



**BEK**

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# BEACON



## DATES TO REMEMBER

BEK bill payments are due on the 20th of each month.

- ▶ **September 5**  
Labor Day  
(BEK Office Closed)
- ▶ **September 11**  
Patriot Day  
Grandparent's Day
- ▶ **September 19**  
2017 Calendar Photo Contest Deadline
- ▶ **September 22**  
Autumn Begins

**BEK'S NEW FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY**  
to help groups like Kidder County 4-H

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## BEKTV Channel Changes

- On June 23, 2016, BEK became aware that KXMB is no longer offering KX Weather (Channel 13) in the West DMA.
- Effective August 1, 2016, Viacom will rebrand VH1 Classic (CH #175) as MTV Classic

## evangel Added to BEK's Lineup of Church Services

Evangel Church is located in Bismarck, North Dakota and now BEKTV viewers can tune in to Evangel Church's services on Sundays at noon on BEK 247, Channel 28. The Evangel Church services are recorded and then played the following Sunday.

The Evangel Church services join the following Sunday church service lineup on BEKTV:

10:00 a.m. (current time) 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. (after Oct. 1)	BEK eXtra - Channel 26	Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wilton
10:00 a.m.	BEK eXtra 2 - Channel 25	St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Linton
12:00 noon	BEK 247- Channel 28	Evangel Church of Bismarck
6:00 p.m.	BEK eXtra - Channel 26	St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tappen

## Let's Put Some FUN in Fund Raising *(Cover Story)*

*The Kidder County 4-H youth pictured on the front cover\* represent a segment of people who will benefit from BEK's exciting new fund raising opportunity open to local groups.*

If you like ice cream, and we think you do, what's not to like about this fund raising project? BEK donates the product (in this case, ice cream bars), and a local group looking to raise some money is in charge of sales, distribution and proceeds. It's simple and it's a quick way to promote your group while adding funding to your project account.

**Here's how the fund raiser worked at the Kidder County Fair:** BEK donated Klondike ice cream treats and the 4-H families had them available at their concessions for people to purchase. This group had never had ice cream on their concessions menu before, but the ice cream bars started to disappear once people were seen eating them. There's nothing like a walking advertisement! The 100% proceeds from this fund raiser will go to the Kidder County 4-H Council where they will be used for funding the registration fees of Kidder County 4-H youth attending state and national contests.

**At the Tri County Fair in Wishek:** The Badger Bunch 4-H Club held a free-will fund raiser with donated Klondike bars from BEK at the Ranch Rodeo on July 16th. It took just a small group of kids willing to represent their club for a few hours at a local event to reap the benefits of generous supporters attending the Ranch Rodeo.

A local group looking to raise money for the **Lake Ashtabula Fireworks** display over the 4th of July weekend were the first to try

this fund raising project and reported that sales were good, and the ice cream was a hit!



*Badger Bunch 4-H Club*

Don't miss out on this unique fund raising opportunity from BEK for your local non-profit group. If your group is willing to promote themselves while raising money, this may be your next fund raising opportunity... Call BEK at 475-2361 to learn more.

*\*Cover picture: L to R: Avery Rath, Alea Kramlich, Elayna Kramlich, and Kennedy Harter with Alea's "4-H pet project" miniature horse.*

Welcome to the BEK Communications Cooperative News Page. The information and notices provided here are directed to members of the cooperative – patrons receiving services in the telephone exchanges of Hazelton, Kintyre, Linton, Lehr, McKenzie, Napoleon, Pettibone, Regan, Robinson, Steele, Sterling, Strasburg, Tappen, Tuttle, Wilton, Wing, Wishek and Zeeland.

## BEK Communications Cooperative Annual Meeting Highlights & Election Results

Members of BEK Communications Cooperative met Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Kidder County School in Steele, N.D. for the 64th Annual Meeting.

