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RTC WILL BE CLOSED

- June 16—RTC's 65th Annual Meeting
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. —
Watford City Office
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. —
Parshall and New Town Offices
- June 17—3:00 p.m. to
5:00 p.m. closed
- July 4—Independence Day
- September 5—Labor Day

LIKE AND FOLLOW RTC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The best way to stay updated on customer information is to join the RTC community on social media.

We urge you to click the "Like" button on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RTC.coop to receive company news, alerts on outages, employee spotlight profiles, and the latest on our money-saving promotions. You're also invited to follow RTC on Instagram at @RTC.coop.



A FAST FLIGHT TO THE FUTURE

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**You're Invited to Attend RTC's 65th Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Parshall High School**



Want to make some fast money? Members will get a \$25 credit just for attending. (Limit one credit per membership account.) The theme for RTC's 65th Annual Meeting is "A Fast Flight to the Future." At this event, we'll celebrate our "out of this world" Internet speeds since we're now an NTCA Certified Gig-Capable Provider. We'll also highlight RTC's progress in bringing much faster Internet speeds to the communities we serve, and tell you about the plans ahead as we continue building out fiber.

Come and enjoy a delicious meal as well as prize drawings for adults and kids! Bring your family—childcare will be provided during the meeting.

- **5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**
Member registration and free meal
- **6:30 p.m.**
Meeting called to order

Speed propels infinite possibilities, so prepare for takeoff!
We look forward to seeing you on June 16.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The Nominating Committee met Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the RTC HQ Conference Room in Parshall. Members present were: Mylo Wolding, Curt Wittmayer, Stephen Hannegrefs, Ron Krebsbach, Edmund Seidler, Charlene Olson and Sharleen Thompson.

Motion and second to have Mylo Wolding as Chairman. M/C

Motion and second to nominate Gretchen Edwards, RTC Human Resources Manager as Recording Secretary. M/C

The Nominating Committee reviewed the packet they were given including the Notice of Meeting, RTC by-laws regarding the nomination, Minutes of 2015 Nominating Committee Meeting and election of board members and the Director Composition Report.

Motion and second to approve the Minutes of the 2015 Nominating Committee Meeting. M/C

The cooperative districts and current directors were reviewed. There was discussion regarding representation of each district and the percentages of each district.

The Nominating Committee reviewed the signed Certification of Nominee forms completed by Angela Moe, Wayne Skarda, Barbara Steinmetz and Jeanette Hoff.

Motion and second to approve list of candidates; District 1A – Angela Moe; District 1A – Wayne Skarda; District 4 – Jeanette Hoff; District 6 – Barbara Steinmetz. M/C

Motion and second that it is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to have the paper ballots, alternated 50/50 with the candidate's names at the top of the ballot. M/C.

Chairman Wolding called for other business. Discussed if any committee members would be available to count ballots, if necessary. Chairman Wolding agreed to read the Minutes of the Nominating Committee Meeting at the Annual Meeting if needed.

Motion and second to adjourn. M/C

Meeting adjourned.

