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JUNE 2022

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JOIN US!

COME CELEBRATE OUR MEMBERS
AT OUR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

REGISTRATION 5:00 TO 6:00

All members will receive a registration gift.

DEMONSTRATION BOOTHS 5:00 TO 6:00

Visit one or all of our booths and get signed up to win a SmartTV. Sign up for SmartHub or Notifications & get entered to win 2 tickets to the Norsk Hostfest.

FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

We will have bouncy houses, VR games, Ray Fire Dept. Truck and prizes including bikes and a grand prize of an Oculus video game.

FREE MEAL 5:00 TO 6:00

Shredded beef with sides

LIVE MUSIC 5:00 TO 6:00

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BUSINESS MEETING 6:00

Review of Cooperative business from 2021, election of Directors to District #5 and #6 and door prizes.

JUNE 21
2022
AT 5PM

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 **NCC**
MAKING CONNECTIONS

NCC Election Candidates

Two directors will be elected to a three-year term on the NCC Board during the Annual Meeting on June 21st.



Leslie Grubb

The incumbent director for District #5 (Powers Lake and Columbus) is Leslie Grubb. She is a graduate of Powers Lake High School and Minot State University, with a degree in Finance.

Leslie is employed by Liberty State Bank as a Loan and Compliance Officer. She serves as Treasurer for the Women's

Group of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, where she also teaches Sunday School.

Leslie is married to Tyler, and they have been blessed with four children: Oakley, Ella, Owen, and Ozmon. They farm near Powers Lake and enjoy going to the kids' activities, going on adventures, being active in the community, and spending time at the lake.



Lorena Lambrecht

The incumbent director from District #6 (Tioga) is Lorena Lambrecht. She is currently the Vice President of the NCC Board of Directors which she has served on since 2007. She is on the Broadband Association of North Dakota Board and is currently serving as its President. She is a gradu-

ate of Tioga High School and has taken college courses at Minot State University and through the University of Indiana's long distance learning program.

Lorena had been employed at the Tioga Medical Center for 42 years. She recently retired and works as the situation demands in activities. She has been a member of the local chapter of Dollars for Scholars for over 20 years and is currently serving as its Secretary. She has served on the Tioga Public Schools Endowment Fund board.

Lorena's husband, Daren, is a retired Hess Corporation employee. They have two daughters; Krista and Kelsey. Lorena enjoys fishing, golfing, gardening, walking, and most importantly of all, spending time with her family.

photo by Jerry Walter



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NCC Photo Contest – Deadline October 1st

We are in search of special photographs that depict the beauty of our area for the 2023 NCC Calendar.

Requirements:

- Entries must be color photos taken within northwest ND by a person who receives at least one of our services: Internet, Telephone, Security or TV.
- Photos MUST be high resolution or we will not be able to use them.
- If emailing your photos, please attach them to an email. If you have photos in a cloud storage, please download the individual photo and send as an attachment in an email.

Entering our free photo contest is easy:

- Mail entries (prints) to:
NCC/Angela Schepp, PO Box 38, Ray, ND 58849
- Or email photo files to: ncc@nccray.com
Subject line: Photo Contest 2022

All photos submitted will be showcased on our Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/northwestcommunications.
Like our page today!

The 2023 NCC Calendar will be available after Thanksgiving through the first part of 2023. Winners will be announced in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.



– The ABCs of Tech –

Learning all the Internet lingo can seem impossible. But really, it's as simple as ABC. Read or watch us walk you through some of the most commonly used (and misunderstood) tech terms, including Modem, Fiber, Encryption and more!

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NCC Scholarship Winners

2022 Arthur S. Johnson Scholarship:



Hannah Johnson
University of
North Dakota

Hannah Johnson, daughter of Lavern and Julie Johnson, is a junior at the University of North Dakota. She graduated from Grenora High School in 2019. Hannah is double majoring in marketing and communications and minoring in leadership. She is currently involved in the UND Marketing Club, UND Cru, and works as an Admissions Ambassador with the UND Office of Admissions. In high school, she was involved in volleyball, basketball, track, 4-H, National Honor Society, band, choir, youth group, Close-Up, science fair, student council, and teaching Sunday School.



