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On behalf of all of us here at NCC, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! NCC will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, 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 at 568-3331 and NCC employees are on-call if needed.

DID YOU HEAR?

Our NEW landline voice service is better (and cheaper) than ever.

Save over \$100 a year and get a \$50 bill credit when you switch to NCC iVoice.

Visit nccray.com/ncc-ivoice for details.

New Voice Service

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2024 NCC Calendar

Get your free 2024 NCC Calendar featuring photos taken by your neighbors!

Thank you to all who participated in our Photo Contest. We received many, many beautiful pictures. All photos that were submitted to the contest were previously posted on the NCC Facebook page.

You can pick up a free calendar or large wall calendar at the NCC office in Ray.



Congratulations to the winners who have pictures in the 2024 NCC Calendar:

Jorja Simes
Kaela Lucke Rosencrans
Melanie Krabseth
Heidi Holmen
Sheila Lalim
Susan Dixon
Cindy Lautenschlager
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Jerry Walter
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Kristi Haugenoe
Kelsey Daffin



NCC Tech Tip!

– The Benefits of a Smart Home Security System –

Practice the art of self-defense for your home. Whether leaving the house to go out for a nice family dinner or locking it up tight for a two-week vacation abroad, there's always a part of your mind that's always asking the question: will anything be left here when I get back? We're here to tell you that a good smart home security system will go a long way to providing the peace of mind you crave.

Five benefits that come with owning a Smart Home Security System:

1. **Protect your valuables.** One of the most popular reasons for installing a Smart Home Security System is also the most obvious one: it helps to keep your valuable stuff safe.
2. **Keep tabs on your kids.** From video doorbells to indoor security cameras, see what your kids are up to when you're at work. And with electronic door locks, you can even unlock the doors remotely to let them in when they come home from school.
3. **Lower your homeowner's insurance.** Did you know that having a security system for your home may lower your homeowner's insurance by up to 20 percent?
4. **Deter crime in your neighborhood.** Studies have shown that as the number of home security systems increase in an area, the number of residential robberies in that area decrease.
5. **Find peace of mind.** Let go of the constant worry that comes with living in an unsecured home. Now you can travel—or simply relax—knowing that you, your family, and your property are safe and secure.

Want to know more? NCC is here to help! At NCC we value our role as your trusted advisor when it comes to making the most of our internet services and home security systems.

Unclaimed Capital Credits



NCC has Unclaimed Retired Capital Credits for individuals and businesses. These cooperative members may have moved out of the area without leaving a forwarding address or they may no longer be living.

If you are one of these former cooperative members (or the administrator of their estate), call NCC at 568-3331 or email ncc@nccray.com.

Even if you do not have unclaimed capital credits, please keep your mailing address current so we are able to mail you any future general capital credit retirements.

For the full list of Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks go to www.nccray.com/capital-credits

WHAT ARE CAPITAL CREDITS? It's Money Back to You!

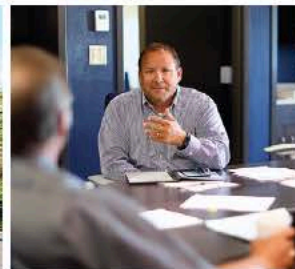
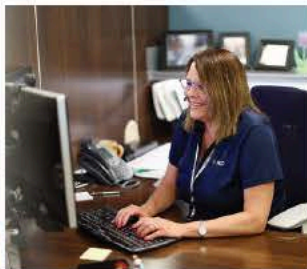
Membership in a cooperative has its benefits. You could be receiving a capital credit check for helping build, sustain and grow NCC.



701.568.3331

LEARN MORE AT NCCRAY.COM/CAPITAL-CREDITS

NCC AT WORK



Universal Rural Broadband

BROADBAND BUILT TO LAST

Universal Service Support is Vital to Economic Growth

The idea that all Americans should have reliable access to communications services at a reasonable cost has been a national objective for over a century. Today, the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) helps rural consumers connect to services comparable in price and quality to those in urban areas, makes services more affordable for low-income families, and supports critical connections for schools, libraries, and healthcare facilities in rural communities.

Even as new broadband deployment programs offer great promise for reaching unserved areas, the USF remains critical to both getting and keeping rural consumers connected to high quality, affordable services.



Learn more at: www.ntca.org/advocacy/issues/universal-service-infrastructure



**Your smart devices
need smart security!**

Add ProtectIQ

Protect IQ protects all of your WiFi connected devices from harmful or suspicious network activity. If it's connected, it's protected. Download the easy-to-use myNCC Connect app. Go to: nccray.com/myncc-connect to download the FREE myNCC Connect mobile app, and for more information about Protect IQ.

Add ProtectIQ on to the app by calling us at 568-3331.



Important Notes

- **NCC Advanced TV and NCC Video rates** and the local broadcast fee will go up the first quarter of 2024 based on the annual programming fee increases from the Cable TV networks and the local networks retransmission agreements. Details will be available in a future bill message and newsletter. For more information about TV rates, please visit: <https://tvonmyside.com/ncc>.

For more information on ways to get your services discounted and save money, please call our office 568-3331.



SIGN UP TODAY!

Sign up and play at: ncc.pickitchallenge.com

It's football season and NCC is hosting a Pick-It Bowl Football Challenge this year! All customers are invited to participate in this fun online contest. You can play by signing up on our website ncc.pickitchallenge.com, filling out your bracket, and checking in after the big games to see how many points you earned. The best part? You can play NCC's Bowl Challenge with your friends and neighbors and have the chance to win great prizes, all for free!

The first bracket games start Friday, December 15th with the championship game on Monday, January 8th. Get in the game with the Pick-It Bowl Football Challenge from NCC.

NCC is Your Local Provider of Internet, Telephone, TV and Security Monitoring and Surveillance services!



*Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!*

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