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You'll Wanna Clap Your Hands and Tap Your Toes

Come and enjoy the entertainment of yodeling cowgirl, Kristi Goldade at the BEK Communications Cooperative Annual Meeting Thursday, June 14, 2007.

Yodeling is a vocal technique used throughout the world in many cultures, but you don't have to sit between the mountain peaks of the Swiss and Austrian Alps to enjoy this unique musical sound.

Kristi Goldade, a lively young performer, who lives on a dairy farm in Hague, takes the stage at BEK's Annual Meeting to perform for our members.

Singing country music since she was three years old, Kristi is still a country fan but her interest in another musical art form developed while on a trip to Medora with her family. She was eight years old when she heard yodeling for the first time and she was hooked. Determined to learn this singing technique, Kristi taught herself how to yodel by listening to CD's of other performers. Her first yodeling performance was for "Grandparent's Day" in Strasburg.

Kristi is the daughter of Mike Jr. and Geraldine Goldade. Mom and Dad are a big part of Kristi's success helping her with the sound set, booking engagements and selling CD's. Her first CD has already sold over 400 copies and she has had over 50 public appearances. Kristi accompanies her singing with a guitar, which she learned to play on her own. Self taught yodeler and guitarist, what more can we expect to see and hear from this girl? Will she sing "til the cows come home?" Probably. Kristi loves to yodel, but another love is farm life. "I like to feed the calves and being outside playing with the puppy," says Kristi. Her love of farm life and music can be heard in her performance.

BEK is fortunate to be on Kristi's "Summer Tour" which includes performances in Fargo, Jamestown, Medora, Williston, Onaka and Mobridge, SD, Montana, Linton Dairy Day and Tri County Fair in Wishek.

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Deadline for ₵ommon ₵ents Grant Applications

Tax-exempt, nonprofit, community organizations or groups in BEK Communications Cooperative's serving area are eligible to apply to the ₵ommon ₵ents Community Grant Program. Funding is awarded twice each year for Community Outreach grants and Economic Development grants.

The next application due date is July 15, 2007.
For more information or to request an application, call the BEK office at 1-888-475-2361.

Spring CONSTRUCTION

The residents and businesses in the town of Wing are getting a high-tech "facelift" this spring. BEK crews are currently installing NIDs (Network Interface Devices) on homes and businesses in preparation of delivering Fiber to the Home in Wing. The NID is mounted on the outside of the home/business and it contains the electronics that convert a signal of light into usable, voice, data and TV services.

Fiber to each home/business will allow access to a better and more reliable source of Internet along with BEK's future TV offering. This is the same technology BEK has been using over the last four years to approximately 2000 customers. Turn up of the new system in Wing should occur by year end.

BEK is dedicated to the future of the communities it serves. Investments in state-of-the-art technology keep us on the cutting edge of technology allowing our customers access to future high tech services.

Please note: Other spring construction initiated by you, like construction for a new home or business and various other projects, may require a construction site evaluation from BEK. If so, please contact our office: 475-4280 or 1-888-475-4280.

And Remember…
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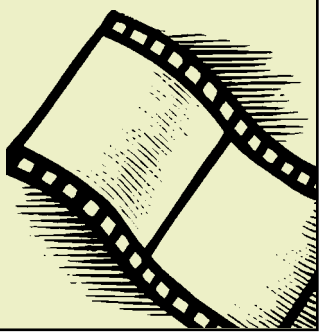
BEK Broadcasting *Summer Youth Program*

BEK Broadcasting has been created to offer the cooperative members and local communities TV content that is highly valued. This valued programming will air over BEK TV service on four (4) locally produced channels.

Last year BEK Communications partnered with 10 local schools to implement a training program for multi media communications broadcasting, graphics design, computer technology and practical team work. **BEK is now implementing a Summer Broadcasting Program**, to offer those students who participated in the training program as well as other students who are interested in learning these skills, to work with the BEK Broadcasting Team over the summer to produce professional quality sports, entertainment, news, life and leisure programs.

The BEK Broadcasting Summer Program will run from the end of May 2007 through mid-August 2007.

Student participants will work in conjunction with the BEK Broadcasting team, to create high quality, professionally produced local content from within the region to be broadcast on BEK TV. Students' responsibilities include but are not limited to camera operation, computer graphic creation, on-air announcing, audio monitoring, as well as set up and tear down of production equipment. Students will work on an as needed basis for local and regional events that have been scheduled by the BEK Broadcast Team. Participants may also assist with consumer education by training BEK TV customers on operations of set top boxes and remotes for the BEK TV service.



Students interested in this summer program can contact Brenda Waletzko, Human Resource Manager at 701-475-2361 or email brendaw@bektel.com. She will answer your questions about qualifications, compensation, applications and any other questions you may have.

Nominations for Director

The election of directors is an important part of the BEK Communications Cooperative Annual Meeting. It gives the members a voice in the operations of the cooperative. The following candidates have been nominated for directors:

District I:
McKenzie, Regan, Sterling, Wilton and Wing
Richard Hausauer, Wilton (incumbent)

District II:
Pettibone, Robinson, Steele, Tappen and Tuttle
No election in 2007

District III:
Hazelton, Kintyre, Linton and Strasburg
Michael Wickenheiser, Linton (incumbent)
David Baumgartner, Hazelton

District IV:
Lehr, Napoleon, Wishek and Zeeland
Bill (William) Becker, Wishek

Vote for your district representatives at the Annual Meeting of BEK Communications Cooperative, June 14, 2007. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Steele School in Steele, ND.

