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March 2018

RINGER



Visit NCC at the KUMV **Farm & Ranch Show** at the Raymond Family Community Center in Williston on Tuesday, March 13th and Wednesday, March 14th.

Annual Meeting

SAVE the DATE on your calendar!!
NCC's upcoming Annual Meeting of members is **Tuesday, June 19th in Ray.** Members of all ages are invited to enjoy an evening of food, entertainment and prizes.

Win Prizes!

Pick-It MARCH MANIA

Play Our Free COLLEGE BASKETBALL CONTEST!

Fill out your bracket and enjoy friendly competition with others in your community. It's easy to enter and fun to play. Plus, all participants have an opportunity to win one of our awesome prizes! **Enter before March 15th!**

Win Great Prizes!

- 1st Place:** Fitbit Blaze
- 2nd Place:** Amazon Echo
- 3rd Place:** Amazon Dot

Sign up and play at:
go-nccray.com

NCC New Employee



NCC TV Update:

Our costs for TV channels from the cable networks continue to increase every year. Broadcasters and large TV networks are raising prices for the entire TV industry. We must pay for every channel in our line-up for every subscriber whether you watch that channel or not. Most networks require us to carry their less desirable channels in order to carry their more desirable channels.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter and bill messages, you will notice some rate changes effective on your March statements from NCC. We were negotiating retransmission agreements for the local broadcast networks the end of 2017, which resulted in a change to the Local Broadcast Fee to \$14.39/mo. This is a direct pass through of the amount NCC is charged by the local networks (NBC, CBS, FOX and ABC). Also, because of programming rate increases from most other networks, Cable TV subscriber fees will be as follows:

- Economy TV Package: \$28.10/month
- Basic TV Package: \$67.65/month

These rate changes will affect the Deluxe Bundle and Premium Bundle but will be less of an increase because of the discount applied to the bundles.

• Adding CBS Sports and CBS Sports HD!

We have added CBS Sports to channel 78 and CBS Sports HD to channel 300. CBS Sports features live scoring, news, stats, and player information for NFL football, MLB Baseball, NBA basketball, NHL hockey, college basketball and football. The network is also the premier national television partner of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference. CBS Sports will air both semifinals and the championship game of the 2018 NCHC Frozen Faceoff.

• HBO Go added to watchTVEverywhere

HBO Go is a TV Everywhere service offered by HBO. Stream and enjoy instant and unlimited access on a laptop, tablet, phone or PC if you are an HBO subscriber of NCC TV.

• Spike TV is rebranding and will now be called Paramount Network.

Please call our office at 568-3331 with questions or if we may assist you. We thank you for choosing NCC!

Sheldon Johnson
Communications
Specialist



NCC employees recently welcomed Sheldon Johnson as the newest Communications Specialist. He is originally from Westby, MT and recently moved back to this area after living in our neighboring state of Minnesota for 16 years. Sheldon attended Montana State University for Electrical Engineering Electronic Technology and Butte Vocational Technical Center for Apprentice Electrician. He previously worked at Nemont Telephone based out of Plentywood, MT and Paul Bunyan Communications in Grand Rapids, MN, before arriving here at NCC.

Sheldon has two teenage children, ages 14 and 16. They are all looking forward to pheasant hunting in North Dakota! Sheldon has been a volunteer firefighter/first responder for 22 years so hopes to join a local department and serve his community that he lives and works in. He said that he has enjoyed working for NCC so far, and stated, *"It's been very rewarding to be able to live in and work in communities where everyone knows each other; it's more than just being the phone guy or a customer, it's about being part of a community."*

We are happy to have him here and hope you will also welcome him!

Scholarship Deadline Reminder — March 16th!

Does your student need money for college? There's still time to apply to the NCC Scholarships. NCC will be awarding (6) \$1,000 scholarships. Applications are easy to fill out. Call 568-3331, email ncc@nccray.com or download at www.nccray.com today!



