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Annual Meeting Highlights

Nearly 500 people attended the company's 66th annual meeting in Ray on June 20th. Attendees all received a free supper, registration gift and numerous opportunities to win \$25 cash prizes, including a \$500 grand prize. Prior to the business meeting, attendees had the opportunity to visit the NCC Demo Area with demonstrations on video surveillance, security system and home automation devices. There was also an opportunity for members to obtain assistance in downloading and signing up with the SmartHub app. DMJ, a trio from Williston provided listeners with beautiful harmony, a variety of instrumentation and a contemporary folk style entertainment. New this year was a demo for kids with the Ray Fire Department. Kids were allowed to use the fire hose to spray water and wear a fireman's hat.

Nathan Jepsen, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Todd Thompson, CFO went on to provide a financial report. The new GM/CEO, Jeremy Becker reported to members that NCC continues to be a very sound financial cooperative with a \$3 million operating margin in 2016. Additionally, he addressed other topics including NCC's fiber to the premise project. He's proud to report that after the 2017 construction season, we should have 3,200 miles of fiber in the ground serving approximately 4,200 locations. This means that about 70% of the cooperative's ownership will be served with fast and reliable broadband, video and telephone service. Becker stated that we must continue to invest in the fiber network because of the following reasons: bandwidth demand from members, speed limitations, copper plant life expectancy and efficiency. Plans for the future include important projects such as enhancing our core network to create more redundancy and serving the new Williston airport. Throughout the event, attendees had several chances to win door prizes. The list of winners and their prizes can be found at right.

Two directors were re-elected to serve on NCC's board Representing District #3 – Wildrose, Alamo, McGregor and Noonan exchanges is AJ Cvancara who lives near Wildrose, and representing District #7 – Crosby exchange is Jim Simonson of Crosby. Both directors will serve a three-year term. In the re-organizational meeting held immediately after the business meeting, the following appointments were made: President – AJ Cvancara, Vice President – Lorena Lambrecht and Secretary/Treasurer – Roger Manger.

Adult Prizes & Winners!

- \$25 Cash Rose Stewart - Tioga
- \$25 Cash Evelyn Stenbak - Tioga
- \$25 Cash Julian Nygaard - Crosby
- \$25 Cash Duane & Phyllis Haustveit - Tioga
- \$25 Cash Lyn Magnuson - Wildrose
- \$25 Cash Mark & Mary Weyrauch - Ray
- \$25 Cash Lois Lund - Crosby
- \$25 Cash Greg & Pat Bjella - Epping
- \$25 Cash Donna Kulstad - Powers Lake
- Blanket (donated by NISC) James Krise - Wildrose
- Flashlight & Stay-Cold Tumbler (donated by NISC) Martin Hanson Jr - Zahl (Grenora Exchange)
- Stay-Cold Tumblers (donated by NISC) Ron Nelson - Flaxton
- \$25 Scheels Gift Card (donated by Border States) Marty & Vicki Liesener - Ray
- \$25 Scheels Gift Card (donated by Border States) Rod & Kathee Dahl - Ray
- \$25 Scheels Gift Card (donated by Border States) Aldean Landro - Ray
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by CNE) Dorothy & Marvin Hegstad - Powers Lake
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by CNE) Blaine Jorgenson - Williston (Round Prairie Ex.)
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by CNE) Sharon Rosten - Wildrose
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by CNE) Hodenfield Erling - Ray
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by CNE) Robert & Faye Sundin - Bowbells
- \$50 Cash (donated by JSI) Miles & Sharon Albertson - Tioga
- \$50 Cash (donated by JSI) Donald & Glenda Burtman - Wildrose
- \$50 Cash (donated by JSI) Dennis & Lovera Dosch - Powers Lake
- \$50 Cash (donated by JSI) Bruce & Glenda Lovdahl - Tioga
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by KLJ) Maxine Smithberg - Noonan
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by KLJ) Arley & Cheryl Hartsoch - Ray
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by KLJ) Walt & Mary Anne White - Powers Lake
- \$50 Gift Card (donated by KLJ) Kenneth & Mary Schmidt - Ray
- GRAND PRIZE: \$500 CASH Sharon Rosten - Wildrose



John Halseth, Ray Fireman and NCC employee, helped kids spray water from fire hose.



Boys' bike winner: Oliver Foss (with siblings).



NCC Employees serving free meal.