Prior to the meeting, a beef supper was served to 653 members and guests by BEK employees. There were 372 qualified voters who registered at this year's annual meeting.

The 64th Annual Meeting of BEK Communications Cooperative was called to order by President Brett Stroh at 7:00 p.m.

The election was done using electronic voting devices and the tellers were:

- District I:** Terry Kassian, Wilton, N.D.
- District II:** Shirley Brusven, Steele, N.D.
- District III:** Jeff Magrum, Hazelton, N.D.
- District IV:** Gene Horner, Wishek, N.D.

There was no director election in District II, however, all members of BEK Communications Cooperative voted on four amendment proposals:

The first proposed Amendment addressed a proposed change to the Articles of Incorporation.

**Proposed Amendment #1: Article 7 – Number of Directors on the Board.** This amendment proposal was presented to authorize the board to adjust the number of directors to any number less than or equal to nine (9) as allowed by North Dakota law at the discretion of the board. This amendment passed with 181 Yes votes; 68 No votes.

The next three proposed amendments addressed proposed changes to the BEK Bylaws.

**Proposed Amendment #2: Article I, Section 5 – Authorization for Membership Fee.** This amendment proposal was presented for a vote to authorize the board to establish a fee for becoming a member of the cooperative if the board concludes that such a fee is appropriate as a requirement for any NEW customer who chooses to become a member. This amendment passed with 131 Yes votes; 122 No votes.

**Proposed Amendment #3: Article III, Section 1 – Authorization for Annual Meeting at Multiple Locations.**

This amendment proposal was presented to authorize the annual meeting to be conducted from multiple locations using real-time remote communications methods at any month as designated by the board. This amendment failed with 111 Yes votes; 165 No votes.

**Proposed Amendment #4: Article IV, Section 1 and Section 2 – Authorization to Establish Number of Directors on the Board and Representation.** This amendment proposal was presented to amend the procedures for establishing the number of directors on the board, number of districts and district representation. This amendment passed with 142 Yes votes; 133 No votes.

**Election Results:** Incumbent directors, Shane Morris (District I), Vickie Martin (District III) and Billie Becker (District IV) were re-elected to the Board of Directors by unanimous voice vote to serve a three-year term.

**DISTRICT I (Regan, Sterling, McKenzie, Wilton, Wing)**

**DISTRICT II (Pettibone, Tappen, Robinson, Steele, Tuttle)**  
(There was no election held in District II)

**DISTRICT III (Linton, Kintyre, Strasburg, Hazelton)**

**DISTRICT IV (Lehr, Zeeland, Wishek, Napoleon)**

In addition to help from the tellers, other cooperative members assisted in the annual meeting and procedure. The Presentation of Flags was presented by the American Legion Post 54 Color Guard of Linton and the National Anthem was sung by the members under the leadership of Tim Davenport of the Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus. Pastor Bob Schoepp of the First Presbyterian Church of Steele gave the invocation.

“Tradition Know-How, Future Savvy” was the theme of the annual meeting and it was used throughout the 2015 Year in Review video and the message to the members from the cooperative’s CEO, Derrick Bulawa. Mr. Bulawa introduced several guests in attendance.

Following the audit report, officers’ reports, and election, President Brett Stroh asked for old business of which there was none. He then asked for new business of which there was none. The meeting was then adjourned.

**Door Prize Winners:**

**This year’s grand prize drawings began with prizes for the children. The prizes and winners were:**

- iPad Mini 3 – Ever Dearinger
- Star Wars Millennium Falcon Lego Set – Drew Harr
- \$100 Cash – Emma Watson
- 36” Metal Spiral Gumball Bank – Grace Juergens

**Adult door prizes and winners were:**

- Medora Family Vacation Package (\$500 Value) – Gladys Brosy
- Medora Family Vacation Package (\$500 Value) – Mark & Renae Smith
- \$300 Cash – Mary Bosch
- \$200 Cash – David Asplund