Federal law allows us to use information from your current records to market and advise you of new products and services that may satisfy your communications needs, unless you notify us otherwise.

Your Account Opt Out Notice

What is this "information?"

It is information called "Customer Proprietary Network Information" or "CPNI" - relating to telecommunications services you receive from NCC.

How can we use this information?

This information can be used to advise you about innovative communications services or new communications technology and products offered by NCC. We DO NOT sell or in any way provide this information to any other company other than the 911 records we are required by law to provide if you are a telephone customer.

Who will be able to use this information?

ONLY Northwest Communications Cooperative and the subsidiary companies of NCC can use this information.

Will NCC protect my information?

YES! You have the right, and we have the duty, under federal law, to protect the confidentiality of this information. Therefore, regardless of whether you consent or not, to allowing us to continue providing you with educational mailings, your account will be treated confidentially.

What action must I take to show consent?

No action on your part is necessary. If you do not contact us within 30 days and indicate that we may not continue providing you with marketing & educational mailings, we will continue to do so.

What if I do not consent?

You can contact us at 568-3331 or 1-800-245-5884. You will not receive company information from us at that point. You may miss the opportunity to learn of new, innovative service proposals, new packaging that could reduce your monthly bill and other information that keeps you informed of the happenings of NCC.



NCC employees and family members sold concessions for the Tioga Theatre for the month of January.

Pictured (L to R): Shelby Knox, Sarah Knox, Vaughn Davis and Bryan Davis.

2018 Director Election

The Annual Meeting of Northwest Communications Cooperative (NCC) will be held on Tuesday, June 19th in the warehouse of the cooperative's headquarter location in Ray. Three (3) directorship positions are up for election. The directors whose terms expire & their districts are:

- **District #1 – Roger Manger**
Grenora, Marmon & Round Prairie
- **District #2 – Troy Donnelly**
Ray and Epping
- **District #4 – Nate Jepsen**
Bowbells, Flaxton & Lignite

The Bylaws of NCC specifically address the legal aspects of the nominating and election process under Article IV Directors. Please refer to the Bylaws in the back of your telephone directory, paying specific attention to **Section 4. Qualifications to be Nominated, to Become or Remain a Director** and **Section 5. Nomination and Election of Directors**. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, please call NCC at 568-3331 or stop at the office in Ray to receive a nomination petition form. Completed petition forms must be returned to NCC by Friday, May 4th, 2018 for those who are interested in seeking directorship.

New Listings

CROSBY

Meadowlark Arts Council965-4650

EPPING

Burrington Drew 859-4199

Clarence Mitchel & Crystal 859-5679

Quality Oil Services 859-4873

GRENORA

Macomber Heather694-5465

Muse Todd & Megan 694-4535

NOONAN

Bays Todd925-9326

POWERS LAKE

Hodgins Kevin 464-6624

RAY

Anderson Charlie568-5878

ROUND PRAIRIE

Johnson Jordan875-4597

Mousel Andrew 875-4687

Wilson David875-5334

TIOGA

Ace John664-5560

Ferigan John & Mary664-8027

Gilmer David664-6741

Hanson Kelci664-2949

Henson Klynn664-4866

Irvin Samantha664-8946

Summit Counseling Service664-8220

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Notes

- **Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 a.m.** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour. Also, replacing the batteries in your smoke alarms when you adjust your clocks twice a year is an easy way to ensure that your family is protected.
- **Happy St. Patrick's Day** on Saturday, March 17th!
- **Congratulations to KayCee Lindsey** who won the door prize at the Crosby Fiber to the Home Informational Open House in February. She's the lucky winner of a wireless lighting starter kit, which includes light bulbs that are controlled by an app on your smartphone or tablet.

PLEASE CHECK your listing in the NCC Telephone Directory for any errors or changes.

Call Sheri at NCC by May 1st at 568-3331 if you would like any changes for the 2018-2019 printed directory, which comes out in August. Changes are made more often on the online directory found by visiting the NCC website www.nccray.com.

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