- Bubble Mower and Bubbles Rachel Christopherson - Ray
- 2 Selfie Stick Luci Foss - Ray
- 3 Sidewalk Chalk Bucket Madison Christopherson - Ray
- 4 Large Play Doh Set Austin Cvancara - Wildrose
- 5 Selfie Stick Sailyr Bothe - Ray
- 6 Jumbo Bowling Set Bryn Bothe - Ray
- 7 Perfect Smash Football Jenna Holmen - Tioga
- 8 Pie Face Showdown Game Addison Barstad - Tioga
- 9 Selfie Stick Archer Foss - Ray
- 10 Light Up Wireless Headphones Conrad Kupper - Ray
- 11 The Secret Life of Pets Movie Bridger Cvancara - Wildrose
- 12 Small Play Doh Set Quinn Kupper - Ray
- 13 Girls' Bike Zoya Christopherson - Ray
- 14 Boys' Bike Oliver Foss - Ray

Kids' Prizes & Winners!

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Start Taking Those Pictures Today!

The Photo Contest deadline is October 1st. We're searching for special photographs that depict the beauty of our area for the 2018 NCC Calendar.

Entering our free photo contest is easy!

Simply MAIL entries to: NCC/Angela Schepp
PO Box 38, Ray, ND 58849
Or EMAIL: ncc@nccray.com
Subject line: Photo Contest 2017

All photos submitted are being showcased on our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/northwestcommunications.

New NCC Employee

Jessie Ziebarth joined NCC as a Customer Sales & Service Representative in the Internet Department. Jessie's been living in Ray since 1996 when she and her husband, Travis who is also an NCC employee, moved to Ray. Prior to arriving at NCC, Jessie was Branch Manager at First National Bank & Trust at the Ray location.



Jessie holds an AAS degree as an Information Processing Specialist from Bismarck State College. She and Travis have a son, Scott, who is married to Callie, grandson Everhett, and a daughter, Allison. Jessie enjoys spending time with family, going to movies, and shopping. She said that 'everyone from NCC has been so welcoming and helpful.' She is enjoying the NCC work environment. Welcome to the team, Jessie, we are excited to have you!

Legislative Aide Visits NCC

We were happy to welcome Brendon Dorgan, Legislative Aide for United States Senator Heidi Heitkamp, to NCC in July! We took him on a tour of a portion of our service area and stopped for some pictures at one of the fiber plow trains we have operating by one of the many contractors doing work for us this year.

The photo shown at right was taken north of Williston, near Blacktail Dam in our Marmon exchange where Ernst Trenching Inc. is doing fiber construction. At one point, Brendon jumped into the driver's seat of the plow train and appeared to be ready to go!



New Listings

July 2017

CROSBY

Anderson Holly 965-8979

EPPING

Cook Stacy 859-3099

FLAXTON

Snyder Yvonne 596-4110

GRENORA

Doran Kimber 694-3453

LIGNITE

Rophery James 933-6981

NOONAN

Grindelnd Timothy 925-9219

POWERS LAKE

Landry Louis..... 464-4342

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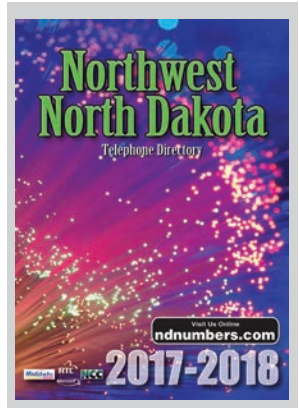
Osen Thomas 875-4005

TIOGA

Frye Alexis 664-3562

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New Telephone Directories!



Notes

- **Remember to dial 811 before you do any digging.** One call will contact all of the utility companies, so that all of your utility lines can be located. It's free and it will protect you from injury and unwanted expenses. It's the law!
- **The NCC office will be closed** on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. Celebrate the economic and social contributions of America's workers, including all of those at NCC!
- **Emergency outages** can be reported by calling our office at 568-3331.
- **The SmartHub App** allows you to manage your NCC account and pay bills from anywhere! Download the free App today at www.smarthubapp.com. Create an Account by going to www.nccray.com, and click on Bill Pay in upper right corner. Or you can use the One-time Pay option by going to www.nccray.com, and click on Pay Now at the bottom of the page. This allows you to see your current balance and make a one-time payment, without creating an account.

Join NCC at These Fun Events in August!

- August 4th-6th
- Crosby's 2017 Celebration
- August 4th-6th
- Ray Grain Palace Days
- August 4th-5th
- Powers Lake Days
- August 5th
- Drone Camp in Tioga
- August 19th
- Bowbells Harvest Hoedown

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