RTC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

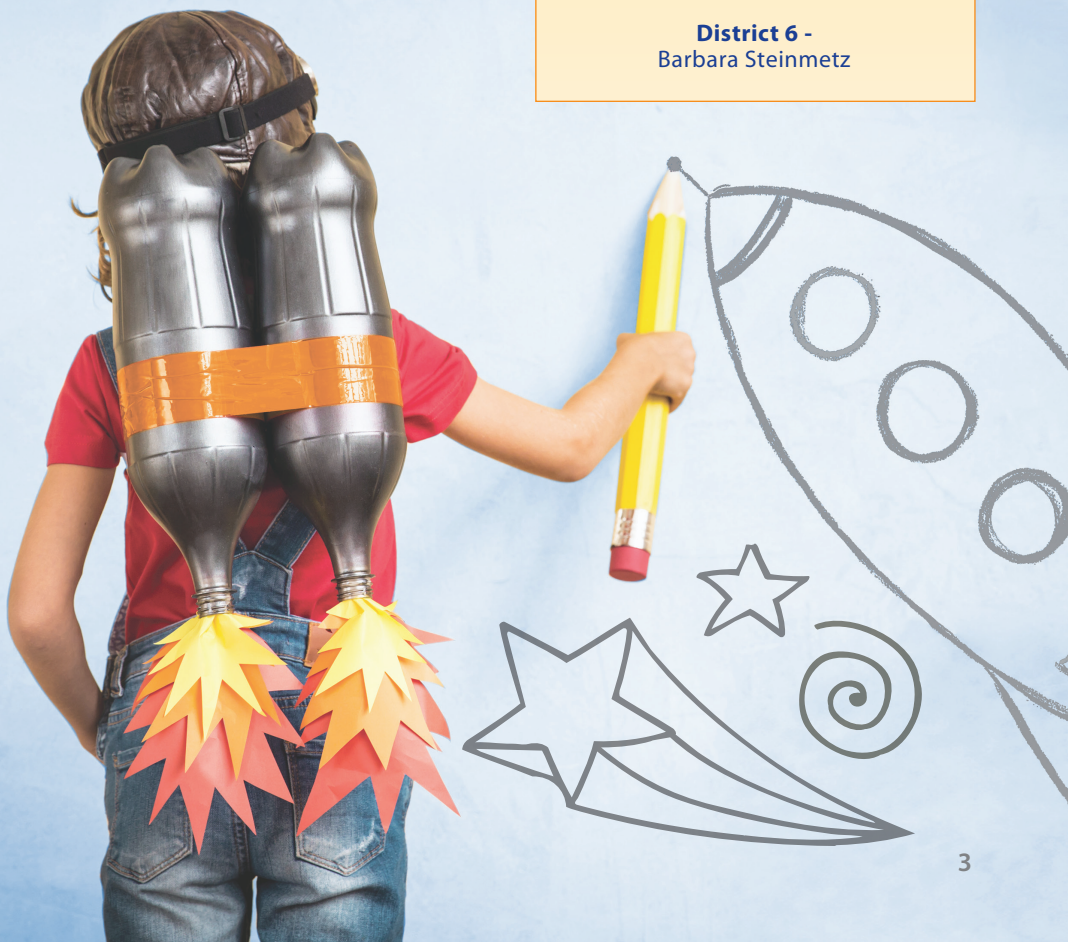
In compliance with Article IV Section 4.5 of the Reservation Telephone Cooperative by-laws, the nominating committee met on May 17, 2016. Members present: Mylo Wolding, Curt Wittmayer, Stephen Hannegrefs, Ron Krebsbach, Edmund Seidler, Charlene Olson and Sharleen Thompson.

The following persons were nominated as candidates to be voted on at the Reservation Telephone Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2016.

District 1A -
Angela Moe
Wayne Skarda

District 4 -
Jeanette Hoff

District 6 -
Barbara Steinmetz



Director Candidates

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WAYNE SKARDA
District 1A Candidate

Wayne Skarda lives in the rural Keene area with his wife Kim, where he presently works on the family farm. Wayne and Kim were both raised in the Watford City and Keene area, and went to school there. They have three grown daughters. After working in Wyoming for 20 years for a rural electric cooperative, they moved to Garrison in 2010 where Wayne worked at McLean Electric Cooperative as operations manager. In 2014, he retired from the electric industry.

“The reason I am interested in becoming a director for RTC is that I would like the opportunity to work with the Board of Directors, management, and employees to have RTC continue to provide reliable telecommunication services with up-to-date technology at a reasonable cost to its members. I feel that my experience with working with boards of directors and management of other cooperatives would be beneficial as a director for RTC,” he says.



ANGELA MOE
District 1A Candidate

Angela Moe was raised in Watford City and grew up with her dad working at an electric power cooperative. She graduated from Lamson Junior College in Phoenix, Arizona. She lived in Arizona, Colorado, and South Dakota before moving back to North Dakota in 2010 after a family tragedy. Angela has worked in the banking/finance field, was a licensed insurance representative, a social services specialist and also worked at a telephone, high-speed Internet, and cable TV company. In the last five years, she was the lead secretary at Watford City High School during the

booming economy. She is married to Terry Moe, General Manager at Nuverra in Watford City. They have a daughter, Hayley, who is a junior at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

“I am interested in being a board member at RTC to help fulfill their mission of providing quality telecommunication services at competitive prices. Additionally, I believe reliable Internet service and cable TV availability to RTC members is important. I have always noticed and appreciated friendly and helpful customer service, and I do not want to lose sight of valuable employees,” she says.



JEANETTE HOFF
District 4 Candidate

Jeanette farms with her husband Steve near Parshall. After graduating from Minot State University, Jeanette taught school in Parshall, North Shore, and White Shield for a combined total of 20 years.