Rudy Kummer
Bainville High School

Rudy Kummer, son of Eric & Anne Kummer, is a senior at Bainville High School. He has been actively involved in FFA, Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society, and Music Council throughout high school. He served as the President for NHS and Vice President for the local FFA chapter his senior year. While in FFA, he won state individually in Farm Business Management and received gold at FFA National convention for his Agriscience project. He was selected as a star student in January 2021 and March 2022 by the Western Cooperative Credit Union. He is a part of the Williston State College orchestra playing trombone. Rudy was also involved in golf his junior and senior year, placed in all four categories at the regional academic olympics, and has maintained a 4.0+ GPA throughout junior high and high school. He plans to attend North Dakota State University to earn a Master's degree in Economics.

Jayden Parkinson, son of Jade and Kristie Parkinson, is a senior at Bowbells High School. He was actively involved in football, basketball, drama, speech, golf, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council, Academic Olympics, Choir, and Band. Jayden has served as an FBLA President for one year, and an FBLA officer for one other year. He has received many awards in speech, drama, and FBLA. Jayden has been a straight A honor roll student and was also selected to the Silver Academic All-State Team. Jayden plans to attend North Dakota State University to pursue a degree in Electrical or Agricultural Engineering with a minor in Mathematics.



Jayden Parkinson
Bowbells
High School



Thomas Ankenbauer
Kenmare
High School

Thomas Ankenbauer, son of Joy & Bryan Ankenbauer, is a senior at Kenmare High School. He was involved in basketball, baseball, speech, drama, Student Council, coaching basketball, Academic Olympics, and Future Business Leaders of America. Thomas has been vice president of Student Council, and held a leadership position in FBLA. He has also been captain of the basketball team where he received all district and district tournament team awards. He has been on the "A" honor roll since his freshman year. Thomas has spent many hours volunteering for the Burke County backpack program and helping at the Kenmare Closet non-profit. During his free time, Thomas plays basketball or works on his family's farm near Bowbells. In the fall, Thomas plans to attend North Dakota State University for an Agriculture degree.



Bo Thingvold
Valley City State
University

2022 Kenneth Lund Jr. Scholarships:

Bo Thingvold, son of Jon & Celeste Thingvold, is a freshman attending Valley City State University. He attended Bowbells High School and was actively involved in football, basketball, baseball, speech, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council, Academic Olympics, Choir, Band, and Luther League. Bo served as the Bowbells High School Student Council President. He also served as an FBLA officer his last three years of high school and as Class President since seventh grade. He received many awards in football, basketball, speech, and FBLA. He was a Straight A Honor Roll student since seventh grade. He was also selected to the Bronze Academic All-State Team. When not busy with school and extracurricular activities, Bo likes to spend his time on the farm, hunting, fishing, and hanging with friends. While attending Valley City State University, Bo is earning a degree in Agribusiness while competing on the football team.

Crystal Bagley, daughter of Delbert and Wanda Bagley, is a senior at Tioga High School. She has been actively involved in many things throughout her community and school. Crystal has been an officer in her local FFA chapter serving as Sentinel since her freshman year. She has also been a part of the yearbook committee since then as well. She has held great academic standards which has put her on the honor roll for numerous years. Volunteering for many different activities and clubs is something she is known for in her community. Crystal plans to attend North Dakota State University majoring in nursing.



Crystal Bagley
Tioga High School

Important Notes



- **The NCC office will be closed** on Monday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day. Our after-hours support can be reached at 568-3331. Employees will be on call for any emergency outages. Enjoy a fun and safe holiday!
- **NCC has equipment return boxes** in most of our exchanges. These drop boxes are meant to be equipment drop off only; we will not be able to accept payments at these locations.
- **NCC Summer hours are 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.** Our after-hours support is available 24/7 by calling our office line 568-3331, and employees are on call for emergency outages.
- **Make a payment anytime** by using SecurePay 1-888-816-8068 or by using your SmartHub account. Visit <https://nccray.com/bill-pay/> to access and sign up for SmartHub.



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