellin, Howard
Terrazas, Wanda
Thorsen, Nells
Theil, Darrin
Toftum, Georgia
Tormanen, Howard
Tramm, Frederick
Tretbar, Megan
Tretbar, Brian
Vanlith, Matthew
Verndale All Star Service
Vonada, Matt & Janelle
Voelker, Dawn
Wanderi, Jessica
Wassather, Tiffany
Wagner, Tom
Wehmas, Heather
Whitaker, Lanay
Whipple, Richard
White, Delbert
White, Deborah
Witamaki, James
Wilson, Christian
Wittstruck, Doub
Williams, Ethel
Wise, Robin
Woods, Dalene
Wolfe, George & Helen
Young, Billy
Zmuda, Robert



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Creative Image Salon & Spa

Creative Image Salon & Spa is located at 31255 275th Ave, Sebeka (rural Nimrod). It offers a full range of services including hair, hair extensions, nails, waxing, lash extensions, facials, massages, and spray tans. There's also a full retail line of products including hair care, nail care, skin care, and cosmetics. Owner Kristina Estabrooks is no stranger to the cosmetology industry, with more than 33 years under her belt — 23 of those as an owner.

Kristina's first salon was in Redwood Falls. After many years of owning it, she sold and moved home to Nimrod to be with her high school sweetheart, Tim Estabrooks. Kristina spent the next couple of decades teaching creative nail design around the globe, helping many nail professionals advance their careers. When the pandemic hit, she found herself laid off, but it gave her the opportunity to reflect on her next step.

Kristina discovered she'd missed the creativity of owning her own salon, and although based in rural Nimrod, she'd find a way to

create a successful business. Creative Image Salon & Spa has been open just over a year, and Kristina is booked 3-4 weeks out. What's her favorite thing about the business? She replied, "I love when a client leaves with a smile on their face. I LOVE my clients. I have it all, and I'm the luckiest girl in the world."

With fiber running to her rural location, Kristina also enjoys (in her words) "super high-speed internet" from West Central Telephone. She uses her internet to run a secure point of sale, update social media and her website, and provide guest Wi-Fi access for her customers.

To make an appointment, contact Kristina at 218-472-3150 or book online at www.saloncreativeimage.com.

Call West Central Telephone at 218-837-5151 to learn more about IT support, internet, and Wi-Fi services for your business.

Welcome New Members

Burke Haylee..... 218-837-8588
Chick Bee Farms..... 218-564-3007
Fix Jeffrey & Yalonda 218-564-5379
Graham David..... 218-837-3107
Hinders Annabelle..... 218-564-9907
Huntersville Sportsmens Park....218-564-4104

Kasperek Linda 218-564-0539
Kramer Eric 218-414-6141
Lapinoja Jacob..... 218-472-4449
Louada Granite 218-472-6483
McCormick Elaine 218-564-5516
Saarela Johnny 218-837-0549

Schmeisser Timothy..... 218-837-6478
Schmitz David & Shirley 218-894-1949
Traurig Kelly..... 218-538-6542
Warmbold Cindy 218-629-1973
Weller Joyce..... 218-631-2300