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Additionally, twenty lucky people won door prizes from the following companies who generously provided prizes for BEK members:

- Jon Jennings of Vistage furnished a gift basket
- NISC of Mandan gave an LED flashlight, a blanket and a backpack
- Farmers Union Insurance provided two \$50 gift certificates
- Finley Engineering, Bismarck donated one \$100 and three \$50 Visa gift cards
- Border States Electric, Bismarck gave two \$50 gift cards
- Great Plains Directory donated four county Plat Books
- Kadmas Lee & Jackson furnished three gift baskets.
- Dickey Rural Networks of Ellendale N.D. donated a gift bag

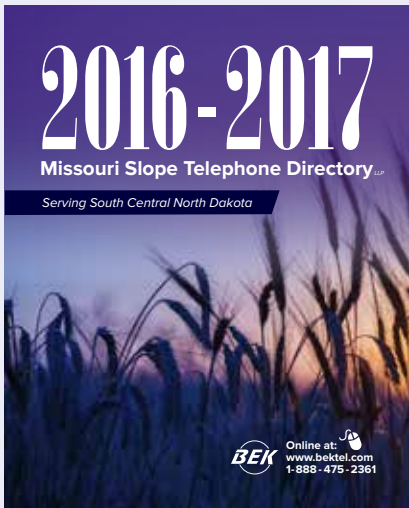
At the reorganization meeting following the annual membership meeting, the Board of Directors re-elected Brett Stroh to serve as President and Billie Becker as Secretary/Treasurer. Kevin Bernhardt was elected to serve as Vice President.

## Patronage Capital Statements

The 2015 Patronage Capital Statements were mailed on August 2, 2016. Additional funds from the sale of a Spectrum line were added to the patronage base and included in the allocation to the members.

## Pick Up Additional BEK Directories at Local Businesses

The 2016-2017 edition of the BEK/West River Missouri Slope Telephone Directory was mailed to BEK cooperative customers in June.



Please take some time to look at your own listing in the new phone book. If you find any errors, please report them to BEK as soon as possible. While every effort is made to improve each issue and to eliminate all errors in the BEK/West River Missouri Slope Telephone Directory, BEK Communications and the publishers of the directory do not assume

any liability because of errors and omissions that may occur in the telephone directory.

The BEK directory includes listings from BEK Communications and West River Telecommunications based out of Hazen, N.D., as well as Bismarck-Mandan Business and Residential listings.

If you need another directory, please stop by any of these local businesses to get one:

**Bismarck:**

BEK Communications – 2720 E. Bdwy. Ave.  
First Community Credit Union - 425 N. 5th St. or 3201 Weiss Ave