The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association provides opportunities for board members to gain knowledge within the telecommunications field. Because of her participation in these seminars, Jeanette has been recognized by the NTCA with the “Excellence in Leadership Award” for outstanding commitment to telecommunications and organizational education. She has also served as a “team leader” for NTCA during legislative conference visits of our Senators and Representatives.

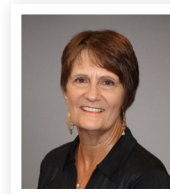
Jeanette is currently involved with the following organizations:

- RTC Board President
- First Lutheran Church Choir Director
- First Lutheran Church Quilting Group

- Parshall Promoters supporter
- Plaza Quilting Guild

Previously, Jeanette’s activities included: NDATC Board Past President, Parshall Township Clerk for 26 years (retiring in 2012), Parshall Horizons Circle, First Lutheran Church Council, Parshall Education Association, Parshall Dive-Rescue squad, Chairperson for the Parshall Centennial Celebration (celebration in June of 2014), and Big Band Reflections/ Dixie Band.

Jeanette and Steve have three sons (two are married) and seven grandchildren. Jeanette enjoys being with family and friends, church and community involvement, as well as sewing, painting, golfing, listening to music, and being at the lake.



BARBARA STEINMETZ
District 6 Candidate

Barbara Steinmetz lives in Garrison with her husband, Doug. She was raised near Oberon, North Dakota. Her family was always active in the community and cooperatives.

Barb is currently involved in the following activities:

- RTC Board Vice-President
- Reservation Telephone Cooperative Board for six years
- Volunteer at the Benedictine Living Center
- Member of St. Paul Lutheran Church

Barb worked in the banking industry for 20 years. She and Doug have lived in Garrison since 2006. Their daughter, Jill, lives in Boise, Idaho and son, Matt, lives in Cody, Wyoming.

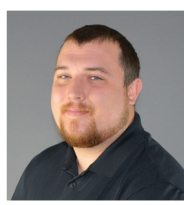
Employees and Director Recognized for Years of Service



Katie Dockter
Field Engineer
1 year of service



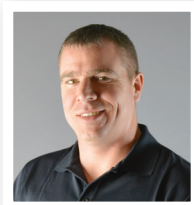
Adam Grinstead
Combination Tech
1 year of service



Andrew Hankins
Cable Locator
1 year of service



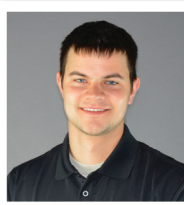
Stephanie Hayden
Customer Service Rep Lead
1 year of service



Derek Hixson
Cable Locator
1 year of service



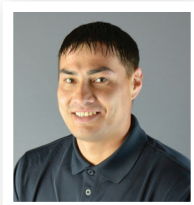
Jon Rogness
Utility Tech
1 year of service



Jeremy Zacher
Utility Tech
1 year of service



Gena Blunck
Customer Service Rep
5 years of service



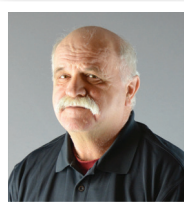
Jerry Brien Jr.
Utility Tech
5 years of service



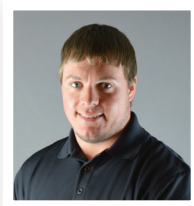
Ashley Campbell
Customer Service Rep
5 years of service



Tyrone Dahly
Central Office Tech
5 years of service



Alan Engel
Cable Locator
5 years of service



Scot Ness
Combination Tech
5 years of service



Joy Ruud
Purchasing Agent
Coordinator
5 years of service



Barbara Steinmetz
RTC Board
Vice-President
5 years of service



Karen Huber
Customer Service Rep
15 years of service



Lisa Schenfish
Customer Service Manager
15 years of service



Rick Hovda
Cable Locator Coordinator
20 years of service

DUPAY NAMED RTC EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEE

Jason Dupay is the recipient of the Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC) *Exceptional Employee Award* for the first quarter of 2016.

RTC Outside Plant Manager Chad Betz says, "Jason Dupay is one of the reasons why RTC has been so successful. He cares about the service we provide to our customers. He's always willing to help a co-worker. When Jason encounters a customer or co-worker who is not having a great day, his disposition will lift their spirits. I've had customers call and ask, "Can you send Jason out to fix this? He does a great job."