Annual Meeting Tellers Needed

BEK is looking for volunteers to help count election ballots at the Annual Meeting June 14, 2007. As a member of the cooperative, you have the opportunity to assist in the election process at the Annual Meeting. The duties of an election teller are to collect the ballots, count them, certify the accuracy of the count and choose a spokesperson to report the election results. If you are interested in serving as an election teller, please call the BEK office by June 8th at 1-888-475-2361.

CORRECTION

Our apologies for omitting some information in last month's Beacon article entitled “2007 Scholarship Winners Announced”: Emma B. Schauer is a senior at Wilton Public School. She will be attending the University of Mary to study special education. Emma is the daughter of Paul Schauer of Wilton and Muriel Lippert of Wing.

WELCOME New Members

The following information consists of new listings, changes or corrections to the BEK/West River Missouri Slope Telephone Directory, LLP (the official telephone directory for BEK Communications).

Clip this list and add it to your phone book for future reference.

DIRECTORY DATA

HAZELTON-TEMVIK
Griffin, Gary & Jana 782-4209
Miller, Craig & Lisa.....782-4365

KINTYRE-BRADDOCK
Tjaden, Tanya 332-6751

LEHR
Bader, Lane 378-2395

LINTON
Kiemele, Wayne & Eileen 254-4694

MCKENZIE-MENOKEN
Anderson, Tim & Merna 673-3283
Christmann, Angie & Justin.....673-3257

NAPOLEON
Dunn, Andrew 754-2648
Kessler, Thelma 754-2307

STEELE
Berg, Bernice 475-2931
Dronen, Nancy Jo 475-2758

STERLING-DRISCOLL-MOFFIT
Schmidt, Nicole.....387-4591

STRASBURG-HAGUE
Vetter, Ervin & Corrine 336-7356

TUTTLE
Snyder, Glenn 867-2778

WISHEK
Cinema Café.....452-2233
Dakota Theatre 452-2150
Halvorson, Dave 452-2491
J & G Construction.....452-2729

New Telephone Directories Available in May

Look for the 2007-2008 telephone directory from BEK Communications coming in May. This year's directory cover features Logan Carpenter's winning photo. Logan is a local photographer whose photo was chosen from over 100 entries in BEK's directory cover photo contest.

The BEK telephone directory is an attractive and useful phone book including many special features:

- Easy to Use Index
- A Large Print Section for BEK Combined Listings
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  - Government Pages
  - Area Codes
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Watch your mail for...

The 2006 Annual Report of BEK Communications Cooperative will be mailed to Cooperative members the week of May 28th. The official notice of the 55th Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 14th appears on the first page of the report booklet. BEK's Annual Report contains the 2006 financial reports, officers' reports and much more, including the nominees for directorship listed on page 12.

The evening begins with a delicious beef supper for you and your family served in the Steele High School lunchroom beginning at 5:30 PM. The Annual Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium. For your convenience, free child care will be available during the meeting.

We have a wonderful evening planned for you and this 55th Annual Meeting includes some changes and special features:

> We'll begin with registration and a great meal. Those attending the meal will enter the Steele-Dawson High School ***office entrance*** for registration and will then be directed into the lunchroom for your meal where you may sit inside or outside, whichever you prefer. When you get to the school, signs will be posted giving you directions to the registration and meal.
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> After your meal, you may go into the gymnasium to enjoy the music of our featured performer, Kristi Goldade of Hague, ND. Kristi will entertain you with singing and yodeling. She has captured the hearts of many who have heard her perform. Kristi will also assist in the opening of the 55th Annual Meeting of BEK Communications Cooperative singing the National Anthem after the presentation of flags from John Green Post #231, Dawson.
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> BEK Broadcasting will show a preview of TV content unlike any other. You will see first hand what BEK Broadcasting is producing in the sports arena as well as what is happening in your communities, and more. Fishing, cooking, community celebrations, hunting, special interest, and interviews with your friends, families and neighbors; BEK TV will broadcast the vibrancy, vitality and artistry of our region. Come and see for yourself.

Please join us for the 55th Annual Meeting and get ready for an evening complete with a great meal, entertainment and prizes, followed by the business meeting of your cooperative and election of directors; remember, your vote counts.

We look forward to seeing you on June 14th!

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Congratulations to the winners.
You will see the $5.00 credit on your next bill.

Dates to REMEMBER

May 28 . . . . . Memorial Day Observed
BEK Office Closed
June 1 . . . . . June Telephone Bills Mailed
June 11 . . . . . Disconnect Day
June 14 . . . . . BEK Annual Meeting
June 17 . . . . . Father's Day
June 20 . . . . . Reminder Notices Mailed
June 21 . . . . . Summer Begins

BEACON TRIVIA

1. BEK is holding its Annual Meeting the same day our country celebrates _____ _____.

2. Now you can get local service and unlimited long distance bundled for a monthly fee of _____.

3. When you sign up for SecureIT Plus you get a new feature called _____ _____.

4. BEK crews are installing _____ on homes/businesses in the town of Wing.

Name:_____
Phone Number:_____

Clip and send to the BEK Office with your phone payment. You can also E-mail at bekcomm@bektel.com. We will be drawing for five $5.00 credits to be applied to the winners' phone bill.

Entries must be received by July 9th, 2007

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