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Happy Grandparents Day to Grand Folks


Grandparents Day was first declared a national holiday in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, it's been celebrated yearly on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It's a grand time for gatherings to honor the vital role played by grandparents in the lives of their families.


West Central Telephone wishes all the best to the grandparents in our community. Enjoy your day!

Reminder: We will be closed September 5 in observance of Labor Day.




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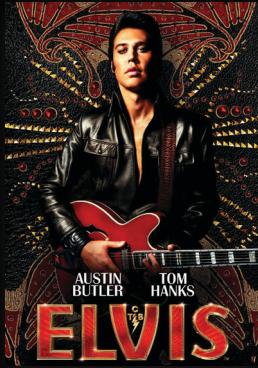


DON'T MISS THE FREE

HBO® AND CINEMAX®

PREVIEW!

Watch HBO® and Cinemax® for FREE for five days and see what you've been missing. From Tuesday, September 6 through Saturday, September 10, you can enjoy addictive series, entertaining movies, family favorites, and more on HBO® and Cinemax® from West Central Telephone!

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Mack Jones



Tess Jones



Anna Meech

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 2022 recipients who each received a \$1,000 scholarship.



Mackenzie Nelson



Logan Veo



Madelyn Ziegler

Directory Cover Photo Contest

West Central Telephone is gearing up to bring you the new 2023 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, September 30, 2022.



The Serpent Queen

Premiering
September 11
@ 7:00pm CT

STARZ

The Serpent Queen tells the story of Catherine de Medici (Samantha Morton) who, against all odds, became one of the most powerful and longest-serving rulers in French history.

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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 16, 2022.

Aho, Seth
Anderson, Eugene (Andy)
Anderson, Haruko
Anderson, Joy
Andreoff, Charissia
Andreoff, Wayne
Andrys, Marjorie
Becker, Allen & Christina
Beldo, Patricia
Bimberg, Thomas
BJ's Dollars & Sense, c/o Barb Ascherman
Bowne, Della
Boyd, Kurt & Lorraine
Brenna, Todd & Kris
Bristlin, Mark
Bunnell, Rebecca
Castle, Allan
Clark, Kenneth
Denniston, Amanda
Deyonge, Aletha
Dockter-Pinnick, Lyn
Doebbeling, Alison S
Evergreen Real Estate Co, c/o Joanie Anderson
Eyestone, Jim & Katie
Gilmer, Jim & Diane
Gjersvig, Brent & Nicole
Graphenteen, Dennis
Green, Andrew & Julie
Haehnel, Verner & Shirley
Harrington, Shawn & Heidi
Heath, Rick
Hendrickson, Michael & Ruthann
Horton, Ruth
Iwen, Josh
Jepson, Carol
Koitila, Larry
Kyllonen, Sylvia
Langberg, Chad & Jackie
Line, Nicole
Livingston, Julia
Manderschied, Luke

May, Deelda F
McIlheran, Michael
Meidinger, Dale
Meyers, Eva E
Michalski, Christopher
Milbradt, Ryan & Kerry
Mitchell, Isaac
Mohs, Doreen
Moulzolf, Doug & Leann
Nelson, Scott & Sara
Norman, Jane
Nyborg, Dick & Kathy
Percival, Genevieve
Petersen, Ronald & Rosemary
Pirates Den, c/o Ricky Mcmanigle
Potter, Betty
Putnam, Raymond
Reinhart, Jeff
Ritter, Judith
Sainsbury-Nelson, Melanie
Sarbaum, Donna
Schantzen, Tammy
Siltala, Joe
Smith, Jerry
Smith, Robert & Paulette
Spindler, Adam
Steinke, Darren & Lavonne
Stinar, Tonya
Stine, Michael & Whitney
Swenson, William & Shannon
Thompson, Doris
Three C's Glass
Tjoens, Mark
Tomperi, Brandon
Weber, Wanda
Wherley, Dennis E
Wilcox, Harold
Winkelman, Darrell & Carol
Wirkkala, Tom
Yliniemi, Ron & Melissa

We're Celebrating Co-op Month

Each October, cooperatives all across America, including West Central Telephone, celebrate the role, accomplishments, and contributions of our nation's co-ops.

Co-ops uphold the internationally accepted values of honesty, openness, social responsibility, and caring for others. Through the member-owned and democratic process, cooperatives straightforwardly maintain these values and continue to offer goods and services that consumers feel "right" about. Co-ops don't have to answer to faraway shareholders; they focus on meeting their local members' needs.

You also benefit from our role as an active community citizen. In addition to the capital credits paid to our members, West Central Telephone donates generously to many community organizations and programs.

Thank you for being a member-owner of West Central Telephone!





BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Fitness 71

Fitness 71 is located at 112 Aspen Ave S in Menahga, along the Hwy 71 corridor (which inspired its name). The fitness center opened its doors in February of this year and provides 24/7 access to members. Fitness 71 is for adults 18 and older, although under a family membership plan, kids who are at least 16 years old can join with a notarized waiver from their parents. There are no long-term contracts or no sign-up fees — just simple monthly or yearly plans.

When designing the gym, owner Trinity Junes sought out opinions and suggestions from many local people. “I tried to make the most of the space. I considered community recommendations on equipment and layout of the gym. Now I love getting feedback from members on ways to improve the gym as it grows.”

The gym features lockers and a shower area along with state-of-the-art equipment including four treadmills, two exercise bikes,

a rowing machine, an elliptical, two squat racks with bench presses, cable machines, a dip station and free weights and benches. There’s also a filtered water system that dispenses hot, cold or room temperature water and ice, as well as two TVs for members to watch while working out.

Trinity relies on WCTA for surveillance with security cameras and for the internet with Wi-Fi he provides for members to use.

To learn more about Fitness71 and to sign up for a membership, visit www.fitness71.com or call 218-255-3434.

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

Welcome New Members

Bernstetter, David 218-631-7228
Citrowske, Kelly 218-564-9920
Eckman, Lisa.....218 837-0619
Finch, Richelle 218-414-6660
Fosler, Stacy 218-445-3758
Korvela, Leland & Charity..... 218-564-7095

Kramer, Mike & Brenda..... 218-629-1093
Meech, Neil 218-837-9806
Pickar, Clarence..... 218-837-3056
Reger, Dennis 218-837-3853
Richter, Robert 218-629-1563
Roth, Eileen 218-837-4503

Steinke, Jennie 218-837-9538
Tabery, Leo & Doris..... 218-631-3497
Tyrrell, Michelle 218-445-5235
White, William 218-445-5486