Jason was hired in June 2008 as a Utility Tech. In September 2008, he became a Combination Tech and was promoted in March 2012 to Combination Tech Lead.

Jason started his present position as Combination Tech Coordinator for the Kenmare and Ross area in April 2013. He organizes Kenmare and Ross area technicians and contractors, installs and provisions services for customers, tends to cable cuts as needed, travels around RTC's service area to help with other large projects, and does whatever else is needed.

Jason resides in Stanley with his wife Danielle, daughter Cassidy, and son Cooper.

The *Exceptional Employee Award* was developed to recognize RTC employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. Nominations are made by fellow employees, and the award is given quarterly to a deserving RTC employee.



RTC Combination Tech Lead Jason Dupay (right) receives *Exceptional Employee Award* from General Manager Shane Hart.

RTC Scholarship Winners

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This year, RTC awarded four college scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500. These scholarships were given to students that met our scholarship criteria, in order to recognize their outstanding academic and personal achievements as well as encourage their continued educational success.



Kennedy Chrest
Kenmare High School

Daughter of Tami Chrest and Brad Chrest. Plans to attend Bismarck State College to major in Business Administration.



Korbin Knutson
Watford City High School

Son of Troy and Kallie Knutson. Plans to attend Montana State University to major in Computer Science/Engineering.



Bree Diffely
Garrison High School

Daughter of Shawn and Sonja Diffely. Plans to attend North Dakota State University to major in Agri-business.

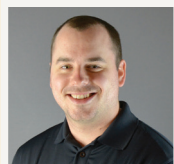


Nicholas Thompson
Max Public School

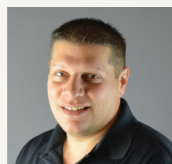
Son of Jeremy and Karen Thompson. Plans to attend University of Jamestown to major in Business Administration.

RTC ANNOUNCES EMPLOYEE NEWS

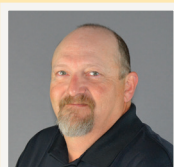
NEW EMPLOYEES:



Brock Lynne
Accountant

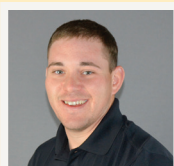


Mike Campbell
CATV Tech



Ed Elkins
Utility Tech-Watford City

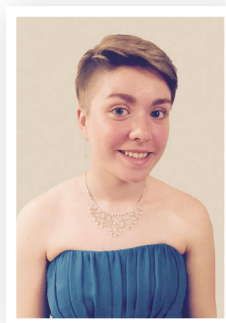
TITLE CHANGE:



Jon Rogness
Utility Tech-Watford City

RTC Sponsors Jessica Bingham for Youth Tour

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Jessica Bingham, a junior at Max High School, attended the 2016 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Annual Youth Tour, June 4-8, 2016. Each year,

in collaboration with National Telecommunications Cooperative Association member companies, FRS brings rural students from across the United States to Washington, D.C. for a four-day, expenses-paid tour.

While in Washington, Jessica learned about the telecommunications industry as well as the regulatory and legislative processes. She also visited the U.S. Capitol and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and met with industry leaders and members

of Congress. Attendees were also given ample time to explore Washington, D.C. and its many attractions including the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials; the Korean, Vietnam and World War II Memorials; Mount Vernon, home of George Washington; and the Smithsonian Museums.

Every year, RTC randomly selects a school within our serving area and that school selects a high school junior to attend the FRS Youth Tour. Max High School was drawn this year and Jessica Bingham was selected. Jessica is involved with school activities including band, choir, Character Counts Club, National Honor Society, and Math Counts. Jessica's extracurricular activities include volleyball, baseball, pep band, drama, and Western Plains Children's Choir. In her spare time, Jessica enjoys reading, playing musical instruments, listening to music, Sudoku, and biking.