**Braddock:** Hager’s Bar

**Dawson:** Dawson Cafe

**Hague:** Hague Store

**Hazelton:** Bank of Hazelton

**Kintyre:** Titan Machinery

**Lehr:** Security State Bank (M-W-F mornings)

**Linton:** BNC National Bank

**Napoleon:** Stock Growers Bank

**Pettibone:** T & V Grocery

**Regan:** Regan Farmers Union Elevator

**Robinson:** First Security Bank – West (open mornings)

**Steele:** BEK Communications Headquarters

**Sterling:** Tri Energy Cooperative

**Strasburg:** Strasburg State Bank

**Tappen:** Tappen Farm Supply

**Tuttle:** Tuttle Community Store

**Wilton:** City of Wilton (Auditor’s Office) and Union Bank of Wilton

**Wing:** Chat & Chew Cafe

**Wishek:** Security State Bank

**Zeeland:** McIntosh County Bank

# New Listings

## BISMARCK-MANDAN-BALDWIN AREA

APT Inc .....	224-1815
Barnes Linsi.....	354-0026
Kershaw M.....	258-5511
Lackey Auto Center .....	663-5012
North Dakota Association of Nurse	
Anesthetists.....	221-7797
North Dakota Board of Dental	
Examiners .....	258-8600
North Dakota Board of Radiation	
Therapy Examiners .....	425-0861
North Dakota Board of Social	
Work Examiners.....	222-0255
North Dakota Retired Teachers	
Association.....	221-7766
North Dakota State Board of Clinical	
Laboratory .....	530-0199
North Dakota State Board of	
Occupational Therapy .....	250-0847
North Dakota State Board of	
Respiratory Care.....	222-1564
Packineau Cletus.....	425-0624
RG Electric Inc.....	751-2143
Steep Me a Cup of Tea.....	751-8327
Scott Financial Corp.....	255-2215
Snyder Jeri.....	354-0031
Thrivent Financial-Dennis Vernon .....	222-0672
Willnow Dean .....	223-8406

## HAZELTON-TEMVIK

Doan Jerry .....	782-4579
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## LINTON

Gannarelli Dustin .....	254-5114
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Heidrich Mark.....	254-5577
Lankford's Bar & Grill.....	254-4651
Lauinger Tom.....	254-5750
Orluck Bruce .....	254-5103
Weiler Mark.....	254-5175
Woods Sam .....	254-5178

## MCKENZIE-MENOKEN

Boone Joshua .....	673-3639
Collins Zachary.....	673-3641
Dittus Tammy .....	673-3659
Wimer Randy .....	673-3665

## NAPOLEON

Bumann Arlen .....	754-4196
Marquart Aaron.....	754-4111
Morrell Roger R.....	754-4173

## STEELE

Reski Lucas .....	475-4779
Tecca Sharon .....	475-4760

## STERLING-DRISCOLL-MOFFIT

Linder Shirley .....	387-4871
Oster Jamie.....	387-4868

## STRASBURG

A Train Auto LLC .....	336-2425
Eberle Don G .....	336-2442
Hulm Corey .....	336-7970

## TAPPEN-DAWSON

### CRYSTAL SPRINGS-LAKE ISABEL

Mittleider Leon .....	327-2344
Moser Heather.....	327-2394
Renner Sabrina .....	327-2318

Wentz Rodney.....	327-8278
Wolf Kevin & Cyndi.....	327-2320

## TUTTLE

Goldsmith Dan.....	867-2551
O'Neill Dennis.....	867-2935

## VALLEY CITY / BARNES COUNTY

Bridges Car Wash.....	845-5500
Casperson Mary.....	490-3554
Froemke William.....	490-3266
Gassman James A.....	490-3552
Main Street Car Wash & Dting.....	845-1900
McGregor Myrna .....	490-3553
R C Welding & Machine Shop.....	845-1668
Stack George.....	490-3491
Thoreson Debbie.....	490-3241
Valley City Parks & Rec Pool.....	845-0926

## WILTON

Schulz Shandi.....	734-2235
Wessels Shelby.....	734-2262

## WISHEK

Deile Samantha.....	452-4518
Morgan Susan .....	452-2241
Weisz Robert.....	452-4528

