



## Be A Facebook Winner!

Congratulations to our Facebook contest winners Beth Mauch & Melanie Pierce! They each won a Home Depot gift card and some Wiatel goodies!

You can be a winner, too, by liking our Wiatel and Wiatel Solution Center Facebook pages. All you need to do is answer our give-a-way question posted on our page during the month and your name will go into a drawing for great prizes. Tell your friends and family to follow us and they can be winners, too!



## Annual Meeting

### Annual Meeting Of The Members

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at the Moville Community Center. Members should have received your Annual Meeting invitation/ballot via mail.

**LAWTON OFFICE:**  
202 Cedar Street, PO Box 38  
Lawton, IA 51030  
Monday-Friday 8:00AM—4:30PM  
712.944.5711



**MOVILLE OFFICE:**  
200 Main Street  
Moville, IA 51039  
Monday-Friday 8:00AM—4:30PM  
Or By Appointment  
712.873.5711

## New Telephone Listings

### JoJo's Coffee

Kingsley 378-3777



### Attention Area High School Seniors:

Wiatel awards a \$1500 scholarship annually to one senior in each of the school districts that we serve. To be eligible, at least one parent or legal guardian must have Wiatel service(s). Pick up an application from your guidance counselor today!

### 75th Anniversary Fact & Photo Of the Month

Amanda Lenter, operator at Castana helps connect callers on July 19, 1968



## Minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting

Date: 4/04/2023

President Russ Walker called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Moville Community Center in Moville, Iowa. 117 members were present. The President called on Secretary Deb Sulsberger to read the Notice of the Meeting and Minutes of last year's meeting. It was duly moved and seconded that the Secretary dispense with the reading of both, since every member had previously been mailed a copy. Motion carried.

President Walker then called for all ballots to be received from those present and qualified to vote. The same were received and delivered to the Judges of Election.

CEO Heath Mallory presented his report. He spoke about Wiatel's work to improve and expand our network throughout the year. Network expansion into the community of Pierson began in the spring of 2022 with new customers being cutover before the end of the year. Mallory spoke about the scope of work necessary to bring fiber to new customers and a new service area. He provided insight on Wiatel's efforts to expand our footprint in all directions and the engineering, permitting and supply chain hurdles that Wiatel faces when expanding our network and service area in the post pandemic world. Mallory concluded his report by speaking on the political environment around the importance of accessibility and quality broadband services to all. He explained the importance of educating and advocating for companies like Wiatel and our member's interests in subcommittee meetings and political offices to ensure long-term success for our cooperative.

CEO Heath Mallory presented Randi Weaver and Erin Nelson with their 10-year award pin. The co-operative employees were introduced and thanked for their contributions to the cooperative.

CEO Mallory announced the results on the vote for directors. Pat Rogers, Russell Walker and Scott Blakely were elected to serve 3-year terms.

Mallory called for a motion to approve all reports. It was duly moved and seconded that all reports be approved. Motion carried.

Mallory then asked for a motion to ratify the actions of the officers and directors during the past year. It was duly moved and seconded. Motion carried.

CEO Heath Mallory called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

At the re-organizational meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Russell Walker;  
Vice President, Don Wohler;  
Secretary, Deb Sulsberger;  
Treasurer, Steve Witt.

Other directors are: Pat Rogers, Moville; Scott Blakely, Smithland; Doug Baird, Climbing Hill; Doug Johnson, Oto; and Mike Bruning, Turin-Castana.

Winners of the Attendance prizes contributed by Wiatel were:  
\$100 Gift Cards to Target: Douglas & Rita Leckband, Moville; Robert & Linda Weatherly, Lawton; Michael & Janet Augustine, Moville; Steven & Shelly Downard, Oto; Ben & Shanna Mueggenberg, Climbing Hill; Daniel Neil & Rose Mary Grau, Lawton; William Sparr, Moville.

### Hams

40 Hams were given out based on color sticker on ice cream spade.

### Children's Prize—

\$100 Gift Cards to Barnes & Noble: Marshall Hair, Hornick

### Facebook Prize Winner—

\$100 Gift Card to Target: Brittany Dykhuizen, Lawton

## Capital Credits

Wiatel maintains a list of accounts with unclaimed capital credits, and are asking for assistance in locating individuals on the list. **If you know any of the individuals below, please have them call our office at 944-5711 so we can update their current address and discuss their Wiatel capital credits.** Because capital credits may not be retired for several years, it's important that every member keeps us informed of their current address at all times.

Bence, Cole & Sharon

Black, Kelley S & Teresa

Bryan, Tim A

Corey, John J & Lynette

Countryman, Marlena

Cunningham, Nathan

Dennis, Richard

Graham-Gries, Debby

Gydesen, Trisa J

Hartwig-Clarahan, Coreen

Hinrichsen, Ron & Lynne V

IBP Inc

Keleher, Rodney E & Denise

Kuhns, Deb (Ward)

Mead, Robert R

Merritt, Sandra

Mohr, Karla

Nelson, Dave

Olson, Gary L

Owens, Paul & Colleen

Payne, Laura

Petersen, Chad D & Julie

Riser Farms, c/o Ronnie Riser

Rodman, Kelly K

Sinnwell, William

Smith, Roberta

Smothers, Kay M

Sulsberger, Nancy A

Svestka, Jeff

Thorp, Cindy

Travis, David A

Troup, Lori (Jackson)

Woodward, Mary

Woodward, Russell J

Zeutlau, Ronald & Donna

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75 \$200 bill credits

to celebrate



To celebrate our 75th anniversary, we will be giving away \$200 bill credits to 75 randomly selected customers through the remainder of 2024! Wiatel customers will be **automatically entered**. Winners will be posted on our social media and in our monthly Partyline. The credit will be automatically applied to the winner's bill.

Thank you to all of our valued customers. We are proud to be your local internet, cable and phone company for 75 years and counting!

Don't let your pocketbook go up in



Controlled burning has a lot of benefits for the soil, but did you know that the burning of ditches and damage to utility markers and lines could cost you hundreds or even thousands?



Burning ditches could result in Wiatel Fiber markers and Fiber pedestals and/or the contents inside being damaged or destroyed. If this happens, the cost to repair the damage would fall on the individual(s) involved in the fires. Please be smart and safe while burning.