New Listings

Alexander – 828

Chisholm, Aaron	3173
Frazier, Max	3367
Hunter, Austin	3380
Mrachek, Kristopher	3985
Penland, M.	3707
Phillips, J.	3189
Wight, Ed & Jen	3995

Arnegard – 586

Arrow Electric	3111
Arrow Electric - Fax	3112
Casey, Brian	3130
Dickey, Jordan	3147
Earl, James & Rachel	3255
Fulford, J.	3322

Emmet – 337

Fleck, Cody	5668
Leonard, A.	2022
Naze, Randall & Cheryl	2964
Norstegaard, Marlin	2415
Weishaar, Dennis	5202

Garrison – 463

Hanson, Joshua	2749
Haycock, Kazin	2748
Holtz, B.	2065
Krebsbach, Francis	2489
Rodacker, Jeffrey	2943
Schuh, Marvin & Frances	2170
Smith, Peggy	2923
Todd Zahnaw Farms	2936
Young, Robert R.	2579

Keene – 675

Alvarez, Dee	2848
Combs	2336
Leppell, Jessie	2536
Long, A.	2595
Skarda, Ty & Sarah	2075

Kenmare – 385

Garbel's Furniture	3390
Garbel's Furniture - Fax	3387
Lovette, Albert	4044
Nyhof, Austin	3971
Thompson, Jason	3342

Mandaree – 759

Ackerman, S.	3317
Gachupin, Mary	3708
Jacobson, Brock & Kelsey	3921
Mandaree Community Clinic	3788
Rosario, Paul Jr	3289
Standish, Hayden	3225
Stevenson, Kenneth	3269

New Town – 627

Baker, Scott & Mary	4801
Brien, Mr & Mrs Dan Sr.	2916
Conklin, Alyssa	4578
Craft, Gary & Darla	2692
Cuny, Jesse	3846
Danks, McCrae	2355

Denny, Ervinal & Brandi	3016
FBCC Food Service Director - Fax	2830
Fox, Michael A.	4319
Grady Winanz Margaret	5148
Great Plains Indian Trading	3700
Hale, Melvin & Geneva	3040
Hoff, Dustin & Jenna	3865
Jason's Super Foods-Deli	5321
Lainson, Kimberly	4591
Lewis, Nick	2987
Lewis, T.	3056
Little Swallow, R.	2027
Mariner Gulf ND	4616
McKoy, Tia	5103
McWhorter, Dawn	5335
Medicine Stone, David	4285
Miller, Daniel & Shaylane	4284
Monette, Shannon	4217
New Town School Bus Barn	3480
Oliva, Jose Jr	3486
Rosenberger, Jessica	4791
Sieg, Gary	3337
Stanley, Jeanette	2978
Starr, Jacqueline	3839
TAT - Child Protection Services Fax	2060
TAT - Tero	4311
Two Bears, Tony	4971
Vestich, Jess	4753
Vivier, S.	3196
White, Valentino & Lindsay	4429

Norma – 467

Handeland, Emmy & Jeremy	3817
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Parshall – 862

Bad Bear, T.	2061
Chase, Terrence	4329
Corcoran, Gregory Jr	2364
CpackSea	2522
CpackSea - Fax	2520
Filios, Dakota	2929
Fox Whisper	3189
Morning Star, Renatta	2571
Pelzer, D.	2438
Schepp, Ray & Angela	4134
Three Affiliated Tribes	
- FBCC Mentor Office	2445
Three Affiliated Tribes	
- M Packineau	2166
Three Affiliated Tribes	
- M Packineau - Fax	2168
Three Affiliated Tribes	
- Mentor Fax	2446
Tupuola, L.	4839
Westad, K.	3320

Plaza – 497

Bearpaw Cottage Crafts	3474
Chester, Kenneth & Bernadette	3474
Tvedt, Lowell	3752

Roseglen – 743

Mills, Cody & Megan	4161
Ree Lodge Special Projects	4100
Ree Lodge Special Projects - Fax	4101

Yellow Bird, C.	4338
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Ross – 755

Blagg, Brandi	3611
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Spencer – 848

Johnson, W C	2086
Lemere, Erika Ingerson Mitchell	2889

Squaw Gap – 569

Poland, Jared	406.569.2380
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Watford City – 444

