

## NNTC's 69th Annual Meeting Thank You to All Who Attended!

226 voting members of the NNTC Cooperative, representing all districts, attended the 69th Annual Meeting of Members and Directors at NNTC facilities in Jackson on Thursday, September 17th at 4 p.m. 324 people attended the meeting overall!



NNTC General Manager Pat McElroy used this year's Annual Meeting to look ahead at the future of the cooperative and the rapidly changing telecommunications industry.

McElroy reflected on how much the industry has changed since NNTC was founded in 1955. From telephone service to today's fiber network, NNTC has continued to adapt as technology and customer needs have evolved.

"Our company was built by people who embraced change. The generations before us adapted to new technologies, expanded services to meet changing demands, and invested in the future of the communities they served. Today, we have the responsibility to do the same," McElroy said.

McElroy discussed several ways NNTC is preparing for the future, including continued investment in its fiber network and the pending acquisition of Hooper Telephone Company. He also shared that NNTC has begun evaluating its company name, as the name Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company no longer reflects the cooperative's primary product today, which is internet, or its expanding service area.

While technology and the competitive landscape will continue to change, McElroy emphasized that NNTC's commitment to its members will remain the same.

"The marketplace will change. Technology will change. Competitors will come and go. But our commitment to serving you, our members, will not change."

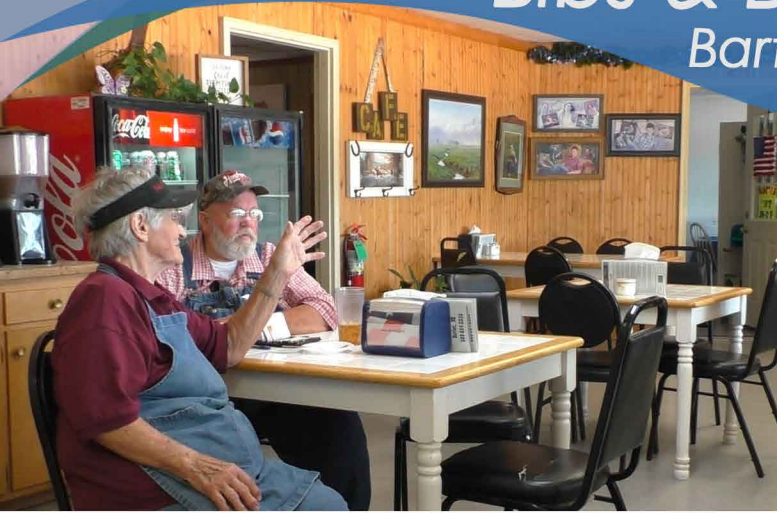
The membership re-elected (from left to right): Dave Armstrong (President, District #1), LeRoy Dvorak of Prague (Vice President, District #4), and John Kniesel of Clearwater (Secretary, District #3), each for a three-year term.



## NNTC Business Spotlight: Bibs & Boots Cafe Bartlett, NE

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Dorothy and Rocky share some banter before the lunch crowd arrives.

Imagine being the great-grandmother of 28 and still showing up for work six days a week. That's exactly what 88-year-old Dorothy Dexter, owner of Bibs & Boots in Bartlett, NE, does!

"It keeps her out of the bars," long-time customer Rocky Finlayson of Central City jokes. Dorothy laughs and gives Rocky a friendly tap.

"I think people like to come here to eat and gab," she says proudly.

And gab they do! Dorothy gives out plenty of hugs and handshakes on a daily basis, making Bibs & Boots feel like more than just a place to grab a meal. While Dorothy is a mom and grandma to many, it's her homestyle cooking that keeps customers coming back for more.

"We've got some mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and dead meat," Rocky jokes again. It's actually a beautifully cooked beef roast, which is Dorothy's Tuesday special.



Long-time employee and friend, Pauline Marker, holds a freshly made pie.

Along with her daily specials, Dorothy serves a full menu featuring burgers on homemade buns and pies, including made-from-scratch favorites like lemon meringue.

With just over 100 people in town, Bibs & Boots has become a staple in the Bartlett community.

"It's very nice having her in town where you can go up and get a quick meal," said Mark Nordhues, Bartlett Village Board Member.

And after nearly 30 years in business, Dorothy plans to keep cooking, serving and welcoming customers for as long as she is able.



Dorothy recently served as Parade Marshal of the Wheeler County Fair.

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