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From all of us at NCC...

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*



THE ONE AND ONLY

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RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS

CHECK OUT OUR NEW INTERNET ONLY OPTIONS AT:
NCCRAY.COM



Should you drop your landline? Let our experts help talk you through the decision at 568-3331.

Get in the game, with the Pick-It Bowl Challenge, from NCC at nccray.com.

It's college football season and NCC is hosting the Pick-It Bowl Challenge this year! All customers are invited to participate in this fun, free, online contest. You can sign up by visiting our website, www.nccray.com, choosing which teams will win the big games and checking in week after week to see how many points you have. The best part? You can play the NCC Pick-It Bowl Challenge with your friends and neighbors and have the chance to win great prizes, all for free!

Prizes:

- 1st place - \$100 cash
- 2nd place - \$75 cash
- 3rd place - \$50 cash

Random Drawing:

- iRobot Roomba Vacuum

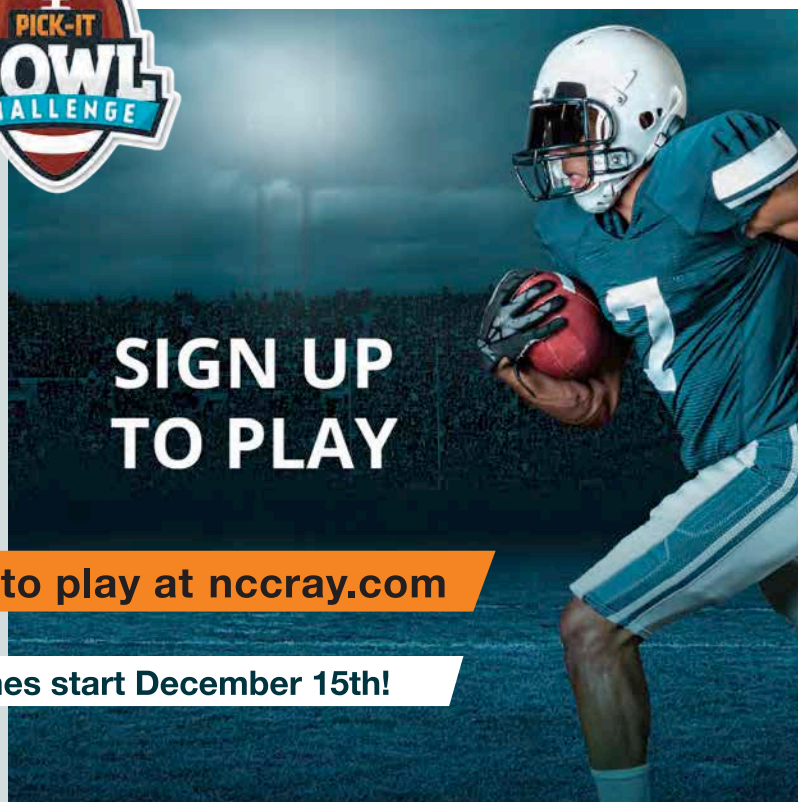
Game matchups will be announced December 2nd, and the first bowl game is December 15th.



SIGN UP TO PLAY

Sign up to play at nccray.com

Games start December 15th!



Pick Up Your New NCC Calendar

Thank you to everyone who participated in the NCC Calendar Contest. We received so many wonderful pictures! Calendars are available for free at the NCC office in Ray. Calendars feature photos from customers taken from this area. Large wall calendars are also available for any business customer. We hope you enjoy!

THE WINNING PHOTOS CAME FROM:

Melanie Krabseth
Joann Ellis
Amanda Magnuson
Shannon Scott
Cindy Lewis
Keith Torgeson
Linda Barstad
Amanda Weyrauch
Raymond Atwood
Phylis Sylte
Ginny Waterson

Amanda Martin
Chasity Cowan
Grady Bakken
Andi Radi
Carrie Pederson
Amanda Blomquist
Veronica McGinnity
Janice Herfindahl
Jerry Walter
Jay Rosencrans
Lisa Thomas

Pedestal Damage Notice! **Attention Farmers**



This past farming season, you may have accidentally hit an NCC pedestal in your field. Please report any pedestal damage by calling the NCC office at 701-568-3331



Facebook Bingo Wrap Up

Thanks to everyone who played Facebook Bingo with us! The following customers were the lucky Bingo winners:

WINNER:	PRIZE:
Cheryl Rose	\$20 NCC Bucks
Joyce Viall	\$20 NCC Bucks
Mable Falck	\$20 NCC Bucks
Marlene Larson	\$20 NCC Bucks
Michelle Pulvermacher	Bluetooth Speaker
Celeste Thingvold	Ultra Slim Power Bank
Susan Anderson	Bluetooth Speaker
Suzette Greenfield	Ultra Slim Power Bank
Katelyn Jespersen	Ultra Slim Power Bank
LeAndra Reinholdt	Bluetooth Speaker
Kate Mollet	Echo Dot
Joy Beard	Echo Dot
Jodie Sagaser	Echo Show
Juliet Artman	Echo Show
Mari Bergstrom	32" Smart TV



Thank you also to the following area businesses for agreeing to keep Bingo cards for customers to pick up:

Alamo Post Office
 Dacotah Bank in Bowbells
 Burke Divide Electric in Columbus
 Garbels Furniture in Crosby
 Epping Post Office
 Flaxton City Auditor's Office
 Dakota West Credit Union in Grenora
 Lignite Oil in Lignite
 McGregor Post Office
 New Century Ag C-Store in Noonan
 Food Barn in Powers Lake
 Drug Store in Tioga
 Horizon Resources in Wildrose

We had fun and hope you did too! Follow us on Facebook and watch for more contests.

Tech Tip: Passwords



Passwords are necessary for nearly all websites, apps or programs we use on our devices, however, keeping track of them, especially when you follow the "rules" can be a nightmare.

Password rules are:

1. Don't use the same password on multiple websites
2. Don't use common passwords such as "password", "logmein", "abc123", or "qwerty"
3. Don't use passwords that are easily guessed, such as spouse's name, birthday, dog's name or favorite car.

How can we create a memorable password and keep track of it? Use a phrase or a song to create it and use substitutions of symbols and numbers. "Mary had a little lamb" could be "Mhall" or "Mh@11". "You are my sunshine" could be "Urmysunshine" or "URmy\$un\$h1n3".

Another option is using a password service such as **www.lastpass.com** to create unique passwords and save them in one location.

RDFC Grant Winners

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) has allotted \$2,000 to NCC to establish a one year grant opportunity for community owned entities, non-profits and other community-based projects.

The RDFC is a non-profit corporation owned by North Dakota's electric & telecommunications cooperatives. NCC is a member of RDFC. RDFC's mission is to promote rural economic development, primarily focusing on creating new jobs and enhancing essential community services and facilities by providing affordable financing.

NCC awarded \$1,000 to Grenora Homes, Inc. to be used towards a boiler replacement. Jennifer McNamara, Mgr., says that these apartments have been a staple in the community since 1972 and updating them is a continuous process.

Tioga's First Lutheran Church was awarded \$1,000 for their fundraising efforts for a community playground. According to Ronica Pederson, almost \$11,000 has already been raised.



*Jennifer McNamara
Grenora Homes, Inc.*

*Children
at First
Lutheran
Church
in Tioga.*



New Listings

CROSBY

Wood Jesse..... 965-4678

EPPING

Stevens Lyle & Linda..... 859-3010

POWERS LAKE

Gunderson Kylie 464-2998

RAY

Heier Matthew & Jayme 568-6471

Weyrauch Matthew 568-6129

ROUND PRAIRIE

CP Machine Inc. 875-8826

TIOGA

Gadson Tabitha 664-4360

Nygard Lindsey 664-3446

Overdorf Kim & Jolene 664-2789

How to stop unwanted calls on a landline:

- Install a call-blocking device. Some devices use blacklists to:
 - stop unwanted calls
 - divert calls to voicemail
 Some devices use whitelists of approved numbers.
- Inquire what services NCC offers to its customers.

Report unwanted calls to the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint



- Sign up in December to receive paperless statements and **WIN one month free gym membership** (up to \$100, your gym choice).
- Enter again to win by signing up for SmartHub, NCC's online customer portal.



Go Green!



NCC

800-245-5884
www.nccray.com

Notes

- **NCC will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th and Tuesday, January 1st** so that our employees may spend time with their families over the holidays. After hours support is available 24/7 by calling our office number 568-3331.
- **TV Video rates will go up effective January 1, 2019** based upon the annual increases the cable networks add to our programming fees. Additionally, the local networks: ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX charge NCC a retransmission fee that increases on an annual basis and is a direct pass through charge to the customer in the form of a local broadcast channel fee which affects all TV customers. We apologize for any inconvenience. We dislike these charges as well, but it is the cost of programming the networks charge to provide the service.

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