## ZEELAND

Brandner Milton .....	423-5514
Lloyd Aaron .....	423-5309

## OTHER AREAS

Tropical Smoothie Cafe.....	404-8995
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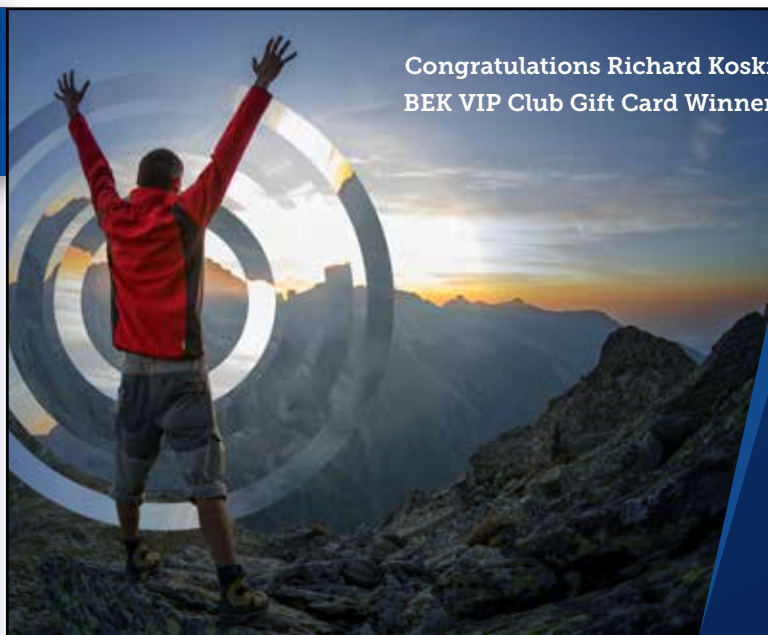
## Morton and Oliver County

### BEK Communications Fiber-to-the-Home Update

BEK Communications is excited to bring communications services to rural areas of Morton and Oliver County. Throughout 2016/2017, BEK crews and contractors will be working to achieve the following:

#### Planned Milestones:

- Engineering and Staking – Summer 2016
- Boring of the Missouri River – Fall 2016
- Sales Process – Fall 2016 / Winter 2017
- Construction, Plowing of Fiber – Spring/Summer 2017
- Install, Activation of Service – Fall 2017



Congratulations Richard Koski,  
BEK VIP Club Gift Card Winner!



**Do you have the  
three things it takes  
to qualify for the  
BEK VIP Fiber Club?**

#### BEK VIP Benefits include:

- Increased Internet Speeds
- Reduced costs on your Internet and Unlimited Long Distance
- Member Perks (ie. random drawings, gifts, etc.)

- BEK Internet Service
- BEK TV Service
- BEK Phone Service

**Not a BEK VIP Fiber Club Member?  
Call 888-475-2361 today to qualify**



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### Beacon Trivia Winners 2016 Early Summer Issue

Priscilla Aipperspach, Wishek, N.D. • Lyle Hanson, Linton, N.D.  
Char Hulm, Wishek, N.D. • Mrs. Linda Kapp, Tappen, N.D.  
Myron Weigel, Zeeland, N.D.

### BEK Communications Cooperative Board of Directors

The Board of Directors are the elected officials who meet monthly to guide the progress of the Cooperative and its subsidiaries. They provide strategic vision, keep abreast of changes in the industry and continue to influence national policy ensuring that rural North Dakota will always have access to emergent telecom services at affordable rates. The BEK Board is comprised of nine directors serving four districts as listed below:

- Brett Stroh, President..... Tappen .....327-8201  
District II
- Kevin Bernhardt, Vice President..... Linton .....782-4213  
District III
- Billie Becker, Secretary/Treasurer..... Wishek .....452-2928  
District IV
- Gerald Burlack..... Wishek .....452-4337  
District IV
- Doug Kalianoff..... Steele .....475-2839  
District II
- Vickie Martin..... Linton .....254-4577  
District III
- Leo Meier..... Hague .....336-7258  
District III
- Shane Morris..... Regan.....286-6311  
District I
- Sanford Williams..... Wing.....943-2474  
District I
- Derrick Bulawa, CEO/General Manager.....701-475-1234  
Manager Feedback.....managerfeedback@bektel.com

## BEACON Trivia Questions

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Church services have joined the local church service lineup on BEK 247 at noon on Sundays.
2. BEK will be closed Monday, September 5th for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. BEK has a new \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity available to benefit non-profit groups.

Entries must be received by September 9, 2016.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and send to the BEK office at P.O. Box 230, Steele, ND 58482. You can also email answers to [bekcomm@bektel.com](mailto:bekcomm@bektel.com). BEK will draw for five \$5.00 credits to be applied to the winners' bill.

