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In our community, we're better together. We work together, play together and grow together. West Central Telephone is proud to support the connections that make our community stronger. You can always rely on us, just as we always rely on each other.

Happy 4th of July!

Our office will be closed for the holiday.







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The 73rd annual meeting was held May 8 at the Sebeka High School gymnasium. Board president Bruce Kinnunen discussed how TV programming costs are on the rise. He also mentioned we're working on a streaming service as an alternative to traditional TV, which could potentially offer savings to members. Kinnunen announced that just over \$503,000 in capital credits will be paid to members by month's end, and the board is considering a second capital credit payout later this year.

The controller discussed the financial health of the cooperative and included charts showing the breakdown of revenue sources. CEO Chad Bullock updated the membership on upgrades to the network, legislative visits and strategic partnerships. He also highlighted the exceptional service and technology, including Command IQ, available to members.

Harvey Aho, representing District 1, ran unopposed and as such, will serve another three-year term. Annette Adamietz was declared the winner over Scott Veronen. Adamietz will serve a three-year term representing District 4.







Door prizes were awarded after the meeting. Vickie Thompson won the grand prize of one year of phone service plus 100 Mbps unlimited Internet, valued at \$895. Steve Pierson won a 65" Vizio Smart TV, and Tim Bloomquist won a Ring Doorbell. Many other prizes were also given out. Music before the meeting and after the meal was provided by Sebeka High School teacher Melissa Koch on the piano.

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Big Achievements Lead to Big Smiles

When you capture the smiles in countless celebration selfies, you'll be ending one chapter of your life and preparing to write the next one. We wish you luck in your journey and encourage you to thank those who help along the way.

West Central Telephone feels confident about the future since your generation will inspire new possibilities as you move forward. We admire your enthusiasm, creativity and determination. Remember, graduation is not only a milestone. It's also a steppingstone.











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Kayla Meeks

Alex Treinen



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Eight WCTA Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to the eight area high school seniors who each received \$1,000 scholarships! Our committee reviewed many applications and were impressed by the hard work, dedication and achievements of all the students who applied. We're proud to be able to recognize these students for their efforts and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

You're Invited to a Drive-Thru Lunch Please join us for the 6th Annual Co-op Strong Event!

Thursday, July 20 from 11 am to 1 pm Memorial Forest Park & Campground: 825 Aspen Ave SE, Menahga

This year's member appreciation event is sponsored by Lakes Community Cooperative, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative and West Central Telephone. It's a great opportunity to get together with friends and family, enjoy some delicious food and celebrate our shared commitment to our members. We'll be serving roast beef sandwiches, chips and cookies.