Allred, James	2798
Altman, Chelsie	3251
Anderson, M	4059
Archuleta, Natasha	5128
Arnett & Burgess Pipeliners (Rockies) LLC	4738
Arnett & Burgess Pipeliners (Rockies) LLC - Fax	3112
Automation-X	3188
Barham, D.	2546
Beal, Michael & Brandy	3446
Beckham, Justin	2586
Beecher, Gwen	2923
Begley, M	3377
Bertram, Terry	3261
Blanton, R & C	2478
Boehlke, Michael	5056
Brown, Joel & Emily	3710
Brown, Robert	4834
Burrows, Brett	2730
Carlson, Jason	5026
Carriker, Tyler	4969
Carter, Alvin	3248
Choice Property Management	2787
Choice Property Management - Fax	2788
Coble, B.	4991
Conry, Levi	2499
Construction Engineers LTD	5075
Cook, Josh & Rebecca	3051
Cornelle, T.	3422
Duprey, I.	3029
Enloe, M & J	2377
Flack, Marshall	2237
Flippin, Kylie	4027
Franz, Jody	2465
Galloway, N	3455
Garwood, B	4185
Goldman, C	3618
Gonzales, A G	2870
Grames, Aaron	2962
Green, Steve & Lisa	2106
Gudmunsen, Garret & Jamie	4801
Hjelden, Matt & Melissa	2088
Holcomb, J.	3709
Holderman, T & J	2408
Hueth, Bradley	3237
Jimmy's Pizza	4040
Johnson, R L	4285
Johnson, Trevor & Jennifer	3101
Jones, A.	3405
Keeler, Joseph	3102

Kelly, Danielle	2128
Kent, Kenneth & Emily	2319
Kinder Morgan Inc	5060
Kinder Morgan Inc - 2nd Line	5066
Kinder Morgan Inc - Fax	5064
Kirchoff, Tommy & Jenni Rose	2259
Kirk, Barbara	3113
Kirkland, Ed	4765
Kleppen, Jordan & Vallier Sadie	4026
Konsor, James	2050
Lamorie, S.	2412
Lampi, Adam & Carolyn	4066
Latchem, R.	3557
Lenti, P Mark	2704
Linseth, Cole	5020
Lund, Katrina	2836
Magana, F.	4047
Mattern, S.	2711
Matthew, Levi	3706
McLain, Ed	2669
Meyer, James	3578
Miranda, J.	2821
Neether, Justin	2388
Norby, Josh	3551
Nunez, Wendy	4283
Osborn, Darrell & Marisa	2721
Pike, Eric	4855
Pittrack, N J	3368
Porter, G	2766
Rainey, A.	5166
Santos, Juan	4241
Shane, Brenno	5189
Shrum, Mike	5123
Sistrunk, R.	3114
Sitton, Melissa	4269
Slatton, M.	4140
Strickland, John	3172
Summit Counseling Services	4262
Swift, Chandra	4774
Thall, Justin	4699
Tolson, Tommy	2053
Watford City Roller Derby	3729
White, Dove	4266
White, J.	3430
White, Shawn	4264
Whitlatch, David & Jennifer	4764
Wollemann, J & Y	3974
Woolard, Amy	3611
Wright, Timothy L	3413
Zaldivar, Saturnino	4972
Zuehlke, Ryan	4751

Watford City – 842

Cox, Gayle	6667
Dehn, Jessie	3069
Fowle, Angela	6965
Frazier, Arlys	6447
Gardiner, George	6777
Gardiner, Neil	6104
Meyer, Jeff	3134
Roff, Kyle	3552
Scott Residence	4908
Williams, Mitchell	3199

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 RTC is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

1. Members will get a \$25 bill credit just for attending. (Limit of one credit per member account.)
2. You'll enjoy a free dinner. Between 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., there will be member registration and the meal.
3. You'll learn what's ahead for RTC. The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 p.m.
4. Free childcare will be provided. Kids are welcome, so you can make it a family activity.
5. We're giving away prizes throughout the evening. This includes a children's drawing.



READERS' CONTEST

Congratulations to these Spring 2016 Communicator "Readers' Contest" winners. They will receive a \$10 credit on their RTC telephone bill:

- Robert and Carolyn Barden, Max Exchange
- Dwight D. Lies, Douglas Exchange
- Janet Krzmarzick, Garrison Exchange
- Pete Helling, Alexander Exchange
- LaVerne Johnson, Parshall Exchange

For your chance to be entered in the drawing to win a \$10 credit on your bill, correctly answer the questions at right and include with your RTC bill. Mail to RTC, PO Box 68, Parshall, ND, 58770. Or email the answers to **rtc@restel.com**.

NAME

PHONE

1. RTC awarded ____ \$2,500 scholarships this year.
2. RTC's 65th Annual Meeting will take place June 16 at the _____ High School.
3. Members will receive a \$ _____ bill credit just for attending the Annual Meeting.

Entries must be received by July 11, 2016.